

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
PLANNING BOARD
Minutes of the Meeting- January 25, 2016

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

Guests Michael Roina
 Terry Hardwick

Chairman McKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

The minutes of the January 11, 2016 meeting were reviewed and accepted with a minor addition. It was noted that the information given at the January 11, 2016 meeting pertaining to the Harris Excavation Pit was not clear. If the pit is abandoned, the bond money may be used for reclamation and the remainder of the bond returned to the owner.

The continuation of the Public Hearing for the Hardwick Excavation Permit Renewal was called to order at 7:17 p.m. Terry Hardwick presented the survey of the lot as well as an aerial map done in 2010. The information was reviewed by the Board. It was noted that the Hardwick pit is in the Rural/Agricultural zone. The Water Resource Protection Zone touches a corner of the property, but the pit is not located in that area.

The Board discussed the reclamation bond with Mrs. Hardwick. It was noted that the reclamation bond has been for 13 acres. Currently the Hardwick pit only has 5.5 acres open and may decrease their bond when it is renewed. A letter of approval will be submitted to the Town for the new bond. The new bond was set at \$13,750 pending proof of bonding for 5.5 acres at \$2,500 per acre.

Jeffrey Rose made a motion to accept the application for the renewal of the Hardwick Excavation pit as complete. Christopher Maple seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Jeffrey Rose made a motion to grant the permit renewal for Hardwick and Sons Excavation pending proof of the posting of a reclamation bond in the amount of \$13,750 to expire August 13, 2020. Christopher Maple seconded the motion and all were in favor. Chairman McKenzie will write a notice of decision.

In other business, Fire Chief, Michael Roina presented a 5 year plan for the Fire Department. The Planning Board reviewed the plan and assisted Chief Roina with editing of the plan. Chief Roina discussed concerns about gear replacement; pay scale and rescue calls with the Board. The Chief will complete the plan and get the final draft to Chairman McKenzie as soon as possible.

The Planning Board reviewed the 10 year plan from the Highway Department. A guardrail along a portion of road on North Bennington Road and riverbank stabilization was noted. The Board discussed possible wants versus needs for the department.

In an update on the Master Plan, Chairman McKenzie reported that the basic studies are mostly done. Christopher Maple will be working on Population Mobility. The Board will need to check on information for the Public Transportation section. Sam Cohen will assist Chairman McKenzie in some technical changes to headings.

As there was no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

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Planning Board Recording Secretary