

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Minutes of the Meeting- March 23, 2010

Present Peter Martel
 Steve Osienski
 Chris Clough
 Barbara Moorehead

Guests Mike Osienski
 John Paradise

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Sam Cohen was mentioned as a possible candidate for the Zoning Board.

Peter Martel explained how the ZBA interacts with the other Boards in Town. He went over the basic rules and regulations, timetables and general guidelines and trainings for the ZBA. John Paradise was given a handbook to review. He will get back to the Board with his decision as to becoming a ZBA Board Member. The Board would like to have more handbooks made available.

Mike Osienski stated that he may be getting a job out of town or going back to school but he would be able to participate in the ZBA meetings while he is in town.

Other possible members were discussed. It was noted that Melissa Clark is a possible member if the Board were to change their meeting night to Monday night. Jason Michaels was interviewed by the Selectmen but not sworn in at that time.

Steve Osienski nominated Chris Clough as Chairperson of the ZBA. Chris Clough declined. Steve Osienski nominated Peter Martel as Chairperson of the ZBA. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Steve Osienski nominated Chris Clough as Vice Chairman of the ZBA. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Steve Osienski nominated Barbara Moorehead as Clerk of the ZBA. A vote was taken and all were in favor.

It was noted that there is on-line training available for the ZBA Members.

It was suggested that the Board invite Jason Michaels to a meeting to educate him on the workings on the ZBA.

It was noted that there are 2 hearings coming up in April for the ZBA. The Board will ask the Town Office to open their mail as it comes in, as much of it is time sensitive, and notify the Board if action is required. A list of potential candidates for the ZBA will be presented to the Board of Selectmen. The Board will let John Paradise know that when he makes his decision regarding becoming a ZBA Member, he should notify the ZBA so they can make an appointment with the Board of Selectmen.

The April 8, 2010 ZBA meeting will be rescheduled to April 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The Board would like to review all applications before the time of a hearing. A Monday night meeting will be called if the Board can come up with a list of potential candidates. Possibilities were David Baker, Chris Gladding and Melissa Clark.

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

Respectfully Submitted by

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