

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
PLANNING BOARD
Minutes of the Meeting- December 9, 2019
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Present David McKenzie, Chairman
 Sam Cohen, Vice Chairman
 Mark Mackesy, Ex-Officio
 Donald Trow
 Luke Hardwick
 Alex Mason, Alternate

Guests Dennis McKenney
 Teresa Hardwick

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

Alex Mason was made a voting member of the Planning Board for the purpose of reviewing the minutes. The minutes of the October 14, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Sam Cohen made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Luke Hardwick seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The minutes of the November 11, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Alex Mason made a motion to accept the minutes with a minor amendment. Sam Cohen seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Chairman McKenzie called the Public Hearing for two excavation renewals located at Map 3, Lot 1 and Map11, Lot 16, owned by D.H. Hardwick & Sons to order. The excavation permit renewals will be addressed separately. The Planning Board reviewed the checklist with assistance by Dennis McKenney and Teresa Hardwick. It was noted that the applicant is working with the Town Administrator for alternative options to a surety bond. Currently State permits have been approved and will expire on September 24, 2024. It was noted that a supplemental sheet of information was not with the maps that the Planning Board had on hand.

The public portion of the Hearing was closed at 7:36 p.m. and the Planning Board entered into deliberation. Donald Trow made a motion to approve the excavation permit renewal. Sam Cohen made a motion to amend the motion to approve the excavation permit renewal for Map 3, Lot 1 pending posting of a reclamation bond, receipt of the application fee, and delivery of the supplemental sheets to be received no later than April 15, 2020. Luke Hardwick seconded the motion and all were in favor of the approval as amended.

The deliberative portion of the Public Hearing was closed at 7:50 p.m. and the Public Hearing for the renewal of the excavation permit for Map 11, Lot 16 was opened. The checklist and maps were reviewed. It was noted that there is now a road connecting the two gravel pits (Map 3, Lot 1 and Map 11, Lot 16) with access to Route 31 and Route 47 negating the need to travel through the center of town.

The Public portion of the Hearing was closed at 8:02 p.m. and the deliberative portion was opened. Donald Trow made a motion to approve the excavation permit renewal for Map 11, Lot 16 pending the posting of a reclamation bond, receipt of the application fee, and delivery of the supplemental sheets to be received no later than April 15, 2020. Sam Cohen seconded the motion and all were in favor. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

The Planning Board discussed possible wording for a zoning amendment to be placed on the Town Warrant. The wording has been reviewed by the Town Attorney. Mark Mackesy made a motion to submit the wording as a warrant article. Luke Hardwick seconded the motion and all were in favor. A Public Hearing was set for January 13, 2020 at 7:15 p.m. at the Bennington Town Hall.

As there was no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

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Planning Board Recording Secretary