

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
PLANNING BOARD  
Minutes of the Meeting- May 9, 2016  
Minutes approved on June 27, 2016

Present        David McKenzie, Chairman  
                 Christopher Maple, Vice Chairman  
                 Jeffrey Rose, Ex- Officio  
                 Sam Cohen

Guest         John Paradise

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

The minutes of the April 11, 2016 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

It was noted that Kristie LaPlante, who was scheduled to meet with the Planning Board about the process of lot mergers at 7:15 p.m. was not available and has re-scheduled for June 13, 2016 at 7:15 p.m.

Chairman McKenzie presented a letter that was received from the Greenfield Planning Board pertaining to a proposed construction on a class 6 road in Greenfield which would require access through Bennington. John Paradise, the contractor was called and asked to meet with the Planning Board to explain the proposal. When Mr. Paradise arrived, he clarified his proposed project. The property is located entirely in Greenfield at the end of Dodge Road in Bennington. The building lot in Greenfield is approximately 2 ½ acres which abuts the Bennington town line. The proposed driveway will be located entirely in Greenfield accessing Muzzy Hill Road in Greenfield which is a class 6 road; the driveway will be about 20 feet from the Bennington town line. The proposed house will be set back at least 30 feet from the property line. Mr. Paradise is asking that Bennington would be responsible for supplying fire and rescue services to the property as well as police services as access to the property would be through Bennington. Sam Cohen suggested that the Selectmen ask the Fire Chief to approve or disapprove the request. Mr. Paradise noted that he will put a statement in the property deed that the road from the town line to the end of the driveway will be maintained by the property owner. It was noted that the Planning Board had no objection to the proposal and as a land use board had nothing to rule on as the property is located in Greenfield. Chairman McKenzie will forward a letter to the Selectmen noting that the Planning Board has no objection to the proposal.

The Planning Board discussed changes and edits to the Master Plan. Chairman McKenzie will continue forwarding updates to the Board members and suggestions and edits will be made. Sam Cohen will continue editing and working on cleaning up page numbers and general editing.

In other business, Christopher Maple suggested that the problem with the erosion and the road along the river in North Bennington might be fixed by removing the section of the road that is in trouble and redirecting it along the old railroad bed. This area is currently used for trail riding and hiking. The trails might be re-located to the road section. There are a few houses that might need to move their driveways. This idea will be shared with the Selectmen.

As there was no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher  
Planning Board Recording Secretary