

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
PLANNING BOARD
Minutes of the Meeting- August 13, 2012

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

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

Reports have been received from the Police Department, the VFW, and the Water Department for the Master Plan project. The Planning Board had previously received reports from the Historical Society, the Energy Commission, and the Transfer Station.

The Planning Board worked on the vision statement for the Master Plan. Samples of vision statements from surrounding towns were reviewed. A brief history and the changes in the Town for the 21st century will be added. The vision statement will be added the next time the Board works on the Master Plan.

It was suggested that the Board will ask Karen Bartlett to help with the computer while the Board is working on the Master Plan so that Susan Smith can participate in the brainstorming for the Master Plan.

The Board discussed the possibility of having a table at election to get the Town's input for the Master Plan. The Board will come up with key questions for the public.

Chairman Rose noted that there is a minor sub-division coming to the Board. An informal chat session will be scheduled for the Blanchard property on Old Coach Road on August 27, 2012 with a formal hearing to be held on September 10, 2012 at 7:45 p.m.

The minutes of the July 9, 2012 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

Chairman Rose presented a letter to the Planning Board from Mike Palmer, the owner of Mike's Towing, pertaining to his intent to operate a towing business from his property at 43 Birch Glen Drive. The letter noted the minimal impact on the area. There is no perceived zoning issue. Mr. Palmer's letter will be placed on file.

The agenda for the next meeting will include questions for the vision statement for the Town's people at the election in September.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

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Planning Board Recording Secretary