

**VILLAGE OF OLD BENNINGTON
PLANNING COMMISSION**

MINUTES
FOR
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024

Members present:

Galen Jones - Chair, Nancy Coseo, Carl Feltz, Brian Scheetz, Renny Ponvert, Chris Ponessi

Members absent:

NA

Community Members present:

Anne Slattery, Mary Walsh, Andy Buchsbaum, Suzanne Buchsbaum, Wayne Kachmar, Megan Schwarzkopf (via Zoom)

The Village of Old Bennington Planning Commission was called to order at 7:01 PM.

There were no changes to the posted agenda.

Penny Ponvert motioned that the Commission accept the minutes from the 5/13/2024 meeting. Brian Scheetz seconded the motion. The Commission voted to accept the motion unanimously.

The floor was opened for public comments unrelated to the agenda. There were none.

Nancy Coseo presented a summary of the process to hold a zoning bylaw amendment hearing, and reviewed the current state of the proposed bylaw changes. Andy Buchsbaum and Suzanne Buchsbaum commented on the proposed changes to the bylaws for fences, and suggested a change eliminating split rail from the list of materials that could be used for road-facing fences. Megan Schwarzkopf raised a similar concern. Andy Buchsbaum also asked a clarifying question about the bylaw changes related to the Home Act; Nancy Coseo described those changes and directed him to the markup of the proposed bylaw document for further details. Megan Schwarzkopf asked how the updated lighting bylaw would be enforced; Galen Jones indicated that the zoning administrator would respond to lighting complaints from village residents.

Wayne Kachmar shared a PowerPoint presentation outlining the upcoming restoration work to take place at the Old First Church and planned future work. A copy of the PowerPoint file has been posted to the village website.

Mary Walsh discussed the details of the Application for Zoning Permit for 88 Monument Avenue. Board members raised questions about the materials to be used and regarding

specific details of the site sketch. The applicant indicated that they would revise the application to include additional information. The board took no action with regard to the application in its current state.

Renny Ponvert moved to table the agenda item for open discussion of a proposed rental registry. Carl Feltz seconded the motion. The Commission voted to accept the motion unanimously.

Brian Scheetz motioned to adjourn. Chris Ponessi seconded the motion. The Commission voted to approve the motion unanimously.

The Commission adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Brian Scheetz
Planning Commission Member