

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Minutes of the Meeting- July 24, 2017
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Present Christopher Clough, Chairperson
Melissa Clark, Vice Chairperson
Sam Cohen

Guests Mark Mackesy, Selectman
Abby Kesler, Transcript-Ledger

Chairperson Clough called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Chairperson Clough handed out copies of a letter from Carolyn Parker pertaining to the July 17, 2017 Public Hearing for a variance for Dollar General. Upon reading the letter, Sam Cohen noted that he has a strange sense of humor, but then became angry. Chairman Clough tried to explain that the Board is in need of becoming more structured and to adhere to the rules of a Hearing format. Sam Cohen stated that he was leaving. Selectman Mackesy addressed Mr. Cohen asking why he was leaving and did that mean that Mr. Cohen was resigning from the Board. Mr. Cohen noted that he was going home and that his intention is to remain on the Board.

Chairperson Clough noted that there was a problem with the remarks that were made at July 17, 2017 Public Hearing, but there were other factors involved. Chairperson Clough has spoken to the Town Attorney for advice on how to proceed. It was recommended that the Board censor any potential remarks to protect the meeting. As there was no longer a quorum, Chairman Clough scheduled a meeting of the Board to continue the discussion on July 31, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

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