

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting- October 8, 2018

Minutes accepted on November 12, 2018

Present David McKenzie, Chairman
 Sam Cohen, Vice Chairman
 Donald Trow
 Christopher Maple
 Mark Mackesy, Ex- Officio

Guests Dennis McKenney
 Jonathan Manley
 Robyn Manley
 Scott Liljeberg
 Bethany Craig

Chairman McKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The minutes of the September 17, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Sam Cohen made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Christopher Maple seconded the motion and all were in favor.

It was noted that a site walk was done before the meeting. Jonathan Manley and Joseph MacGregor were also present for the site walk where the Board viewed the boundary lines for the proposed lot line adjustment at Map 17, Lots 34b and 35 located at 279 Bible Hill Road.

The Board reviewed the application. It was noted that all fees have been paid and all abutters have been notified. The Board discussed the requirement for 2 foot contour lines. It was determined that this was not necessary for the lot line adjustment and might be something that the Planning Board might look at changing in the future. It was also noted that Cold Springs Land Trust currently owns both parcels of land involved in the proposed lot line adjustment. The checklist was then reviewed. It was determined that the need for contour lines was not applicable as well as the need for a report from a soil scientist. It was noted that there was not a signature line for the Recording Secretary on the plat. This will be added on the final copies. Christopher Maple made a motion to accept the application as complete. Sam Cohen seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mr. McKenney explained the proposed project to the Planning Board and pointed out the pertinent information on the plats. As the members of the public who were present had no questions, Mark Mackesy made a motion to close the public portion of the hearing and enter into

deliberation. Christopher Maple seconded the motion and all were in favor. After a short deliberation, Sam Cohen made a motion to approve the proposed lot line adjustment at Map 17, Lots 34b and 35 located at 279 Bible Hill Road conditional on the delivery of a reproducible mylar and 3 paper copies of the plat to the Bennington Town Office. Mark Mackesy seconded the motion and all were in favor. Sam Cohen made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Donald Trow seconded the motion and all were in favor.

In other business, Chairman McKenzie noted that he received the budget request and has submitted the Planning Board budget for next year. The budget request will remain the same with the exception of a reduction in the Recording Secretary line. The current line item included time for 2 Planning Board meetings per month. The Planning Board currently meets once a month unless a second meeting is needed.

The Board discussed the need to change the current checklist. It was suggested that the checklist could be customized as needed for lot line adjustments and sub-divisions. It was also suggested that applicants be encouraged to see the Planning Board for a chat session prior to scheduling a Public Hearing so that the Planning Board can review the project and determine what is really needed.

As there was no other business before the Board, Mark Mackesy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Donald Trow seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

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Planning Board Recording Secretary