

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

Present Jeffrey Rose, Chairman
 Barry White, Vice Chairman
 Deb Perry, Alternate

Guests Josh Bond, Transcript, Ledger

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

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:45 p.m. Alternate Deb Perry was made a voting member of the Planning Board for the meeting. It was noted that no members of the public were present. The Multi Family Housing Ordinance has been simplified and cleaned up to include only the needed requirements. It appears that the Town meets the State requirements for Multi Family Housing except that it is required to have an ordinance on the books. The next step for the ordinance is to go before the voters.

Barry White brought up a concern about the Board terms that are to expire in March. The Board has two members that will have their term up in March. It was explained that the terms are staggered and in some years there are more than one seat up for election.

The minutes of the November 23, 2009 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

The minutes of the December 3, 2009 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

The minutes of the December 14, 2009 meeting were reviewed and accepted with the following correction, page 1, paragraph 4, sentence 5, change to “Mr. Mellen clarified that the property extends to the center of the roadway so there is adequate footage for the setback.”

The minutes of the November 22, 2009 sitewalk were reviewed and accepted as written.

The proposed Driveway Regulations were reviewed and Vice Chairman White made a motion to accept them as written to be presented to the public. All were in favor and a Public Hearing date was set for January 25, 2010 at 7:45 p.m.

The Board reviewed a form to be used in the case when the Board would go to non-public session. The form will be put in the resource binder.

Chairman Rose handed out mailings about the Historic Village District, and a workshop on soil survey information.

Barry White stated that the Master Plan should be worked on and that he would volunteer to work on it. He also noted that the Planning Board is supposed to interact with the Capital

Improvement Board. There was a short discussion about how to improve the Board and recruit new members.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Planning Board Recording Secretary