

Town of Barnet Planning Commission & Zoning Board Minutes

Meeting Date & Time: April 11, 2023. 7 PM

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

Board Members Present: Ben Adams, Zachary Mangione, Bruce Denio, Eric Skovetsed, Dawn Holtz.

Board Members Not present: Dennis McLam, Elizabeth Evans, Mark Bowen.

Also present: Shirley Warden – Barnet Zoning Administrative Officer

Members of the public present: James Dumont, Jane Lawton, Michael Lawton, Catie Kinsella.

Hearing/Meeting Minutes: Adams called the scheduled hearing/meeting to order at 7:05 pm with the above listed present.

- **Agenda #1 - New/proposed agenda items:** Adams asked if there were any new/proposed agenda items. It was noted there were none.
- **Agenda #2 - Edit/Approve February minutes:** Skovsted moved to approve February minutes as written, Denio seconded, motion approved unanimously. It was noted a March meeting was not held.
- **Scheduled Public Hearing: CANCELED - COULD NOT BE HEARD DUE TO PENDING CASE STILL IN STATE ENVIRONMENT COURT.** It was announced to all present that the scheduled hearing for application #06-23 received on 03/09/2023 from applicant(s) Michael & Jane Lawton of 622 Keyser Hill Rd. St. Johnsbury, VT. 05819 for permit #01-22 under Section Table 305.02, Low Density #9, of the Barnet Zoning bylaws to bring the town permit into compliance with conditions allowed by Act 250 permit (+/- 20 acres for glamping not indicated on map) could not be heard and was canceled due to the pending case in the Environment Court.
- Mr. and Mrs. Lawton stated they came to the meeting to answer any questions. Secretary Holtz stated that the board is legally not able to discuss and/or hear anything pertaining to the permit/case since the issue has not yet been resolved in the Environment Court.
- Mr. Dumont stated that he was present to discuss a previously issued permit, #05-23, to dispute property lines. Mr. Dumont was made aware that he did not follow the proper process for this, the appeal period has expired for that permit and the board cannot hear any appeals/concerns outside of a public hearing. It was suggested to Mr. Dumont to visit the town clerk's office to view property maps and properly file an appeal on permit #07-23 which is still within the appeal period.
- Ms. Kinsella stated she was present just to listen and had nothing to say.

- All parties were made aware they were welcome to stay for the meeting however no further discussion or actions could take place regarding the Lawton's permits.
- **Agenda #3 - New Business:**
 - A. ZAO Updates - Warden distributed 1st quarter list of all permits issued and postcard mailings for each board member regarding Municipal Access Login instructions.
 - B. Skovested shared updates on Town Plan work with NVDA and stated the project may be slightly over budget. A discussion of necessary maps for the plan was included. It was decided that a final draft copy would be sent to all board members about 1 week before the next meeting so everyone can review/suggest edits at May meeting.
 - C. Holtz reviewed upcoming ending board member terms. Holtz also stated she will not renew her term as secretary on 7/1/23, her board term ends in 2026, she will continue as a member only. Discussion ensued, the board will solicit members of the public to serve in the role. Adams, Roy, Denio all stated they plan to renew their terms.
- **Agenda #4 - Continuing/Other Business -**
 - A. Warden made board aware a hearing will be scheduled for next month.
- **Agenda #5- Correspondence -** Holtz shared email notification/info from VT Center for Geographic Information about updates to Act 174 energy planning map products available to Planning Commissions.
- **Agenda #6 - Adjourn:** Adams asked if there was any other business to attend to, all stated no.
Vote/Decision: Holtz motioned to adjourn, Adams seconded. Adjournment approved by a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

A true copy, 4/11/23 - Attest: Dawn Holtz, Board Clerk