

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
PLANNING BOARD  
Minutes of the Meeting- March 14, 2016  
Minutes accepted on March 28, 2016

Present        David McKenzie, Chairman  
                 Christopher Maple, Vice Chairman  
                 Sam Cohen  
                 Donald Trow

Chairman McKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The minutes of the February 22, 2016 meeting were reviewed and accepted with minor corrections.

Chairman McKenzie reported that he has spoken to Brian Lombard, a DOT engineer concerning Mr. Manna's driveway located at Map 1, Lot 2. It was noted that the driveway is not in compliance with the State regulations. At this time the driveway is situated diagonally across the railroad tracks. The State regulations require the driveway to be straight across the railroad tracks. Chairman McKenzie will meet with Mr. Manna before the Planning Board continues on the case.

The Board worked on the Master Plan. It was noted that all of the Town Department 5 year plans have been received except the one from the Town Hall/ Government. Chairman McKenzie had planned to look at the results of the non-binding referendum, but the results were not available.

The Board reviewed the procedures for writing a Master Plan. It was noted that before the final version of the Master Plan could be accepted, there must be a Public Hearing for it. The Master Plan will be filed with the Town Clerk upon its acceptance.

Chairman McKenzie noted a new State Zoning Ordinance. Senate Bill 146 addresses accessory buildings. The new Senate Bill will allow for attached dwelling units. The Bennington Zoning Ordinance will need to be changed to conform to the State regulations. Chairman McKenzie noted that he will be attending a meeting about SB146. At this time SB146 has not yet been signed by the Governor. The effective date for the bill is June 1, 2017.

The Board reviewed the Future Land Use Plan and made edits to it.

Chairman McKenzie reported that work is needed along the river on North Bennington Road to prevent the river from causing erosion. According to the Road Agent, there is also a need for guard rails along that stretch of road.

In other business, newly elected Planning Board members David McKenzie and Christopher Maple were sworn in. Chairman McKenzie made a motion to continue with the same slate of officers for the Planning Board. Donald Trow seconded the motion and all were in favor. David McKenzie will remain the Chairman of the Planning Board and Christopher Maple will remain the Vice Chairman of the planning Board.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher  
Planning Board Recording Secretary