

**VILLAGE OF OLD BENNINGTON
PLANNING COMMISSION**

MINUTES
FOR
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019

Members present:

Robert Bullington, Chair; Suzanne Buchsbaum; Nancy Coseo; Galen Jones; Mary Pat Mazzola; Dennis McCarthy, Administrative Officer

Members absent:

None

Community Members present:

Dr. Steven Anisman; Ms. Julie Anisman

The Village of Old Bennington Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Bullington at 7:03 PM.

Chair Bullington explained that the Commission would be meeting in a deliberative session, this session will be closed to the public.

Chair Bullington asked Dr. and Mrs. Anisman if they had anything that they would like to address the Commission before the deliberative session.

Dr. Anisman asked; what if the State does not do as they say they are going to do? What recourse does the Village or residents have with this scenario? Dr. Anisman said that they do not have confidence in the State from past dealings, and are not sure that the State will operate any differently than they have in the past. They are also concerned with noise, appearance in a residential area,

Chair Bullington stated that the Commission can hold the State responsible for any and all conditions that the Commission may impose with this permit. If the State does not comply with the conditions of the permit, the Commission would proceed to violate the State and work to correct the violation as quickly as possible. Chair Bullington thanked the Anisman's for their comments; the Anisman's than left the area.

Ms. Mazzola made the motion to reenter the deliberation session of April 8th. Ms. Coseo seconded the motion; all in favor, unanimous.

Ms. Buchsbaum made the motion to come out of the deliberative session. Mr. Jones seconded the motion; all in favor, unanimous.

Ms. Buchsbaum made the motion to adjourn the deliberative session to June 10, 2019 the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission since the Commission deemed additional information/clarification from the Applicant was necessary. Mr. Jones seconded he motion; all in favor, unanimous.

The Commission reviewed the proposed Sub-division Bylaws as presented. Mr. Jones reflected on the fact that a great deal of the material in the bylaw does not address the reality of the property owners in the Village. Mr. Jones said most development would involve two or three lots not a large parcel of land. Mr. Jones suggested that the bylaw could be revised to show the details for those property owners that own the three to two lots that they might want to sub-divide and save them

the rigor of finding the information in several different parts of the bylaw.

Chair Bullington stated that some of the material came from the old bylaw. This information was included because of the chance that a large parcel may be created and would have to meet the bylaw in this area. Chair Bullington felt Mr. Jones had a valid point and could be discussed at the June 10th working session.

Ms. Coseo made the motion to table the bylaws until the next working session. Ms. Mazzola seconded the motion; all in favor, unanimous.

The Commission reviewed the minutes and addressed corrections.

Ms. Coseo made the motion to accept the minutes with corrections. Ms. Mazzola seconded the motion; all in favor, unanimous.

The corrections from Chair Bullington are as follows:

- 1) First page of April 08 minutes: Community Members present; Mr. Steven Anisman should have been Dr. Steven Anisman
- 2) Second page of April 08 minutes; eleventh line: Concerns: History pass should have been past.
- 3) Second page of April 08 minutes, 18th and 19th lines to be removed
- 4) Second page of April 08 minutes, new 26th and 27th lines added; "meeting since the Commission deemed additional information/clarification form the Applicant was necessary".

The corrections from Tracy Martin, Historic Sits Section Chief are as follows:

- 1) In the discussion of the battery backup system (2nd paragraph), the system actually brings the elevator either up to the observation level, or down to the ground level (depending on where the cab of the elevator is when the power goes off).
- 2) When we first began discussing the generator option, it was the generator (rather than the batteries) that we considered locating in the basement. Unfortunately, as you noted, the hatch access is too small to allow for that.

Respectfully submitted:

Dennis C. McCarthy
Administrative Officer
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