

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
PLANNING BOARD  
Minutes of the Meeting- October 10, 2016  
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Present        David McKenzie, Chairman  
                 Christopher Maple, Vice Chairman  
                 Sam Cohen  
                 Donald Trow

Guest         Kristie LaPlante

Chairman McKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of the September 19, 2016 meeting were reviewed and accepted with amendments.

Chairman McKenzie noted that the 2017 Land Use Manuals were not ordered in time. The ZBA also did not order them.

Kristie LaPlante approached the Planning Board with a request to update the procedure for a lot merger. She proposed adding a step to ensure that all taxes are current for the year when a merger is approved. Changes in taxes are effective on April 1. Sam Cohen suggested that mergers might not be approved until taxes are paid for the full year. It was also suggested that the owner be responsible for a title search if needed. The Board agreed that Kristie shall produce the proposed changes for the next Planning Board meeting when it will be reviewed.

The Board reviewed and edited the proposed changes to the Auxiliary Dwelling Unit article of the Zoning Ordinance. The Board also reviewed and edited the Signs article of the Zoning Ordinance.

It was noted that the new Master Plan is not currently on the Town Website. Chairman McKenzie will check on this.

As there was no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher

Planning Board Recording Secretary