

June 10, 2019  
Town of Benton  
Minutes of Planning Board Meeting

**Planning Board Members Present:** Chairman Martin Noble, Ken Kealey, Sam Gregory and William Darcy **Also present:** Gil and Laura Richardson; Nowell and Jeannette Brown

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Noble at 5:30 PM. Member Darcy moved approval of the May 7, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Member Kealey and approved.

The Board considered the building permit application of Gil and Laura Richardson of Learned Farm Road. They noted a major change in their plans, the elimination of the interconnection with the NH Electric Cooperative because of costs and their requirements. As a result, they would instead be installing solar panels on their roof and upgrading some other electrical equipment and would continue off the grid. The Board approved the permit as orally amended at the meeting and asked that Member Darcy forward that recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

Nowell and Jeannette Brown, prospective purchasers of land (that Jim Elliott had recently requested the Board to adjust the lot line and then sold to Jeff Elliott) inquired concerning the buildability of the land given its reputation as partially wetland. They noted that a percolation test for a septic system on that parcel had been successful. The Board stated their understanding that if the State DES granted a septic system permit that it would meet the relevant requirement for a building permit.

The Board considered and approved an application for building permit for a 20 x 8' shed at 12 Rollins Road (Paolino).

Member Darcy attended the annual Planning and Zoning Conference in Concord and noted the need for subdivision and driveway regulations and rules of procedure.

The next meeting is set for July 8 at 5:30 PM in the Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.