

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
PLANNING BOARD  
Minutes of the Meeting- September 19, 2016  
Minutes accepted on October 10, 2016

Present        David McKenzie, Chairman  
                 Christopher Maple, Vice Chairman  
                 Jeffrey Rose, Ex Officio  
                 Sam Cohen ( 7:15 p.m.)

Chairman McKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The minutes of the August 8, 2016 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

Chairman McKenzie noted that as budget season is approaching, he would like to propose that the Planning Board line items remain the same as last year with the exception of removing the line item for Master Plan. The Board will research if a minimal amount will need to be left in the line item to hold the space open.

Jeffrey Rose reported on a problem on Mountain Road due to unauthorized work on the class 6 portion of the road. The work has been causing wash outs. The Selectmen have addressed the situation and the individual doing the work will work with the Road Agent per the Selectmen.

Chairman McKenzie asked the Board about their interest in ordering new 2017 Planning and Land Use Manuals. One hard copy will be ordered to be kept at the office and Sam Cohen would like a copy also. Chairman McKenzie will find out more information about the ebook and CD versions of the manual.

The Planning Board received an informational copy of a Wetlands Permit Application filed by the Paper Mill.

The Board discussed possible warrant articles. The three possible warrant articles were; accessory dwelling units, agri- tourism, and signs. Changes were proposed to the accessory dwelling unit article allowing an accessory dwelling unit without a special exception. The owner of the dwelling would need to live in one of the units but the resident of the other unit does not need to be a relative. Chairman McKenzie will type up the proposed changes for the Board to review.

The Town Zoning Ordinance cannot prevent agri-tourism and is currently does not prevent it. No changes were presented.

Changes were proposed to the sign portion of the Zoning Ordinance. Article IX,B.2 shall mean permanent signs. Also Article IX,B.3 shall be removed.

In other business, the September 26, 2016 meeting was canceled. The next Planning Board meeting will be held on October 10, 2016.

As there was no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher

Planning Board Recording Secretary