

Town of Barnet

Zoning / Planning Board Meeting and Public Hearing **DRAFT** Minutes

Tuesday April 3, 2018

In Attendance

Board members: Benjamin Adams, William Biddle, Gary Briggs (late arrival), Bruce Denio, Dennis McLam, Shane Stevenson (late arrival), Sherry Tolle, acting Zoning Administrator and Secretary to the Board.

Members of the Public: Dakota Butterfield, Karen Stark, Matthew Stark, Mona Marceau

Meeting was called to order by Chairman McLam at 7:03 pm.

1. Public Hearing for adoption of the draft Zoning By-laws dated 3/4/2018

Notice is hereby given to the residents of the Town of Barnet, VT that the Barnet Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Conference Room of the Town Clerk's Office, 1743 US Rte 5 South, Barnet on Tuesday April 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. This hearing will be held for public review of and comment on the revision of Barnet's 1997 zoning bylaw pursuant to Title 24 VSA, Chapter 117.

The primary purpose of the proposed zoning bylaw revision is to correct references to State Statutes, expand flood plain regulations to conform to FEMA recommendations for flood insurance coverage, to expand conditional uses in some districts and clarify some definitions.

The public was asked for questions or comments. No questions were asked. The comments were favorable with appreciation of the work involved and changes made.

An email letter was read from Irene Nagle, NVDA Senior Planner, recommending two wording changes. See attached.

The Board members had no new input.

MOTION W. Biddle moved and M Bowen seconded a motion to approve making the changes recommended by Ms Nagle. The motion passed 5-0 with no abstentions.

MOTION W. Biddle moved and B Denio seconded a motion to approve the Zoning By-law draft dated 3/4/2018 with the Nagle recommended changes included and to send to the Selectboard for their approval. The motion passed 5-0 with no abstentions.

S Stevenson arrived.

2. Approval of the minutes of the March 13, 2018 meeting.

Sherry noted the error of the date.

MOTION M Bowen moved and W. Biddle seconded a motion to approve the minutes with the date changed. The motion passed 6-0 with no abstentions.

G Briggs arrived.

3. Public input

Matthew Stark questioned whether there was a permit for the property on Ferguson Rd butchering and selling meat. S Tolle said she had been having discussions with the owner about a permit. He was being cooperative. She clarified that he was not butchering at the farm, only selling meat from his animals that were butchered elsewhere.

4. Board member

Karen Stark and Dakota Butterfield have expressed interest in filling the position vacated by Kathleen Crown.

W Biddle suggested going into executive session to discuss the two candidates. Members of the public were asked if they had any other issues they wished to discuss. None did and they exited.

MOTION W Biddle moved and M Bowen seconded a motion to enter into executive session. The motion passed 7-0 with no abstentions.

A discussion of the merits of each candidate ensued.

MOTION W Biddle moved and M Bowen seconded a motion to recommend Karen Stark to the Selectboard to replace Kathleen Crown. The motion passed 7-0 with no abstentions.

MOTION W Biddle moved and M Bowen seconded a motion to exit executive session. The motion passed 7-0 with no abstentions.

5. Other business

S Tolle updated the board on S Warden's condition.

The board discussed the importance of following procedure to avoid future issues. This included a brief discussion of revising the permit application.

S Tolle will see that the Zoning By-laws and Board member recommendation are added to the Selectboard agenda.

Board member emails were collected to streamline communication.

Chairman McLam called for adjournment at 8:30pm

Sherry Tolle, acting Secretary

Date approved

Subject: Zoning Bylaws
Date: Apr 3, 2018 18:20:06
From: Irene Nagle
To: vtto.....
Cc: mar.....

Hi Sherry,

I reviewed the proposed revised Barnet Zoning Bylaws on behalf of NVDA. Everything looks great, but I have two

suggestions for edits:

On page 8, Section 2005.01 D. refers to the powers and duties of the Zoning Board in regard to the "official map." Based on the language in 24 VSA Section 4421(4) (B) pertaining to official maps, I'd suggest this sentence be revised to state: "To hear and grant or deny a request for approval of a conditional use for any structure within the lines..."

On page 10, Section 205.04 B., it's suggested that the sentence be revised to read, "In accordance with 24 VSA Section 1203 of the Municipal Administrative Procedure Act, similar restrictions..." This section of title 24 is actually in Chapter 36 rather than Chapter 117.

Have a good meeting tonight.

Irene

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