

Town of Benton, New Hampshire

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Zoning Board of Appeals

Meeting Minutes – 06/03/2024

Board Member Attendees: Laura Richardson, Chair, Gilbert Richardson, Joseph Boutin III, Dwight Swauger, Michael Stiebitz, Clerk

Also in attendance: Kimberli and Louis Carpenter, Petitioners, William Darcy, Planning Board member and Selectboard Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm. The draft meeting minutes from the 5/20/2024 meeting were approved.

Board Chair Laura Richardson acknowledged the posting of the Notice of Public Meeting, the placement of the ad in the print media and the USPS Priority Mail notification of the abutters. Also acknowledged was the relocation of the current Zoning Regulations on the Town of Benton website. She remarked that the exact wording for the application fees on future submissions would have to be adjusted based on the \$9.98 per Priority Mail envelope used to notify the abutters of this application.

Next, the application and fee was received from the applicants, Kim & Lou Carpenter.

Laura distributed a "Variance Worksheet" to the board members. She distilled the major points required by the Zoning Regulations into a form which should help the board coordinate their assessments of the various questions required by the regulations.

Last item covered was "Conflict of Interest". One board member, M. Stiebitz, is an abutter and it was decided on advice of local counsel that that member should recuse himself to avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest. Another member of the Board will tentatively be performing work for the property owners, however this was not deemed to require recusal.

The motion to adjourn was made and the meeting ended at 6:26pm.

A true copy, attest:

Michael P. Stiebitz – Benton ZBA Clerk