

October 1, 2018
Town of Benton
Planning Board Minutes

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

Also present: James and Margaret Elliott and Harry Burgess

These draft minutes of the Town of Benton Planning Board are believed accurate and correct, but they are subject to additions, deletions and corrections by the Planning Board at the next meeting when the Board votes its final approval of the minutes. These minutes are made available at this time to conform to the requirements of New Hampshire RSA 91-A:2.

Chairman Noble called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Member Darcy moved approval of the August 27, 2018 meeting minutes, seconded by Chairman Noble and approved.

Member Darcy moved acceptance of the application of James and Margaret Elliott for a lot line adjustment, seconded by Chairman Noble and approved.

Chairman Noble opened the public hearing on the application of James and Margaret Elliott for a lot line adjustment. James Elliott and Harry Burgess spoke in favor of the application. No other members of the public commented on the application and the public hearing was closed.

Member Darcy noted that all the required public notices were sent out to the abutting property owners, proof of which was in the file, and that notices of the public hearing were published in two newspapers, the *Journal Opinion* and *Bridge Weekly*. Chairman Noble stated the application met all requirements and no citizens objected to the line adjustment, so he moved approval of the application of James and Margaret Elliott for a lot line adjustment. Sam Gregory seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Member Darcy stated the Town was in the process of adopting a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and Community Wildfire Protection Plan, copies of which were handed out to members. He stated that the purpose of the plan was to reduce risks from the most likely hazards, including wildfires. The Planning Board played a role because land use regulations should be consistent with the need to reduce hazards, such as not locating buildings in fire or flood prone areas. He asked the members to review the plan for discussion at the next meeting.

Also discussed was the need to update the 1976 zoning and building code regulations in time for the next Town Meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.