

# Town of Barre Planning Commission

March 16, 2022

The Town of Barre Planning Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road, Websterville, VT.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chris Violette, Mike Gilbar, Cedric Sanborn, George Clain, Terry Reil, and Byron Atwood

## **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Craig Chase

## **STAFF PRESENT:**

Chris Violette  
Cindy Spaulding (Teleconference)

## **OTHERS PRESENT**

Teleconference: Cody Morrison of Barre Area Development Corporation

### 1) **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Mr. Sanborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked whether there were any changes to the agenda. There were none.

### 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

February 16, 2021

*On a motion by Mr. Gilbar, seconded by Mr. Reil, the Planning Commission approved the minutes of February 16, 2021, as written. Vote 7-0-0.*

### 3) **NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (if necessary limited at chair's discretion)**

There was no public comment.

### 4) **OTHER**

Receive Cody Morrison, Executive Director of Barre Area Development Corporation to discuss BADC's function and role in economic development in Barre Town.

Mr. Morrison provided an overview of BADC as an organization:

Specializes:

- Business Recruitment
- Business Retention
- Promoting Barre
- Development of Public Infrastructure

Accomplishments:

- Help create the Wilson Industrial Park
- Attract Bombardier to build a 105,00 sq.ft. building in the park
- Assist in acquisition of the Washington County Railroad
- Work with the Town to create the Town Forest
- Assisting the Montessori School to redevelop the former Knights of Columbus Hall
- Creation and marketing the website as part of "Barre Rock Solid"

Highlights of discussion between members and Mr. Morrison:

Economic Development, Child Care, Housing, shortage of workers in the work force and its challenges. The differences with no competition between Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation and Bare Area Development Corporation. CVEDC works mainly with Federal and State levels where BADC works with local and private sector, and both collaborate with one another.

5) **ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT REVIEW CANNABIS GUIDANCE**

Working session – discuss potential amendments to add Cannabis categories

Mr. Violette provided an amendment to the Zoning By-laws to include Cannabis in the definitions and where the establishments would be permitted or conditional use within zoning districts.

**Cannabis Cultivator:** Conditional Use in Conservation, Industrial and Highway Commercial

**Cannabis Manufacturing:** Conditional Use in Industrial

**Cannabis Retail (if opt in):** Conditional use in Office Retail and Highway Commercial

**Cannabis Testing Laboratory:** Conditional Use Industrial and Highway Commercial

**Cannabis Wholesaler:** Conditional Use in Industrial and Highway Commercial

**Also edited: Maple Product Dealer:** Permitted in Industrial and East Barre Commercial  
Conditional Use in Highway Commercial

6) **APPOINT GUEST – TOWN REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS**

Mr. Violette asked if the April meeting could be moved from April 20 to April 27, when he returns from vacation. Consensus amongst the members agreed to move the April meeting.

Mr. Violette announced he would invite TAC representative to the April meeting, so she could update the Commission on the activities of TAC.

7) **OLD BUSINESS -**

8) **FOLLOW UP**

Mr. Clain updated the members on the previous meeting of CVRPC. He suggested to have Selectboard establish an Energy committee to deal with the Vermont Climate Action Plan and reinforce what is written in the Town Plan.

9) **ROUND TABLE**

10) **ADJOURN!**

*On motion by Mr. Sanborn, seconded by Mr. Gilbar, the Planning Commission adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m. Vote 6-0-0.*

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Spaulding, Clerk

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Cedric Sanborn, Chair

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