

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
PLANNING BOARD
Minutes of the Meeting- June 27, 2016
Minutes approved on July 11, 2016

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

Guests Terry Hardwick
 Donald Hardwick Jr.

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

The minutes of the May 9, 2016 meeting were reviewed and accepted with amendments.

The appointment for Kristie LaPlante for 7:15 p.m. was canceled.

A copy of the completed Master Plan was brought forth. A Public Hearing was set for July 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bennington Town Hall. The Public Hearing will be noticed in the local newspaper and at the Town Hall and the Library. Three copies of the master Plan will be made for public viewing at the Town Hall or the Town Library.

It was noted that the Planning Board Meeting scheduled for July 25, 2016 will be canceled.

Terry Harwick and Donald Hardwick Jr., owners of Hardwick and Sons, approached the Board to discuss the purchase of the Harris Gravel Pit in Bennington as well as the reclamation plan. The Hardwicks have not closed on the property at this time, but it was suggested by the DES that they should start on the Alteration of Terrain request. The Town will receive notification from the State when this has been done. The Hardwicks are hoping to do the reclamation work in the pit next spring. There are currently just over 5 acres open in the north pit and 3.62 acres open in the south pit. The Hardwicks would like to get a reclamation bond for 8.5 acres. The current amount required for a reclamation bond is \$2,500 per acre. It was noted that the Harris reclamation bond is \$50,000 plus interest. This would be released to the Harris family when the new bond is received. The new bond will be in the amount of \$21,250. The Harris family will need to file that they did not excavate and have closed out on the pit. The Hardwicks will then file an intent to excavate. The process will change the name of the owner on the permits while the renewal date will remain January 2019. It was noted that the Notice of Decision will be in the

name of Donald H. Hardwick Trust. The permit will state that all rules and regulations for the previous owners shall remain in effect.

As there was no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Planning Board Recording Secretary