

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
PLANNING BOARD  
Minutes of the Meeting- June 22, 2009

Present: Jeffrey Rose, Chairman  
Barry White, Vice Chairman  
Joseph Cuddemi, Ex Officio

Guests: Dennis McKenney

Chairman Rose called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

The minutes of the May 26, 2009 Planning Board meeting were tabled until the next meeting, as there were only two Board members present that were at the May meeting.

The minutes of the June 1, 2009 sitewalk were reviewed and accepted as written.

The minutes of the June 8, 2009 meeting were reviewed and accepted as amended.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Administrator addressing landscaping and lighting at the Rymes property. The letter indicated that the Selectmen are looking for guidelines for Mr. Rymes pertaining to the landscaping and lighting for his property. Chairman Rose will compose a letter to Mr. Rymes noting that the goal for the property is to make it look as attractive as feasibly possible. A time schedule was discussed and it was indicated that the Planning Board should follow up with a letter inquiring what stage of the process the project is on and what sort of timetable the Town might expect.

Barry White noted that Rymes trains their staff annually for a possible evacuation. It was suggested that a joint training might be done with the Rymes employees and the Fire Department.

A memo was received from the Administrator concerning a site plan review for Crotched Mountain Ski and Ride pertaining to an addition to a deck. A letter had been sent to the Manager, Chris Bradford noting that he should come to the Planning Board for a site plan review. It is understood that Mr. Bradford is no longer the Manager and Mr. Kagi will be the contact for the ski area. Mr. Kagi has expressed an objection to a review. Town counsel has been contacted and a site plan review is in order.

A letter was received from Mrs. Zyck concerning the need for a fence in the front of her property. Mrs. Zyck was required to install a fence in the front of her day care facility and has proposed an alternative of landscaping for the remainder of the area that does not currently have a fence. The Planning Board will invite Mrs. Zyck to the next meeting to present her case.

A letter was received from Leigh Bosse concerning Joshi Hospitality and the possibility of converting the Highland Inn to vacation condos. A chat session will be scheduled for the next meeting.

The Cold Springs Land Trust sub-division case #SD-09-02 was called to order at 8:29 p.m. No abutters were present. The Board expressed no problems or concerns. A motion was made to approve the sub-division. All were in favor and Chairman Rose signed the mylars.

The Cold Springs Land Trust sub-division case #SD-09-03 was called to order at 8:35 p.m. No abutters were present. The Board expressed no problems or concerns. A motion was made to approve the sub-division. All were in favor and Chairman Rose signed the mylars.

The Board reviewed the sub-division application checklist. Changes and up-dates will be printed for the Board's review. Chairman Rose asked that the Board members also drive by the Zyck property before the next meeting as a chat session is to be scheduled.

Barry White suggested that a sub-committee be formed to work on workforce housing.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

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