

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Minutes of the Meeting- November 19, 2018
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Present Melissa Clark, Chairperson
 Christopher Clough
 Jeffrey Rose
 Anthony Parisi

Guests Andy Peterson
 Stephen Bryan
 Russell Bartlett
 Damien Turini
 John Christian
 Linda Blanchard
 David Blanchard

Chairperson Clark called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

The minutes of the March 19, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Chairman Clark made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Anthony Parisi seconded the motion and all were in favor.

As the Blanchards were not present, the Board entered into an informal chat session with Stephen Bryan. Mr. Bryan and his group is looking at purchasing the property located at Map13, Lots 14 and 17 previously known as the Highland Inn to convert the facility into a drug and alcohol after care facility. The details of the after care facility were discussed, noting that this would be a male, single room occupancy for up to a 90 day stay. At the current time, there is a restriction on the property stating that there will be no single occupancy for longer than 30 days. It was also stated that 8 units would be used for transitional housing which would not exceed 24 months. The facility would provide random drug testing 3 times a week as well as 24 hour supervision. The individuals using the treatment facility would not pay rent and would not be tenants. The building currently needs a lot of work and some of the large building will be removed. There is a 3 bedroom apartment in the upstairs of the large building which will be used for live-in staff.

The Board discussed the possible need for a use variance. It was decided that as this is a commercial business, a variance would not be needed. It was suggested that an administrative decision would be applied for. It was noted that when ownership has been changed, the condo ownership will be dissolved. The facility will be owned by a single entity.

Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard had been scheduled for an informal chat session, but arrived late. As the Board was already in a chat session at that time, the Blanchards left. The Blanchards will be put on the agenda for December 17, 2018 at 7:15 p.m.

In other business, Jeffrey Rose made a motion to have Melissa Clark remain Chairperson for another year. Christopher Clough seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Anthony Parisi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Christopher Clough seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

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