

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
PLANNING BOARD  
Minutes of the Meeting- September 10, 2012

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

Vice Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Jeffrey Rose informed the Board that he has been appointed to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Rose will continue to be on the Planning Board as he will be the appointed Ex-Officio member of the Board, but he must step down as the chairman. He asked the Board members to consider if they would be willing to step into the open position. Sam Cohen asked that Jeff Rose briefly explain the duties outside of meetings that are required of the Chairman.

A reminder was given that the Board is scheduled for a site walk at 6:30 p.m. at Old Coach Road on September 24, 2012. A hearing for a sub-division is scheduled at the Town Hall following the site walk.

A possible meeting concerning Dollar General is on the agenda for October 8, 2012. Any Board member that may not be available should notify the Board as soon as possible to ensure a quorum.

An update was given on the Birch Glen Drive property owned by Mike Palmer, owner of Mike's Towing. Mr. Palmer had approached the Board about running his business from his house. He has since submitted an application to the Town to extend the roof on his garage. The house is in a sub-division on a road that is not approved. The Town owns some of the lots in the sub-division and they are listed as un-buildable lots. Town counsel will be contacted for interpretation.

The minutes of the August 27, 2012 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

Sam Cohen made a motion to modify section 4.6 of the Rules of Procedure by changing the scheduled meeting time of the Planning Board to 7:00 p.m. and section 4.7 to end the meeting by 9:00 p.m. David McKenzie seconded the motion and all were in favor.

An estimate was reviewed for work on the Master Plan by Southwest Regional. It was noted that money not used by the Planning Board does not roll over at the end of the year if it is not used. The Board discussed possible needs for the Master Plan revision. The Board members briefly discussed the vision statement and the need for feedback from the town. The Master Plan was tabled.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher  
Planning Board Recording Secretary