APPROVED 2/8/2022

Town of Barnet Planning Commission & Zoning Board Minutes

Meeting Date & Time: Jan. 11, 2022. 7 PM

Location: Barnet Fire Station – 151 Bimson Drive, Barnet, VT. 05821

Board Members Present: Board Chair: Ben Adams, Vice Chair: Dennis McLam. In-person Board Members: Bruce Denio, Trent Roy, Elizabeth Evans, Mark Bowen, Eric Skovsted, Zachary Mangione. Remote attendance: Dakota Butterfield via Zoom.

Also present: Shirley Warden – Barnet Zoning Administrative Officer, Board secretary, Dawn Holtz.

Members of the public present: William and Debra Laferriere of 291 Slayton Lane. Barnet, VT. and Scott Young of 635 Town Forest Rd. St. Johnsbury, VT.

Minutes:

- **Agenda #1 - Those present;** Chairman Adams called the meeting to order at 7pm with the above list of members of the board and listed members of the public present.

- **Public hearing for application #39-21 received on Dec. 10, 2021: Application #39-21 from applicant(s) William & Debra Laferriere to construct a foundation under existing Tax Map Lot #21/21/06, to be considered under Section 205.03 of Barnet Zoning Bylaws, for setback from property lines, right of ways, or town highways.**
  McLam asked if the camp was moving. Evans and Admas asked for further explanation of all that was being requested. Mr. Laferriere explained he is asking for a variance to raise the existing deck and put a foundation under it which would raise it up 8'. Adams explained that per §422.03 of the Barnet Zoning Bylaws porches and/or decks cannot be enclosed. Further discussion ensued. **Decision:** Evans motioned to approve the variance for an 8' foundation under the cottage only, with the conditions that the deck must remain on posts and may not be enclosed per §422.03 of the Barnet Zoning Bylaws. Denio seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion for the variance with set conditions approved.

- **Public hearing for application #40-21 received on Dec. 13, 2021 from applicant(s) Scott Young for conditional use (ice rink), Section table 305.03 RR District #13, outdoor recreation, Barnet Zoning Bylaws.**
  McLam asked for clarification of the location of the ice rink on the application map. Skovsted verified the size of the ice rink and boards used on the rink. Bowen asked if rink is currently being used and Evans asked if there have been any issues with neighbors. Mr. Young indicated the rink is used by his family only and there have been no complaints from neighbors to his knowledge. Skovsted discussed a previous precedent had been set regarding restrictions by his

own past application for an ice rink. Bowen asked if the previous restrictions set apply to all ice rinks, McLam indicated that each application has to be treated as an individual case due to different zoning districts per the bylaws. Further discussion ensued regarding time of day for use of rink, potential noise disturbances, and potential parking issues. **Decision:** McLam motioned to approve the conditional use for an ice rink with the following restrictions per §307.01 General Standard C and §307.02 Specific Standard L of the Barnet Zoning Bylaws: **1**. All parking must be off-street only **2.** Music, hockey, and all loud noise created from the rink must cease by 9pm. Skovsted seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion for conditional use for an ice rink approved.

Regular Meeting:

- **Agenda #2- Approve December minutes:** Warden suggested edits be made to the decisions - It should state *what* the decision was approving, not that the application is being approved. Warden clarified that proper procedure is the board does not approve the application, the ZAO does. The board only approves/denies requests for variances, waivers, conditional uses, etc. **Decision:** Evans motioned to approve Dec. minutes with the suggested edit, Bowen seconded, a unanimous vote followed. Motion approved, Dec. minutes approved with suggested edit.

- **Agenda #3 - New Business:**
    - ***Town Plan Committee Update:*** Skovsted provided a handout and gave a recap of his conversation with Alison Low of NVDA about the town plan updating process. Skovsted suggested next steps could be to set-up a subcommittee meeting to discuss timeline for update work. Further discussion ensued.
      Decision: Subcommittee will organize a meeting to discuss timeline of work and brainstorm plans, will report back to all board members at the next meeting on February 8, 2022.

    - ***ROP Subcommittee Update:*** Evans gave updates and noticed that ROP updating work has begun and a draft/working version is now available in both print and electronic as needed for all board members to review. Evans and Butterfield reviewed 2 big changes and asked all board members to review the changes and the document overall and get back to them with any edits, questions, etc. Discussion ensued. **Decision:** Subcommittee will await edits from all board members before finalizing and hopes to finish up that work to present new ROPs at next meeting on February 8, 2022 so a vote can possibly take place.

    - ***ZAO Updates:*** **1.** Warden indicated year-end work is underway and a last quarter permit list is ready and was distributed to each board member. **2.** Mr. Lawton has

submitted and application and will come before the board at the February meeting. **3.** Holtz and Warden set deadlines for each month for applications to be submitted to ZAO and sent to Holtz in order to meet all time requirements of VT statutes for public warnings, etc.

- ***Remote Meeting Access:*** Electronic access has been requested for future meetings for board members and for general public. Discussion ensued. **Decision:** Adams made a motion for electronic access to be made available for meetings via whatever way Holtz is comfortable using as long as everyone has access, Bowen seconded. All were in favor, motion approved.

- **Agenda #4 - Old Business:** Warden and Holtz indicated there is no old business at this time.

- **Agenda #6 - Correspondence:** Warden and Holtz stated neither had any additional correspondence to share at this time.

- **Adjourn:** Chairman Adams asked if there was any other business to attend to, all stated no. Motion made to adjourn meeting, approved by a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

A true copy, approved, 2/8/2022

Attest: Dawn Holtz (e-signature)
Board Clerk