

# BARRE TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

The Town of Barre Planning Commission held their regular meeting on **Wednesday, November 15, 2017** beginning at **7:00** p.m. at the **Municipal Building**, Lower Websterville.

## **Members Present:**

Cedric Sanborn  
Chris Violette      Debra Pierce

## **Members Absent:**

Claire Duke  
Charlie Thygesen Sr  
George Clain  
Byron Atwood

## **Staff Present:**

Emily Marineau  
Elaine Wang

## **Others Present:**

Doug Best- Velco

### **1)      CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Move number 3 to number 4 B

### **2)      APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

No motion was moved to approve the October 18, 2017 meeting minutes.

### **3)      MISCELLANEOUS:**

Doug Best from Velco came to the Planning Commission to explain the substation rebuild. Mr. Best explained and referenced a diagram that he provided; which explained the temporary substation and plans for the rebuild of the current substation. While they are building the substation, they will use the nursing home's driveway as access, but they will put in a temporary road to the temporary substation. Mr. Best also explains that they will be expanding the fencing around the current substation, adding a second curb-cut, moving and rebuilding the control room, adding a sink and toilet, and adding new landscaping. He notes that the transformer is not being rebuilt or replaced. Mr. Best states that the permitting process is taking a little longer than expected therefore the time frame to complete the project has been pushed out into 2018-2019. Once the current substation is rebuilt/ updated then they will take down the temporary substation but leave the access to the land. Mr. Best does note that they will include some sort of gate to all the curb-cuts. Both Violette and Sanborn questions whether it would be the City or the Town issuing permits for the second curb-cut. Mr. Best wasn't sure, he would look into that and get

back to us. They agree that the permits might have to come from both the Town and the City because the substation is in both the Town and City.

4) **ENHANCED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:**

Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager met with the Planning Commission to inform them on the Towns efforts to conserve energy. She notes that she met with an Efficiency Vermont Account Manager who came to the Town and did a walkthrough of the some of the Town building. They came up with some ideas on where the Town could be more energy efficient. Mrs. Wang notes the following improvements have been made.

- Fire station overhead doors weatherized
- South Barre Fire station lighting project done with occupancy sensors
- Websterville Rd garage T8's with occupancy sensors
- Switching lights over to LED

She also joined the Planning Commission in a lengthy discussion regarding the CVRPC's energy plan and how it could be intertwined into the Towns plan.

**MOTION:**

*No motion was made by The Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will continue to review the material that was provided by CVRPC and work on incorporating it into the Town Plan.*

5) **FOLLOW-UP**

7) **CORRESPONDENCE:**

8) **ROUND TABLE:**

9) **ADJOURN:**

*On a motion by Chris Violette, seconded by Cedric Sanborn , the Planning Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting of November 15, 2017 at 9:15pm.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Marineau

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Cedric Sanborn, Chair

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