

**CITY OF BARRE
PUBLIC BODY MEETING MINUTES**

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Committee/board: Paths/Routes/ Trails

Date of meeting: April 14, 2021

Location of meeting: Virtual via Zoom

Board/committee members in attendance: Steve Mackenzie, Stephanie Quaranta, Scott Bascom, Dan Soussa, Mark Martin, Tim Terway, Bill Ahearn

Board/committee members absent: Giuliano Cecchinelli, Karen Nelson

The proposed Metro Way project was discussed. Discussions have been ongoing with the railroad as the path is parallel to the tracks. The railroad has indicated that the property survey may be outdated. This accuracy of this information is vital to any proposed project. Discussions will continue and the City Manager will report to the committee as information becomes available.

Chairperson Bascom drafted a committee charge statement. Members expressed interest in taking a week to make recommendations on changes to the proposed document. All comments will be added and the committee will work at the next meeting to develop a final document.

The committee learned of a biking group based out of Barre City and an idea of in the future running some learn to bike – bike safety – etc. classes that would promote biking and the use of our paths and trails.

The committee endorsed that idea of placing information signs about ticks on the Fairview path. There is another section along an old railroad bed along Prospect and Berlin Street and if we have enough signs it was recommended to place some at the four crossings.

The use of pop-ups from the end of Berlin Street to Smith Street, making it one way was discussed. If this provides adequate traffic flow it would assist with the connection to Smith and Blackwell Street . The other area for a suggested pop up was on Granite Street where it would have parking on one side of the street and widening the area on the other side, making a wider transportation path. Member Terway had indicated a willingness to assist in the creation of a path map. We will add that to next month's agenda.

Next meeting date/time/location (if known): Wednesday May 12, 2021 5:00 p.m. Virtual Zoom