

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
PLANNING BOARD
Minutes of the Meeting- February 23, 2015

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

Chairman McKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The minutes of the January 5, 2015 meeting were reviewed and accepted with amendments.

The Board discussed the proposed Zoning Ordinance, farm stands and permanent structures.

Chairman McKenzie noted that he has been invited to talk with the Selectmen and the Building Inspector about the Trow property. A building permit will be required for a change of use.

Chairman McKenzie noted that the site plan review and sub-division documents should be modified. Currently an application needs to be submitted 15 days prior to a regular meeting. When an application is received, the Administrator calls the Planning Board Chairman who will schedule a hearing. The current regulation states that the applicant shall bring the application to a Planning Board meeting to start the procedure. Chairman McKenzie stated that he would like to enforce the current regulation. The Board discussed the possibility of an applicant wishing to have their application accepted and go directly into a public hearing. If the application is not accepted, the case would require re-noticing. It was noted that most cases the Board is presented with, have an application that is not complete.

The Board discussed work on the Master Plan. Chairman McKenzie stated that he can reproduce the charts and graphs that will be needed for the Master Plan. Information will be obtained from the Census Bureau. Chairman McKenzie expressed a need to begin work on the updating of the Master Plan.

The March 9, 2015 Planning Board meeting will be canceled. Chairman McKenzie will post the notices for this.

The Planning Board members were asked to review page 76 of the Master Plan titled Future Land Use to see if it can be updated at the next meeting which will be held on March 23, 2015.

There being no other business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

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Planning Board Recording Secretary