Village of Old Bennington

Minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting

August 11, 2025

*zoom recording link attached below*

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Members Present: Renny, Chris Ponessi, Carl Feltz, Elizabeth Warner

Others Present:

1. Call to Order at 7:04PM
2. Changes/Updates to the Agenda - none
3. Approval of minutes 6.14.25 – Motion to approve by Mr. Ponvert, seconded by Mr. Feltz. Motion passes 3-0-1
4. Citizen comments not related to Agenda – None
5. 2 Church Lane – Amendment to stipulation on fence application. Stipulation amended to read:

*The application is approved as submitted with the stipulation that the fence*

*be placed no less than four to five feet from the edge of the roadway. The*

*applicant agrees that the Village and Town of Bennington, or their*

*contractors, have the right to enter the 50 foot right of way as provided in*

*State statute to perform any required infrastructure work. The fence, if*

*obstructing any work, would need to be removed and applicant waives any*

*claims of damage from the roadway resulting from routine maintenance by*

*municipal employees or municipal contractors, such as snowplows hitting*

*the fence with ice, sand, stone, etc.*

Motion to approve by Mr. Ponessi , seconded by Mr. Feltz. Motion passes 4-0-0.

1. 16 Walloomsac – Review of updated site plan/landscaping plan as requested by PC. Brief discussion of length of time project taking and automatic pool cover previously approved. Updated plan will be included in files. No further action requested by PC.
2. Village Plan Discussion- Mr. Ponvert states that Tom Woodard will be the liaison from Trustees for the Town Plan. Mr. Ponvert suggests sending invitation to attend to Mr. Woodard for PC meetings addressing the plan. Mr. Ponvert reports all funding in for project and BCRC contracted as consultant. In addition, PC should consider bi-weekly meetings so that one meeting per month can be dedicated to Town plan work. Discussion continued on timeline for completion, division of labor, and general review of process while encouraging members to review documents from Village of Manchester town plan project recently completed.
3. Rules of Procedure – Discussion postponed
4. Old Business- None
5. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Mr. Ponessi at 7:36PM, seconded by Mr. Feltz. Motion passes 4-0-0.

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