

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
PLANNING BOARD
Minutes of the Meeting- June 22, 2015

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

Chairman McKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The minutes of the June 8, 2015 meeting were reviewed and accepted with a minor change.

The minutes of the June 8, 2015 site walk were reviewed and accepted as written.

It was noted that the State has declared that it is unfair for towns to have a blanket policy for building on Class VI roads and that it should be determined in a case by case process. The Selectmen are to determine if a building permit should be given.

Chairman McKenzie presented a statement of the June 8, 2015 site walk for Map 22, Lot 9 to be reviewed and sent to the Selectmen.

Chairman McKenzie presented a statement about the site walk at the Edmunds property (Map 5, Lot 1) for review and editing before sending to the Selectmen. A concern was expressed that if the Town was not responsible for fire control, a forest fire could result. The Planning Board referred the potential case to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Chairman McKenzie reported that he has received a call from a consultant from Harris Construction Company regarding the South Pit, which is located in the Water Resource Protection Zone. The Harris Construction Company wants to excavate in this area. Chairman McKenzie told the consultant that a non-conforming use cannot be made into another non-conforming use. Chairman McKenzie also received an e-mail noting that the Hardwick excavation permit expires at the end of August. The State permits are in process and are expected to be completed in July. There will be a possible Public Hearing in late July or August for the Town permits. The Board looked at possible dates keeping in mind Board member's vacation plans. Both August 10, 2015 and August 24, 2015 were good dates to schedule a Hearing.

It was noted that Mr. Manna might be approaching the Planning Board in July. The Selectmen have been trying to meet with him regarding the operation of a rental business without a permit. It is possible that the Selectmen will impose a cease and desist order. It was noted that there is a concern about the safety of the entrance location as it is located on a corner.

Chairman McKenzie shared an invitation to attend the Emergency Management Risk Map Project for the Merrimack River watershed.

As there was no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Planning Board Recording Secretary