

**Barre City Transportation Advisory Committee**  
**September 15, 2021, 6:30 PM**  
**Barre City Council Chamber**

**Members present:** Giuliano Cecchinelli, Michael Hellein, Jacob Hemmerick, Joshua Akers, Joanne Reynolds, Art Bombardier

**City support staff:** Bill Ahearn, Elijah Morgan, PD Deputy Chief Larry Eastman

**Visitor(s):** none

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1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Michael Hellein, at 6:30 pm.
  2. Adjustments to the Agenda
    - a. There were no adjustments to the agenda.
  3. Approval of Minutes:
    - a. The Chair announced that there be any changes to the minutes, that they are announced. No changes were made. Jacob Hemmerick motioned to approved July minutes. Art Bombardier seconded this motion. All members were in favor, with no opposition.
    - b. The Chair announced that if there were to be any changes to the minutes, that they are announced. No changes were made. Joanne Reynolds motioned to approve the August minutes. Art Bombardier seconded. All members were in favor, with no opposition.
  4. Visitors and Communications
  5. Public Works Department Monthly Transportation Report
    - a. Jacob Hemmerick noted that he wishes to give feedback to the DPW and their operations on a monthly basis.
    - b. Bill Ahearn mentions that the queue
    - c. Bill Ahearn mentions that he wishes to showcase a “victory lap” on the accomplishments of the DPW staff.
      - i. Bill Ahearn notes the painted intersection trial that is seen at Perry St and Hill St intersection. Which will be phased out over time to allow for traffic to appropriately adjust to the change. Eventually leading to a physical curb and stop sign at that intersection on the downhill side. Pedestrian protection will be in place from winter operations and traffic at the crosswalk.

- ii. Bill Ahearn notes that the long-term goal is to have Hill St have a sidewalk on both sides which will solve the current issues with crosswalks at that intersection.
- iii. Bill Ahearn notes that he is working on access management within the City. Bill Ahearn is also looking for feedback from the TAC on this. Bill Ahearn noted the example of the relocation of the sidewalk and bus stop at North Main St and Beckley St. Where he wishes to reallocate the accessibility feature towards North Seminary St to resolve some traffic and safety issues. Bill Ahearn notes that a preliminary plan will be in place before winter.
- iv. Bill Ahearn notes that he is planning on getting a preliminary plan for Quinlan Dr and Sheridan St. Which will entail closing Midway, and constructing a new road at Sheridan to Quinlan.

## 6. Old Business

### a. Berlin St Railroad Crossing

- i. Jacob Hemmerick starts with a motion against the pop-up.
- ii. Bill Ahearn notes that the TAC should support the pop-up from Smith St to North Main St. Where the VT RTE 62 to Berlin St, and Berlin St and North Main St for the first 150 feet will be two-way for deliveries. The rest of the Berlin St from Smith St to the railroad crossing will be a one-way spanning towards Smith St. There will be a 14-foot traffic lane, with a 5-foot shared-use path. This will work to solve the traffic type issues that this street sees, trucking, and traffic conflicts. This will promote the growth of the bike and pedestrian community in the City by connecting the existing bike path to the planned.
- iii. Art Bombardier motions for a pop-up study.
- iv. Joshua Akers seconded.
- v. Joshua Akers, Giuliano Cecchinelli, and Art Bombardier favored this.
- vi. Jake Hemmerick, Micheal Hellien, and Joanne Reynolds opposed.
- vii. The motion was left in a draw.

## 7. New Business

### a. Review of Prior Minutes

- i. September 2020
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- ii. October 2020
  - 1. The meeting was rescheduled.
- iii. November 2020
  - 1. The meeting was skipped.
- iv. December 2020
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- v. January 2021
    - 1. The meeting was canceled.
  - vi. February 2021
    - 1. No minutes were taken at this meeting.
  - vii. March 2021
    - 1. Safety concerns of the pedestrians were taken at this meeting.
  - viii. April 2021
    - 1. No minutes were taken at this meeting.
  - ix. May 2021
    - 1. Camp St traffic widths were discussed.
  - x. June 2021
    - 1. Perry and Hill St intersection was discussed.
  - xi. July 2021
- b. Setting Future Meeting Priorities
    - i. Access Management
    - ii. Driveway Widths
    - iii. Weight Limits
    - iv. Freight Planning
    - v. Speed Indicators
      - 1. Council approved \$20,000.00 towards signage. TAC will advise and meet on locations.
    - vi. Allen St Walking Conditions
    - vii. North Seminary Traffic Calming
    - viii. Feedback on the Annual Capital Planning Review
    - ix. Traffic Calming for the entire City
8. Confirm Meeting Date
- a. October 20th, 2021
9. Roundtable
- a. Nothing was tabled.
10. Adjourn
- a. Jake Hemmerick Motions to adjourn.
  - b. Joanne seconded.
  - c. All in favor, no opposition.

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