

# BARRE TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION

## MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 16, 2019

The Town of Barre Planning Commission held its regular meeting on **Wednesday, October 16, 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, Charlie Thygesen Sr., and Mike Gilbar

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

### **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. Clain ask to have an agenda item added to discuss his conversation with the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission regarding the Town Plan maps. By consensus it was agreed to add a third item under agenda item 3 to get the update from Mr. Clain.

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

### Agenda Item 2 – **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Mr. Atwood made a MOTION to approve the June 19, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Gilbar, the commission unanimously approved without further discussion.*

*Mr. Atwood made a MOTION to approve the September 18, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Clain, the commission unanimously approved without further discussion. Mr. Gilbar abstained due to not attending the meeting.*

### Agenda Item 3 – **REVIEW OF TOWN PLAN EDITS, CHAPTER 4**

An hour and twenty minutes of review ensued for chapter 4 of the proposed Town Plan. Numerous edits were made. Please review the audio recording for more detail.

Mr. Clain questioned whether the Town was opening itself up to liability for stating in the plan that gravel is mixed with granite. His concern is in relationship to silicosis that can be caused by granite dust. After some discussion it was agreed Mr. Violette would consult with the Town Manager to see whether this practice is still being done and whether there is a concern.

### Agenda Item 3 – **OTHER**

Mr. Clain summarized his visit with the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) regarding the Town Plan Maps. Mr. Clain noted that Dan Currier who he had originally reached out to has been promoted and is no longer the main map consultant. He ended up talking to Pam DeAndrea who is doing all the mapping for the CVRPC. Mr. Clain informed the board that we have 12 hours of mapping service available to us, after that the cost is \$88.00/hr.

After raising the concern about some of the maps in our current Town Plan, Mr. Clain had agreed to reach out to the CVRPC and after Ms. DeAndrea looked at the map data, he said that she didn't think it would

be hard to get our data into one map. She also stated that we needed to reach out to Clair Rock at the CVRPC to make sure the Barre Town Housing Development map is updated. Mr. Violette stated that sometimes the CVRPC wants or thinks we need more data than we really want.

Mr. Clain said that he was willing to spend a couple of days on the map project and not go over our allotted 12 hours. Mr. Violette asked whether Mr. Clain was talking about using just one map for all of our data. Mr. Clain stated, no, just the base map would be corrected and used for all the other maps.

Reverting to the housing development conversation, Byron wasn't clear as to what was being asked for there. Mr. Violette interjected his belief as to what it is. He informed the board that during the last review and amendment, the CVRPC was tasked with telling each Town how much housing they should be responsible for creating. Barre Town didn't necessarily embrace that requirement and wrote the plan stating how much housing the CVRPC assigned to Barre Town but we stated in the plan that Barre Town can't force development, all we can do is put as few impediments into zoning as possible but that developers create housing based on demand.

The commission unanimously agreed to warn a special meeting for October 30, 2019 for the purpose of continuing to work on the Barre Town, Town Plan.

Agenda Item 4 - **ROUND TABLE**

Agenda Item 5 - **ADJOURN**

*A MOTION was made by Mr. Clain to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Gilbar and so voted unanimously at 9:00 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Violette

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Cedric Sanborn, Chair

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George Clain

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Debra Pierce

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Chris Violette

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Michael Gilbar

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Byron Atwood

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Charles Thygesen, Sr.