

**Barre City Transportation Advisory Committee  
Paths, Routes & Trails Committee Joint Meeting  
December 16, 2020 6:30pm  
Virtual; (ZOOM)**

TAC Members Present: Giuliano Cecchinelli, Michael Hellein, Art Bombardier, Renita Marshall

PRTC Members Present: Stephanie Qaranta, Mark Martin, Scott Bascom, Tim Terway, Dan Souza

City Support Staff: Steve Mackenzie, City Manager; Bill Ahearn, Director of Public Works

Visitors: Amber Collett Terway, Jake Hemmerick

1. Meetings called to order
  - a. Chair Cecchinelli called the TAC meeting to order at 6:36pm
  - b. Chair Scott Bascom called the PRTC meeting to order at 6:37pm
2. Adjustments to the Agenda:
  - a. No adjustments
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. TAC November 18, 2020
    - i. Motion by Hellein to postpone minute approval to January meeting
    - ii. Second by Bombardier
    - iii. Vote: all yeas.
  - b. PRT October 14, 2020
    - i. Motion by Bascom to postpone minute approval to January
    - ii. Second by Martin
    - iii. Vote: all yeas
4. Visitors and Communications: Amber Terway introduced herself and is in attendance to hear conversation pertaining to proposed Washington Street changes.
5. Old Business: None.
6. New Business
  - a. Transportation within Barre – a discussion with Bill Ahearn on topics of interest to both committees
    - i. In-depth discussions pertaining to more cross-over meetings between the two committees and projects that impact both
    - ii. Terway offered to help put together an inventory of assets as they are so the two committees have a visual reference when discussing projects

1. Barre City maintains 40 scale maps of assets but they have not been reconciled to one another
  2. The level of effort in maintaining in accurate records has varied so we have some issues with how up to date the paper records may be
  3. Regional Planning Commission has digitalized GIS maps but they have not been reviewed by the City
- b. Discussion of Complete Streets in Barre: Washington St between Church/Perry
- i. Hellein discussed the proposal the TAC discussed in November
  - ii. Suggestions include:
    1. Narrow the crossing distance of crosswalks with bulb outs
    2. Encourage street parking by protecting spaces from traffic with landscaping
    3. Reduce vehicle speed by narrowing travel lanes and establishing an urban visual rhythm
    4. Calm traffic entering Washington Street from Church Street at City Hall Park
    5. Conducting a trial period prior to installing permanent solutions
  - iii. After discussion, Ahearn decided he will rework his suggestions and come back to the Committees with updated suggested plans
  - iv. Uphill bike lanes are planned for Hill Street and Berlin Street
  - v. Suggestion presented: 'WELCOME TO BARRE CITY' signs to notify drivers they are now in a downtown environment
- c. Review/Discussion of Proposed Speed Enforcement Initiative
- i. DRAFT Concept Proposal shared by City Manager Mackenzie
  - ii. The City Manager, Police Chiefs and Director of Public Works are in the process of collaborating to develop a trial program to address chronic vehicular speeding complaints on some of the more heavily traveled Streets within the City of Barre. This initiative generally consists of the following elements:
    1. Delineation of Speed Enforcement Zones on selected problem Streets
    2. Installation of high visibility Speed Enforcement Signage
    3. Increased deployment of the RADAR Speed Carts within these Zones
    4. Increased Speed Enforcement Directed Patrols within the identified Speed Zones.
    5. Speed and Citation Data Collection to Monitor the effectiveness of the Enforcement Zones and program.

iii. Hoping to start trials in Spring

7. Other Business

a. Recognition of Real Maurice

- i. A letter of appreciation will be sent to Real for his years of service as he has now stepped down from volunteering on the Transportation Advisory and Cemetery Commission

8. Confirm Next Meeting Date

- a. TAC: January 20, 2021
- b. PRT: January 13, 2021

9. Round Table

- a. No topics
- b. Terway appreciates the joint meeting and would like it to be continued at least 2-3x/year; next joint meeting will be in Spring and include a joint committee walking meeting

10. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn by Terway
- b. Seconded by Bombardier
- c. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm