

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
PLANNING BOARD
Minutes of the Meeting- June 11, 2012

Present Jeffrey Rose, Chairman
 Susan Smith, Vice Chairman
 Sam Cohen
 David McKenzie

Chairman Rose called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

The minutes of the May 14, 2012 meeting were reviewed and accepted with minor changes.

Chairman Rose gave an update on the “perpetual yard sale”. The Selectmen contacted the property owner with the Town’s concerns. It was deemed that if the yard sale contained items purchased for the intent of resale, the property owner would be required to have a business permit. It was deemed unnecessary to pursue the need of an ordinance at this time.

Chairman Rose has contacted the Department Heads and Clubs with the exception of the Health and Welfare Department in regarding the projected ten-year plan for the Master Plan. At this time nothing has been submitted to the Planning Board. The Board composed a letter to serve as a reminder to be sent in a couple of weeks to any Department Head that has not submitted a plan.

A short phone conference was held with ZBA Chairperson Peter Martel to find out the status of the Dollar General project. It was noted that the Dollar General is looking to reduce the number of variances that will be required. The ZBA had been asked to continue their last Hearing but are currently on hold. The ZBA is scheduled to meet next week. Chairperson Martel noted that an appraisal would need to be done when the project goes forward. Chairman Rose will contact the LGC to see if the Board can give a deadline to drop the case if they have not been notified.

Chairman Rose noted that he has a letter from the public concerning the Dollar General project. The Board agreed that they would not share the letter at this time, as they do not want to be influenced in their decision. The public is welcome to attend the Hearing and voice their opinions.

The Board reviewed Article 7 k3 of the Zoning Ordinance. Chairman Rose made a motion that the Planning Board delete Article 7 k3 and rename Article 7 k4, Article 7 k3 as it is redundant. David McKenzie seconded the motion and all were in favor.

At 9:00 p.m. Chairman Rose called the Public Hearing for the Dollar General to order noting no attendance from the applicant or the public. Susan Smith made a motion to continue the Hearing to July 9, 2012 at 7:40 p.m. at the Bennington Town Hall. Sam Cohen seconded the motion. All were in favor and Chairman Rose will send a letter to the applicant advising them of the continuance and that if no appearance or written request for a further continuance is received, the case will be terminated resulting in the need of re-application and re-notification should the applicant choose to bring the case forward.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

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