

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Minutes of the Meeting- June 18, 2012

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

Guests Richard Reed

Chairperson Martel called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. John Paradise was made a voting member for the meeting.

The minutes of the May 21, 2012 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

The Dollar General Public Hearing was opened at 7:15 p.m. Richard Reed approached the Board noting his disapproval of the project. Mr. Reed stated that the Zoning Board is charged with the implementation of the Master Plan. The desire of the population has been to protect the small town character and quality of life. Sam Cohen stated that Mr. Reed should express his concerns at the Planning Board level. Chairperson Martel noted that he has received notification that the Dollar General has withdrawn their application for variances. The Dollar General Public Hearing was closed at 7:20 p.m.

Chairperson Martel informed the Board that he has been approached by members of the Dollar General group to talk about plans and information concerning the project. Chairperson Martel has declined to speak to the applicants outside of ZBA meetings.

Sam Cohen respectfully declined the position of ZBA Clerk.

A motion was made by Sam Cohen to cancel the ZBA meetings scheduled for July and August unless notified by the Chairperson that there is an application that has been submitted. Christopher Clough seconded that motion and all were in favor.

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

Respectfully Submitted by

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Zoning Board of Adjustment Recording Secretary