

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
PLANNING BOARD  
Minutes of the Meeting- March 8, 2010

Present            Jeffrey Rose, Chairman  
                      Barry White, Vice Chairman  
                      Peter Eppig  
                      Philip Germain, Ex Officio  
                      Melissa Stewart  
                      Josh Hall, Alternate  
                      Sam Cohen, Alternate

Guests            Peter Martel, ZBA Liaison

Chairman Rose called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The minutes of the February 8, 2010 meeting were reviewed at accepted with the following correction, page 1, paragraph 3, sentence 3, change “evasive” to “invasive”.

The minutes of the February 22, 2010 meeting were reviewed and accepted with the following changes, page 1, paragraph 2, sentence 3, add “ could be argued that it” after “project”and page 1, paragraph 4, sentence 3, change “chart” to “survey”.

The Board received notification that the Hardwicks would not be in attendance at the meeting. The Board made an attempt to review the application for completeness but found that it would be in their best interest to have the Hardwicks in attendance to answer questions. The Board may suggest that the maps be color coded to make it easier to review. A Completeness Review will be scheduled for March 22, 2010.

Vice Chairman White had a concern that the information written about the Multi Family Housing Warrant article did not get in the voter’s guide. None of the Board members had read the voter’s guide at this time as they had just been mailed out.

The Board continued to work on the proposed Driveway Regulations. A concern was noted about the number of lots in town that would need to go to the ZBA if the slope of the driveway requirement were to be changed to ¼ inch slope for 10 feet. Road Agent Russell does not believe that there would be many driveways effected by this. The Road Agent would like 1.n. to be changed from “5 feet” to “10 feet” to read “the grade of the driveway apron shall be constructed down from the road surface for a minimum of 10 feet”. Section C shall have “including but not limited to” added. 1A change “permit” to “driveway permit”. Chairman Rose made a motion to accept the document with the minor changes. All were in favor. The document will be sent to Town Counsel for review. It was noted that the application and checklist will be created from the regulations.

The Recording Secretary was dismissed at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher  
Planning Board Recording Secretary