

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
PLANNING BOARD
Minutes of the Meeting- April 13, 2015

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

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

The minutes of the March 23, 2015 meeting were reviewed and accepted as amended.

Chairman McKenzie reminded the Board members of the up-coming Hearing for the Stewart Excavation Permit which will be held on April 27, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. The Stewarts have not received their State permit yet, but have applied for it. A site walk will need to be completed. The Board will continue the Hearing on April 27 to April 28 in order to do the site walk at 6:00 p.m. The Conservation Commission will be notified of the Hearing dates.

April 10, 2015 a request for a Lot Line Adjustment between Ray Lyons and Sally Warren (Map 15, Lot 5 + Map 15, Lot 6.3) was received. This was placed on the schedule for May 4, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. The May 11, 2015 meeting will be canceled.

The Board worked on the Master Plan. Jeffrey Rose made a motion to leave objective 5 promoting OSRD in Zoning Regulations as it is written. Chairman McKenzie seconded the motion. The vote did not pass (2- yes- David McKenzie and Jeffrey Rose, 3-no- Donald Trow, Christopher Maple and Sam Cohen). Objective #5 will be removed.

The Board also agreed to remove Historical District, Storm water and Soil mapping. Shared driveways between developments will be changed from “provide for shared driveways” to “enable the use of shared driveways”.

Regional impact shall be defined as beyond town limits for use as criteria for regional impact.

Sam Cohen made a motion to delete objective # 10. Donald Trow seconded the motion. The motion passed (yes-Donald Trow, Sam Cohen, Christopher Maple-No- Jeffrey Rose, David McKenzie).

The Board moved on to Community Facilities. The wording of “greenfield sites” shall be changed to “additional sites”. Capital Improvement Committee shall also be removed as there is no such committee.

The following objectives in Economic Development shall be removed: #2-Overlay District Agriculture, #3- Tax Increment Finance District, #4- Monadnock Business Ventures. Land use of neighboring towns shall be reviewed.

Traffic and Transportation/ Transportation System- #1 shall be changed to “develop transportation network that allows/accommodates walking and cycling.” Selectmen shall provide for pedestrian walkways as well as management of motorized traffic behavior. It was noted that reference to Capital Improvement Committee shall be removed throughout the document. The Board will continue work on the Master Plan beginning with #7-establish standards of design of operating at their next work session.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

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