

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
PLANNING BOARD  
Minutes of the Meeting- May 13, 2013

Present        David McKenzie, Chairman  
                 Christopher Maple, Vice Chairman  
                 Sam Cohen  
                 Peter Martel  
                 Jeffrey Rose, Ex-Officio

Chairman McKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

The minutes of the April 22, 2013 meeting were reviewed and accepted as modified.

The Board reviewed the Joshi case. Peter Martel suggested that the Board express to Mr. Joshi the need to meet all conditions to be able to sell his condo units. Mr. Joshi will need to contact the Building Inspector for a certificate of occupancy. Jeffrey Rose noted that the time period for completing the work has been extended. The Town Attorney has stated that the Board needs to have a Compliance Hearing for both the Joshi case and the Gray case. It was noted that Mr. Joshi has not registered the condo documents with the State yet. Jeffrey Rose noted that the Notice of Decision has been registered with the Registry of Deeds.

It was noted that the town now charges an \$8.00 fee for certified mail. David McKenzie made a motion to change the certified mailing fee from \$6.00 to \$8.00 and to reflect this change in the Rules of Procedure. Sam Cohen seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Peter Martel, Christopher Maple and Jeffrey Rose shared their notes from the land board workshop they attended. It was agreed that an agenda be sent to the Board members before each meeting and a copy posted on the bulletin board 24 hours before a meeting. It was stressed that applicants need to know that the Planning Board can reconsider a decision for up to 30 days. A statement will be added to the Notice of Decision noting the appeal period. The decision will become final in 30 days. Sam Cohen made a motion to amend the Planning Board Rules of Procedure as follows: 7.4 All Planning Board Notices of Decision shall contain the following statement near the end: Note: Planning Board decisions may be appealed or reconsidered within 30 days. Jeffrey Rose seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The Board discussed ways to get the community involved with the Master Plan update. Sam Cohen gave the Board members a list of potential questions for the Master Plan. The Board put work on the Master Plan on hold until the next meeting.

Jeffrey Rose noted that he received a call from the Frankestown Planning Board Chairman in reference to the Crotched Mountain Ski Area Compliance Hearing. A complete set of minutes will be sent to Bennington Planning Board when the Hearing is finished.

Chairman McKenzie will contact Mr. Blanchard about the mylar that the Board is waiting for in reference to the Blanchard sub-division.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher  
Planning Board Recording Secretary