

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
PLANNING BOARD
Minutes of the Meeting-April 28, 2014

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

Guests Dennis McKenney
 Robyn Manley
 Jonathan Manley

Chairman McKenzie called the Public Hearing for the Manley Sub-division to order at 7:04 p.m. Mr. McKenney presented a plat noting that he will change the tone of the wall that is shown so that it does not look like a lot line. The ZBA notice of decision was reviewed. The ZBA granted a variance with no conditions. It was noted that the property located on a class VI road is unbuildable until the road has been brought up to class V code per State RSA 4:11. As there was no public in attendance, there was no public comment. The Planning Board closed the Hearing to the public and entered into deliberation.

Sam Cohen made a motion to grant the proposed sub-division on map 15 lot 6, 6-1, 6-2 and 6-3 with the condition that lots 6-1 and 6-2 are unbuildable until the road has been brought to class V standards and that a mylar is produced. Christopher Maple seconded the motion. Peter Martel abstained. David McKenzie, Christopher Maple, Sam Cohen and Jeffrey Rose voted in favor of the sub-division. A mylar will be brought to the Town Hall as well as copies of the plat for signatures. The final plat will be recorded. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:20 p.m.

The minutes of the April 7, 2014 meeting were reviewed and accepted with amendments.

The Board has received an update from the DES noting that a progress plan has been received from Harris Gravel. An application has been received by the Town from the Harris' for an excavation permit. As the Board needs 14 days to notice the Hearing, the Planning Board will meet on May 19, 2014. The Planning Board will only meet once in May. It was noted that if the application is complete, the Board can go directly into a Public Hearing. Mr. Rose noted that the Board will need to know how much land is open and how much has been reclaimed and how much is allowed to be open. The State has reviewed the progress plan and approved it. A site

visit will be needed. The Board addressed the matter of reclamation fees. Mr. Harris has money in escrow for the reclamation. Chairman McKenzie will contact Mary Pinkham-Langer for further information on reclamation fees. It was noted that in the past, the land has been pitched but not loamed or seeded. It was noted that Dennis McKenney is the representative for Mr. Harris. Donna Harris is now handling operations of the business. Peter Martel suggested that when a plan is presented, the Planning Board should retain a copy so that they can compare any new plans with the original working copy.

Peter Martel reminded the Board that the Spring Planning Conference sign up deadline is April 28, 2014.

The Board worked on the Master Plan questionnaire. Changes on the questionnaire were reviewed and edits were made. It was suggested that the questionnaire be printed on colored paper to prevent or discourage copying. The Board suggested that a questionnaire can be sent to each household. If there is more than one adult at the residence, an additional copy may be picked up at the Town Hall, Library or Transfer Station. The other option is to use multiple check marks. One survey may be submitted per adult. Chairman McKenzie will talk to the office to find out what the best way to get the questionnaire out to the public would be.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Planning Board Recording Secretary