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**RE: City of Barre Planning Commission  
Proposed Draft 2020 Municipal Plan**

In accordance with 24 VSA 4384(e), the City of Barre Planning Commission is sending in advance to you a copy of the draft updated Municipal Plan. The Planning Commission is holding a public hearing on the City's Municipal Plan as follows:

**The City of Barre Planning Commission will hold a virtual public hearing regarding the draft 2020 Municipal Plan on Thursday, July 23, 2020 beginning at 6:30 pm. The Commission encourages all of the above parties to submit comments or attend the Public Hearing.**

The City's Municipal Plan was last adopted in June 2014, and has since expired. The enclosed draft represents a thorough update of the 2014 Plan, is not a significant re-write as that was done for 2014. There are some exceptions as noted later in this report.

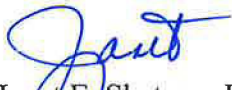
The Planning Commission has worked on this draft over the last 2 ½ years. They have held 20 working sessions on the plan edits during regular or special planning commission meetings. The Commission believes that this draft plan meets the requirements, elements and goals as required of 24 VSA Chapter 117.

The current draft Plan is consistent with the goals established in the Act and the proposed changes will not create any inconsistencies. The proposed plan is intended to be consistent with the goals established in 24 V.S.A. §4302 and as such:

- Continues the theme of a healthy City of Barre
- Continues to maintain the historic settlement patterns
- Provides for a strong and diverse economy
- Was updated to reflect the changes to the Unified Development Ordinance, that stemmed from the 2014 Municipal Plan
- Includes a forest integrity element as required of Act 171
- Was updated to include more housing discussion from the comments by CVRPC on the 2014 Plan
- Includes an energy plan and updated energy element as required of Act 174. The City's Energy Committee is working on a plan to present to the City Planning Commission a complete Energy Plan that will be an addendum to a future municipal plan, in the hopes of receiving substantial deference during Public Utility Commission Section 248 hearings

Should you have any questions or comments with respect to the draft Plan or this report, please direct them toward me.

Respectfully submitted,



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