

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
PLANNING BOARD
Minutes of the Meeting- January 28, 2013

Present: David McKenzie, Chairman
Jeffrey Rose, Ex-Officio
Sam Cohen
Christopher Maple

Guest: Peter Martel
Annie Leger

Chairman McKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

The minutes of the January 14, 2013 meeting were reviewed and amendments made. The minutes were placed on hold to be reviewed at the next meeting.

The minutes of the December 27, 2013 meeting were reviewed and accepted with minor changes.

The Taste of Texas Hearing was called to order at 7:28 p.m. Holly Mecheski was not in attendance. Chairman McKenzie presented information regarding the Zoning Board of Adjustments variance decision. The Notice of Decision does not address the variance for permitted use. It was noted that in the ZBA minutes this variance was approved. Article 7c regarding a minimum of two acres was also not addressed in the Notice of Decision. Chairman McKenzie contacted the Local Government Center and shared their response, which is attached to these minutes. He also contacted Dario Carrara, the Town Building Inspector regarding if he would accept the variance approval for permitted use as it is addressed in the ZBA minutes, but not in the Notice of Decision. Dario Carrara will contact Denise French, Town Administrator, to get copies of the minutes to review and will contact the Planning Board with his decision. The Board decided to wait to hear back from Dario Carrara before proceeding.

The Board noted that they have 65 days to respond to an applicant after accepting an application with a decision. The 65 days will be up on February 6, 2013. Chairman McKenzie will contact Holly Mecheski for an agreement for extension in writing or the Board will need to deny the application. Chairman McKenzie shared with the Board a written agreement for extension form for the Board to use. The Board will ask Holly Mecheski to extend the time frame for 47 days (until March 25, 2013). The form will be placed in the Planning Board box for Holly Mecheski to sign.

Jeffrey Rose stated he would like clarification regarding parking in the State's right of way.

The Hearing was continued to February 4, 2013 at 7:15 p.m at the Bennington Town Hall.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Karen Bartlett
Planning Board Recording Secretary