

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
PLANNING BOARD  
Minutes of the Meeting- February 13, 2017  
Minutes accepted- March 6, 2017

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

Chairman McKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

The minutes of the January 9, 2017 were reviewed and accepted with a minor correction.

The Board reviewed the comments made at the Deliberative Session about the proposed Zoning Amendments. There was some concern about many places in town that are for rent and the availability of an accessory dwelling unit adding to the number. The Fire Chief also expressed some concern about the internal door between units and that it has to be a fire door per State Fire Code. The Building Inspector will make sure structures comply with State Fire Code. It was noted that there were no comments about the proposed changes to the Sign Ordinance.

The Board received a hand-out concerning Home Occupations from the Code Enforcement Officer. It was suggested changes are made to clarify Home Occupations. The Board discussed the regulation and determined that a home occupation is when a customer or vendor would go to a residence. A business such as an internet business would be exempt. The Board noted that the business in the residence is secondary to the residence. The Board suggested a system where the home owner who requested a home occupation would come to the Planning Board where they would agree to the conditions set for a home occupation and sign the application. At this time the application would be approved. Possible setbacks and parking standards were discussed as were the times and days of operation.

It was noted that the scheduled March Planning Board meeting is the night before Town Election and the meeting will be changed to March 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

As there was no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher  
Planning Board Recording Secretary