

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
PLANNING BOARD
Minutes of the Meeting- June 10, 2013

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

Chairman McKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of the May 13, 2013 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

Chairman McKenzie presented a map showing the acreage currently owned as gravel pits in Town. It was suggested that the Board should think about the future for this acreage. At such time as the gravel pits are closed, the land could be sold for other uses. This could possibly be incorporated into the Master Plan. It was suggested that the use of an overlay map could allow for possible commercial use.

Chairman McKenzie reported that the outstanding mylar and the pins for the Blanchard property will be ready within a month as per a phone conversation with Mrs. Blanchard.

In an update on the Joshi case, it was noted that Mr. Joshi has not registered the condo documents yet. The Town Attorney has recommended that the Planning Board hold a Compliance Hearing for both the Joshi case and the Gray case as it was a stipulation in both cases to fix the break in the retaining wall shared by the two properties. It was noted that the timeline for compliance has changed. No deadline for compliance was given in the notice of decision. The Board will research the timeline. If Mr. Joshi is to continue his project, he will need to have the wall fixed.

The Board reviewed possible questions for the Master Plan Vision section and how to best receive public input. The Board will develop the wording for the questionnaire at a later date.

The Board discussed the possibility of encouraging small business in residential areas.

It was noted that the Conservation Commission could purchase properties for town forest and open space. The funding used for this purchase comes from current use funding.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Planning Board Recording Secretary