

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
PLANNING BOARD
Minutes of the Meeting-September 28, 2009

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

Guests Alan Wilson, Fire Chief
 Peter Martel, ZBA Liaison

Chairman Rose called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Chief Wilson noted that the fire codes that were presented to the Planning Board were from the existing State fire codes. If changes are to be made, they could be stricter but not more lenient. It was suggested that a reference should be made to the fire codes. It was noted that most driveways are less than 150 feet long. The grade of the driveway should be no greater than a 5 % over 20 feet with adequate fire truck access. It was noted that the Planning Board should check with the Road Agent for the grade on the class 6 road on Onset Road. All driveways must meet NFPA 2003 fire code.

In review of the Driveway Permit Rules and Regulations, the addition of “All driveways must meet NFPA 2003 code” will be made.

The Driveway Permit Rules and Regulations of surrounding towns were reviewed. A call was placed to Gary Russell, Road Agent to ask about the steepest grade of public road in town. The steepest grade of public road is approximately 13% to 16%. Gary Russell suggested a maximum of an 18% grade. It was noted that there should be a maximum percentage for length. Barry White will make a chart to show slope with length.

It was noted that the Planning Board will have two members going to the Fall Planning Conference. The planning Board will order six land use manuals and one manual with CD.

Information was given for a Design Charrette in Goffstown on October 1, 2009 through October 2, 2009.

In an up-date on town Daycare facilities, Catherine Roberts has spoken to Chairman Rose about her intent to open a Family Child Care in her home. She is looking to care for fewer than 3 children with the opportunity of giving her daughter babysitting experience. The Tripp Daycare that has been advertised is in need of a review. A letter has been sent. The Board has asked for a letter stating the status of Jodie Tilton’s Daycare.

The Board discussed the budget proposal for 2010. Chairman Rose will go to the Selectmen to request money for a consultant for help on workforce housing. Minor changes were made in the

budget request. Consultants will be increased to \$600, and miscellaneous will be increased to \$1200.

It was noted that a site plan review is scheduled for October 12, 2009 for Rex Gray. Concerns about the project were discussed. It was noted that Peter Hopkins would be at the site plan review. It was noted that there is a letter on record from the DES stating that the plan for the septic is more than adequate. The Board will need to know that both buildings are connected to the system. The major issues brought up were parking, fire access, landscaping and snow removal. The Board may ask that the Condo Association make stipulations. The Board would like a copy of the Condo Regulations. It was noted that a cap would be placed on the length of the meeting on October 12, 2009 as well as the fact that no decision will be made that night.

It was noted that Debra Perry might be added to the Planning Board as an alternate. The Board suggested that she go to training before she becomes an alternate.

The minutes of the August 10, 2009, August 24, 2009, and September 14, 2009 meetings were tabled.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

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