

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Minutes of the Meeting- June 21, 2021
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Present Sam Cohen, Vice Chairperson
 Michael Munhall
 Christopher Maple
 Robert Christian

Guests John Kendall, Building Inspector
 David Blanchette, property owner
 Tammie Blanchette, property owner
 Chad Branon, Fieldstone Land Consultants
 Stanley Brown, abutter

Vice Chairperson Cohen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The minutes of the May 17, 2021 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

The Public Hearing for a use variance for the property located on State Route 202 in the Rural/Agricultural District, further identified as Map 16, Lot 12 was called to order at 7:15 p.m. A use variance was applied for as a self storage facility is not listed as a permitted use under Article VI, Section D (2) of the Town Zoning Ordinance. The Board reviewed the application for a variance. It was noted that the property has about 100 feet of frontage on State Route 202, but most of the property is located behind the Dollar General. The property has some slope challenges and there is an easement through the Dollar General parking lot that will be used for access. The five points of a variance request were reviewed and the hearing was opened to the public for comment. Abutter, Stanley Brown stated that he was in favor of the variance being granted.

The public portion of the Public Hearing was closed and the Board entered into deliberation. Michael Munhall made a motion to accept the request for a use variance for the property located at tax Map 16, Lot 12. Christopher Maple seconded the motion and all were in favor. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:37 p.m.

In other business, Michael Munhall suggested that the Board review the wording on the variance applications for further meetings.

As there was no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Zoning Board of Adjustment Recording Secretary