

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
Minutes of the Meeting- April 16, 2012

Present        Peter Martel, Chairperson  
                 Christopher Clough, Vice Chairperson  
                 Steven Osienski  
                 John Paradise

Guests        Sam Cohen (recused)  
                 Sandra Brown  
                 William Brown  
                 Richard Reed

Chairperson Martel opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

The minutes of the April 2, 2012 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

Chairperson Martel shared a copy of a proposal letter from an appraiser.

The Public Hearing for Dollar General was opened at 7:15 p.m. noting that John Paradise is a voting member on the Board for the Dollar General Hearing. Chairperson Martel clarified that the variance referred to in the April 2, 2012 minutes was in fact a new variance request. The variance request is for Zoning Article VII Paragraph 35.

Chairperson Martel noted that the applicant wishes to proceed with the variance requests that do not require a water specialist. The Board reviewed the six variance requests keeping in mind the need of a water specialist. Chairperson Martel asked the Board whether they would be able to meet on April 23, 2012 or April 30, 2012 to continue the hearing. The Board agreed to meet again on April 23, 2012. Sam Cohen noted that the Planning Board has discussed the intention of Article X Paragraph 4 and 5 noting an apparent contradiction. It was also noted that the Board would like a water specialist to look at the location of private wells in the area as the possible leaching of water could have an affect on them. Christopher Clough made a motion to hear Variance Request #4 (Article VIII Paragraph 2, parking space size) and Variance Request #5 (Article X Paragraph 5, use limited to single family use) at the next ZBA meeting scheduled on April 23, 2012. John Paradise seconded the motion and all were in favor. Steven Osienski made a motion to continue the Hearing on April 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bennington Town Hall. John Paradise seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Chairperson Martel stated that after the next meeting he would like to return to the regular ZBA schedule meeting on the third Monday of the month.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher  
Zoning Board of Adjustment Recording Secretary