The Town of Barre Planning Commission held its regular meeting on **Wednesday, September 18, 2019** beginning at 7:02 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 149 Websterville Road.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**
Debra Pierce, Cedric Sanborn (Chair), Chris Violette, Byron Atwood, George Clain

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**
Charlie Thygesen Sr., Mike Gilbar

**STAFF PRESENT:**
Chris Violette

**OTHERS PRESENT:**
None

**Agenda Item 1 - CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Mr. Sanborn asked whether there were any changes to the agenda, Mr. Violette noted yes, there won’t be minutes to approve this evening.

Hearing no other changes, Mr. Sanborn moved forwarded with the published agenda.

**Agenda Item 2 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No minutes to approve this month, the June 19, 2019 minute approval will be on the October 16, 2019 agenda.

**Agenda Item 3 – REVIEW OF TOWN PLANNED EDITS, CHAPTER 1-3**

Mr. Sanborn noted that he had read through the edited chapters and thought all looked pretty good.

Mr. Violette gave an introduction and noted who had worked on the chapters, Mr. Sanborn, Ms. Pierce, Mr. Atwood, and Mr. Gilbar, and he had all reviewed and offered edits within the document. Mr. Clain had not yet been given a digital copy of the draft, so he had not made edits at this time.

Mr. Violette also noted that department heads were currently in the process of reviewing the plan during their biweekly meetings and their proposed edits are also reflected in what the commission is reviewing tonight.

Except for the paragraph below, the majority of the meeting was reviewing chapters 1-3 and discussing proposed edits etc. For more detail the digital audio recording should be consulted.

Mr. Clain stated that he felt the maps are disastrous, very hard to orientate oneself. He is hoping that only one map can be used with the required overlays. Mr. Violette asked what Mr. Clain would like to see? Mr. Clain said certain significant roads for landmarks. He further stated that the maps aren’t up to date with roads and some that do not need to be shown. Mr. Violette stated that it isn’t quite as simple as it sounds. The maps come from the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC). Mr. Violette said that it would likely be a lot of work to fix and for what they are being used for it might not be that important given that they’ve been this way for a long time and nobody has expressed concern. Some maps are clearer than others and when reviewed together somebody should be able to find their way. There was further discussion by the commission about what to do with the maps including the possibility of using our existing road map. Mr. Violette noted that maps can’t be too cluttered. Mr. Sanborn suggested that we should just leave it and that if the maps can be cleaned up we’ll work towards that. Mr. Atwood suggested Mr. Clain speak with Dan Currier at the CVRPC to see what he can add to the conversation.

**Agenda Item 3 – OTHER**

A discussion took place regarding whether there should be any additional meetings scheduled. Mr. Clain asked about how much time it took to get chapters 1-3 done and ready for review tonight. Mr. Violette stated that it takes more time than you would think, upwards of a day and a half to review and fact check proposed edits and make other edits submitted by others. Mr. Clain wondered whether we should push people or let it play out as it has been.

Ms. Pierce mentioned that in two weeks she’ll have Friday’s off and can come to the Town office to help. Mr. Violette said he would be grateful for any help.

The commission decided to warn a special meeting for October 3, 2019.
Agenda Item 4 - **ROUND TABLE**

Agenda Item 5 - **ADJOURN**

*A MOTION was made by Mr. Clain to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m., seconded by Mr. Atwood and so voted unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Violette

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Cedric Sanborn, Chair

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George Clain

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