

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
PLANNING BOARD
Minutes of the Meeting- April 9, 2012

Present Jeffrey Rose, Chairman
 Susan Smith, Vice Chairman
 Sam Cohen
 David McKenzie

Guest Peter Martel (8:03 p.m.)

Chairman Rose called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

The minutes of the March 26, 2012 meeting were reviewed and accepted with minor changes.

The Hearing for Dollar General was opened at 7:51 p.m. No public or representation from Dollar General was present. The continuation for the Public Hearing had been listed. Chairman Rose noted that he sent a copy of the marked checklist and request for a traffic study and a study on the storm water system to the agent for Dollar General. Chairman Rose also noted that he attended the ZBA Hearing for Dollar General and shared the information on the studied that will be requested by the Planning Board. ZBA Chairperson Martel has contacted three engineering firms for bids. The requested bids will be for a price for two visits to Bennington. This should be a two-part bid as both the Planning Board and ZBA will have questions that need to be answered as well as a system analysis for the Planning Board. Dollar General will be responsible for the payment of the selected engineering firm. It was noted that the applicant might want to address the issues not connected with the storm water system before hiring any specialists.

The Board expressed a concern that the list of pending requirements in the March 26, 2012 minutes needed to be clarified. The driveway regulations are not a requirement on the checklist but may be considered by the Planning Board. For further clarification, the term marketing in the March 26, 2012 minutes refer to property value analysis.

It was noted that Southwest Regional would review Site Plan Reviews for a small fee. The Planning Board will consider this option at a later date.

Chairman Rose made a motion to continue the Public Hearing on May 14, 2012 at 7:45 p.m. at the Bennington Town Hall. Sam Cohen seconded the motion and all were in favor. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:45 p.m. with a continuation date of May 14, 2012 at 7:45 p.m. at the Bennington Town Hall.

The Board worked on a list of boards and committees that they would like to talk to for the updating of the Master Plan. The Administrator will be contacted about a contact list and a copy of a letter to the various board chairs. It was suggested that the Planning Board invite one or two committees to a meeting at a time. Mike Roina from the Fire Department, Jill Young from the Cemetery Trustees, and John Baybutt from the Conservation Commission will be invited to the April 23, 2012 meeting at 7:30 p.m.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

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