

November 19, 2018
Town of Benton
Planning Board Minutes

Planning Board Members Present: Chairman Martin Noble, Sam Gregory and William Darcy

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Chairman Noble called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

Member Darcy moved approval of the October 1, 2018 public hearing and meeting minutes, seconded by Member Gregory and approved.

The Members discussed the draft Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. They did not think there were any high risk areas likely for housing development that the Board should avoid. There also is a relatively low concentration of housing, nothing like the Mountain Lakes development in town. They had no suggested additions to the draft Plan which they found satisfactory.

Member Darcy described the correspondence received by the Board of Selectmen from the North Country Council, which is largely a regional planning agency, governed by Commissioners, two from each member town. The Commissioners are to be nominated by the local Planning Board and selected by the Board of Selectmen. Nobody currently is a Commissioner from Benton. Member Darcy nominated Martin Noble to be a Commissioner representing Benton, seconded by Member Gregory and approved.

The zoning and building regulations have not been revised since created in 1976 and there is much need for modifications to comply with subsequent statutory revisions and for clarity. Member Darcy suggested we make only non-controversial updates, since our citizens have not seen any revisions in a generation. He volunteered to try drafting the revisions.

The next meeting was set for December 17 at 5:30 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.