

City of Barre, Vermont

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

April 20, 2022, 6:31 PM

Conducted in City Council Chambers, City Hall, and virtually via a Zoom link



DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

The [agenda](#) was posted online for the public, and meeting materials were emailed to committee members.

- 1) Call to order
  - a) The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

City staff present: Bill Ahearn, Director of Public Works; Eli Morgan (Public Works Engineering Technician); Steven McKenzie (City Manager); Jake Hemmerick (City Mayor)

Transportation Advisory Committee members present: Michael Hellein (Chair), Joanne Reynolds, Erica Reil, Tina Densmore

Public present: Bernadette Rose, David Delcore

- 2) Adjustments to the agenda

Chair Michael Hellein announced that with the previous Secretary for the committee being the current Mayor, a new vote would need to be cast for the position. He proposed putting this in front of item #4.

- 3) Approval of the minutes of February 16th, 2022.

Joanne Reynolds motioned, Erica Reil seconded, all in favor, Motion passed.

- 4) New Secretary

The Chair announces that the TAC needs to have someone for the committee to be the secretary. Tina Densmore said that she is interested, she would like some more experience, however. The chair announces that it will be added to the agenda for next month's meeting.

- 5) Visitors and communications: input from the public for items not on the agenda

None

- 6) Department of Public Works monthly transportation report

Dept. staff reports on transportation work and planning since the previous meeting.

Bill Ahearn noted the Department has been preparing for street line striping. DPW is planning to have this all completed by the end of July, with the Downtown being the first area done. Stop bars are being installed to help travelers understand where to stop and to increase traffic efficiency.

The sequence will be stop bars, crosswalks, and long line sections.

New resident concerns. Chair announced that the speed sign on Washington St was desired to be changed closer to the City limits. The Chair stated that Bill provided feedback that they would be less effective in that location due to residency density.

The Chair noted the second concern being the profile on speed bumps and tables. Noting that Barre Town has a different approach. Profile design has been added to the backlog for the TAC.

## 7) New Business

### Review Speed Sign Locations

The Chair introduced the four locations for the City's new speed radar signs. Bill noted that the arrows show the location that the signs are facing, the "X" is the location. Bill noted that the South Main St radar sign was placed to get people at the light who accelerate aggressively and the people coming into the City. Washington St the purpose of this placement is to reduce the speed at the West Patterson intersection. West Patterson St is scheduled for bulbouts. Upper Prospect St is directed to slowing that speed for oncoming traffic approaching Berlin St. It also serves as a data tool for enforcement.

The Chair notes that they are planning on moving these around and adding new signs for data and changing traffic data. Joanne agreed.

-Tina Densmore mentioned that the signs seem that they are high. Bill noted that the City would look at positioning them differently.

Joanne motioned for the purchase of the speed radar signs. Ericka Reil seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

### Allen St and Prospect St

-The Chair announces we had a resident recommend that we place a crosswalk at the intersection of Allen and Prospect St. Bill notes that the MUTCD states that for there to be a crosswalk, there needs to be a tactical landing pad on each side. DPW will take a look at the pedestrian access on Allen St. The redesign of the intersection will be looked at by the DPW staff for making this a safer crossing.

### Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at Crosswalks

The Chair announces the several potential locations for the RRFBs in the City. South Main St by Tilden House, is noted by City staffing as an unpopular location due to the adjacency of the large intersection. #74 South Main St needs more pedestrian information for the placement. South Main St at Boynton St is being designed by the DPW for the increased safety of the pedestrian crossing. Washington St at Academy St, North Main St at Beckley St, and North Main St at Second St are all potential RRFB locations.

Ericka Reil mentioned she is in favor of the South Main St and Prospect St by Tilden House. Chair announces that the RRFB's are not the right tool for this location. TAC and DPW will continue to look at this location. Bill Ahearn had mentioned a gated crossing, potentially with barrels filled with water.

Tina Densmore motioned for the installation and purchase of the Second St RRFB location. Joanne Reynolds seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

8) Confirm date of next meeting: May 18, 2022

Approved by unanimous consent with no objections.

9) Roundtable

Nothing was tabled.

10) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Joanne Reynolds. Seconded by Ericka Reil. All in favor, the motion passed.