

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
PLANNING BOARD  
Minutes of the Meeting- June 1, 2020  
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Present        David McKenzie, Chairman (via zoom)  
                  Sam Cohen, Vice Chairman  
                  David Hardwick, Ex Officio  
                  Donald Trow  
                  Alex Mason, Alternate (via zoom)

Guests        Dana Durgin, abutter (via zoom)  
                  Dennis McKenney, Agent for Scott Liljeberg  
                  Bethany Craig, abutter (via zoom)  
                  Jim Craig, abutter (via zoom)  
                  Jon Manley, abutter (via zoom)  
                  Robyn Manley, abutter (via zoom)  
                  Kristie LaPlante, zoom administrator

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

Alternate member Alex Mason was made a voting member for the meeting.

The minutes of the May 11, 2020 meeting were reviewed and accepted as amended.

The application for lot line adjustments for the property owned by Cold Springs Land Trust located at Map 17, Lots 34,34a,34b, and 35 was reviewed. It was noted that requests for waivers for topographical maps, contour lines, a wetlands scientist and soil boundaries were submitted. Sam Cohen made a motion to accept the requested waivers. Donald Trow seconded the motion and all were in favor. The Board completed the checklist review noting that this is a lot line adjustment and not a sub-division. Sam Cohen made a motion to accept the application as complete. Donald Trow seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Chairman McKenzie opened the hearing to the public at 7:28 p.m. Mr. McKenney reviewed the plat with the Board noting the locations of the requested lot line relocation. It was noted that the lot that is currently known as Map 17, Lot 34 will no longer exist. A notation will be added to the records to indicate the change in the lots. It was noted that the prospective buyers of the property have seen and approved the changes in the lot lines. Alex Mason made a motion to enter into deliberation. David Hardwick seconded the motion and all were in favor. After a short deliberation, Alex Mason made a motion to approve the lot line adjustment as presented. Sam

Cohen seconded the motion and all were in favor. Mr. McKenney will drop off the mylar and copies of the plat for signatures. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:50 p.m.

In other business, Jim and Bethany Craig approached the Board for a chat session. The Craigs were inquiring if they would need an excavation permit to clear cut a portion of their property and excavate the land to create a pasture. After reviewing the Bennington Zoning Ordinances it was noted that the excavation would be incidental to agricultural use and therefore exempt from permit. Sam Cohen made a motion that a permit for proposed excavation for Map 10, Lots 47 and 47a would not be required as it complies with the Town Excavation Regulation Vc2, noting that excavation incidental to agricultural use is not subject to permit. David McKenzie seconded the motion and all were in favor.

As there was no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher  
Planning Board Recording Secretary