

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
PLANNING BOARD
Minutes of the Meeting- March 28, 2011

Present Jeffrey Rose, Chairman
 Melissa Stewart, Vice Chairman (7:55 p.m.)
 Sam Cohen
 Philip Germain, Ex-Officio
 Susan Smith
 Peter Martel, ZBA Liaison

Chairman Rose called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

The minutes of the March 14, 2011 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

The Board reviewed the text of the Driveway Regulations. Sam Cohen presented a selection of illustrations for the text. The Board made minor changes to the text with the illustrations. Changes will be made to reference figure 1a and 1b of the illustrations. Sam Cohen will make needed changes to the illustrations, adding “No part of the driveway may be closer than 20 feet from the property line.”

Peter Martel voiced an objection to the width of the requirement of the driveway entrance. The Driveway Regulations of surrounding towns were reviewed. Philip Germain made a motion to change the requirement of the entrance of a single-family residence to read “17 foot wide minimum, 24 foot wide maximum at the road edge.” Susan Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Sam Cohen made a motion to include that a single-family residence driveway will “ taper to a minimum of 10 feet wide.” Melissa Stewart seconded the motion. Sam Cohen, Philip Germain, Susan Smith, and Melissa Stewart were in favor. Jeffrey Rose abstained from the vote. It was noted that the Board plans to approve the Driveway Regulations and set a date for the Public Hearing at the next meeting.

Chairman Rose reminded the Board that there is a meeting in Keene for the Citizen Planner Collaboration on April 14, 2011.

The Board reviewed the Subdivision Application and Checklist revisions. Melissa Stewart recorded changes, corrections and made updates on the document. The Board will continue reviewing the document at the next meeting.

In other business, it was noted that the Board has not heard from Mrs. Avery pertaining to a Site Plan Review.

Philip Germain notified the Board that Mr. Joshi has now missed his deadlines and all permits are no longer valid. To continue his project, he must re-apply for permits.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Planning Board Recording Secretary