

Barre City Planning Commission

May 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Present: David Sichel (Chair), Jackie Calder (Vice Chair), Michael Hellein (Secretary), Rosemary Averill, Amanda Gustin, Joe Reil

Absent: Becky Wigg

Staff: Janet Shatney (Director of Planning, Permitting & Assessing)

Visitors: None

1. Call to Order

5:30pm

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

No adjustments.

3. Public Comment

No public comment.

4. Old business

A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Planning Commission meeting April 28, 2022

B. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Planning Commission meeting May 12, 2022

Motion Gustin to approve both minutes, with change to May 12 to add Gustin to list of those absent, Second Reil, unanimous vote to adopt.

5. New Business

A. Accessory Dwelling Units – discussion over draft changes

Sichel asked Shatney to confirm that an ADU is limited to a single unit, and she confirmed state law says it does. Hellein pointed out that "appurtenance" may have a specific legal meaning of running with the land that conflicts with the requirement of "owner-occupied." Shatney

pointed out that the language is from statute, and Hellein agreed that resolves his concern.

Calder suggested emphasizing the hearing more on Front Porch Forum so the public is aware. Shatney will check with the Executive Assistant to see what options we have to draw more attention. Reil volunteered to send a short informative message after the meeting agenda is posted.

Motion Gustin to approve draft changes and present in a hearing on June 23, Second Reil, unanimous vote to approve.

B. Cannabis Discussion

Sichel noted that the state has provided information, included in the packet, on what role the city may take in regulating cannabis. Gustin asked Shatney if there are any specific changes she recommends, and Shatney answered there are not. The Planning Commission did not suggest any changes.

6. Staff Updates

Shatney had nothing more to report.

7. Roundtable

Gustin described the process of the visits from the City Manager candidates, and said that the decision is in City Council's hands now.

Hellein noted that there were no proposals submitted in response to CVRPC's RFP for traffic calming on Berlin Street. Shatney said that the RFP for the city's Capital Improvement Plan received only one response.

8. Adjourn

6:06pm, **Motion Calder, Second Gustin, unanimous vote to adjourn.**