

Town of Barnet Planning Commission & Zoning Board Minutes

Meeting Date & Time: August 8, 2023. 7 PM

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

Board Members Present: Ben Adams, Zachary Mangione, Dawn Holtz, Dennis McLam(late arrival), Eric Skovsted, Elizabeth Evans, Trent Roy, and Bruce Denio. **Not present:** Mark Bowen.

Also present: Shirley Warden – Barnet Zoning Administrative Officer

Members of the public present: Dakota Butterfield, Christian Carter, Grace Gershuney.

Hearing/Meeting Minutes: Adams called the scheduled hearing/meeting to order at 7 pm with the above listed present. Warden noted that meeting should start with public hearing first.

**Regular meeting agenda items #1 and #2 were done before hearing (see below).

Public Hearing(s) Minutes:

Public Hearing - Town Plan public review: Adams opened the floor for discussion of town plan.

- Evans stated that NVDA approved substantial deference and they will finalize draft.
- Evans shared correspondence submitted via email from NEK Broadband regarding a correction on broadband timeline and cell phone accessibility. Discussion ensued.
- Evans shared correspondence submitted via email by Kathleen Monore, her list of suggestions was reviewed. Discussion ensued.
- Gurshuney shared support and concerns about accessory dwellings and asked how the bylaws will affect town plan in this regard. Discussion ensued.
- Butterfield asked how board decided what the 5 priorities in the town plan would be and stated that energy enhancements and community/social connection are very important as well and should be considered priorities. Discussion ensued.

Note: All submitted correspondence is on file and part of the public hearing record.

Motion: Denio moved to accept town plan with agreed upon proposed amendments and forward to selectboard for final review and adoption. Holtz seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Decision: Evans will forward final amendments to NVDA for insertion into plan. Town plan will be forwarded to selectboard for final review and adoption.

**McLam arrived and took over presiding meeting beginning with agenda item #3.

Regular Meeting Minutes:

- **Agenda #1 - New/Proposed agenda items-** None.
- **Agenda #2 - Edit/Approve July minutes -** Adams motioned to approve minutes as written. Mangione seconded. Evans, Skovsted, Roy, and Denio abstained due to being absent at July meeting. July minutes approved as written.
- **Agenda #3- New Business -**
 - A. Warden stated she has 3 applications to come before board next month.
 - B. Evans shared that she is resigning from the board effective September, she will attend September meeting as final meeting. Evans stated there is an interested person. Holtz will post a public announcement for new board member and secretary role again.
 - C. Skovsted asked if the town needed a variance for town hall. Warden stated no, she checked with town lawyer on this.
- **Agenda #4 - Continuing/Other Business:** None
- **Agenda #5 - Correspondence -** None.
- **Agenda #6 - Adjourn-** McLam asked if there was any other business, all stated no. Holtz motioned to adjourn meeting. Evans seconded, all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

A true copy, 8/08/23 - Attest: Dawn Holtz, Board Clerk