

1 BENNINGTON DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD MEETING
2 BENNINGTON FIRE FACILITY
3 130 RIVER STREET
4 BENNINGTON, VERMONT 05201

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6 TUESDAY, APRIL 02, 2013

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8 MINUTES
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10 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Copp-Chair; Barry Horst-Vice-Chair; Milt Surdam;
11 Dan Malmborg ; Bill Barney; Ron Alderman; Charles Kokoras

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13 ABSENT: *None*

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15 ALSO PRESENT: Dan Monks-Zoning Administrator; Blain Enman - Kesselring Engineers;
16 Charley Dooley-Craftproducers; (I) citizen; Linda E. Bermudez, Secretary

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19 At 6:30 P.M., Charles Copp called the meeting to order.
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22 **1.MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2013**

23 These minutes will be reviewed and approved at next meeting. One page from the
24 minutes was missing for members of the board due to an administrative error.
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27 **2. INTERESTED PERSONS – APPEAL RIGHTS – READING OF WITNESS’ OATH**

28 Dan Monks read the oath.
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31 **3. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND CONFLICTS OF**
32 **INTEREST**

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36 **4. BLS BENNINGTON, LLC, MERCHANT’S BANK, 210 NORTHSIDE DRIVE**

37 Dan Monks reminded all those present this is the second of two hearings on this project.
38 At the last hearing minor changes were requested by the board. Mr. Monks noted that this
39 project has received preliminary approval based on the changes requested.

40 Blain Enman, Kesselring Engineering, stepped forward to present the changes made as
41 requested by the board. He reviewed those changes on the revised plan. Parking spaces were
42 pulled from edges of parking lot; Native cedar trees are now labeled and their location on the
43 plans; and both the height and slope of the roof are now also noted on the plans.

44 The board had no further questions.
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46 *Barry Horst moved to go into deliberative session. Charles Kokoras seconded the*
47 *motion. The motion carried unanimously.*
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49 Mr. Enman noted that his clients are eager to move forward with the project. Mr. Monks
50 assured Mr. Enman he would be contacted as soon as possible.
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53 **5. CRAFT PRODUCERS, COLGATE HEIGHTS, DUO CORPORATION, MOUNT**
54 **ANTHONY PRESERVATION SOCIETY INC., PETER R. GEANNELIS, DONALD**
55 **WASSICK, WEST ROAD (CAMELOT VILLAGE AND ADJACENT FIELDS)**
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57 Dan Monks summarizes the project and notes this is the first of two hearings.

58 Charles Dooley stepped forward to present. He represents Craftproducers, the organizers
59 of the Southern Vermont Art and Craft Festival. Mr. Dooley noted this festival took place in
60 Manchester, VT at the Hildene Estate for many years. The Hildene Estate has decided not to
61 continue this festival. Since many of the artists from this event come from the general Southern
62 Vermont area as well as Albany, NY he contacted the Bennington Chamber of Commerce for a
63 location. Colgate Heights was suggested.

64 Mr. Dooley reviewed some of the specifics of the event. It will be a three day event in
65 early August. The hours will be Friday and Saturday from 10:00am to 5:00pm and Sunday from
66 10:00am to 4:00pm. It will include two large tents and parking shall be the same as Garlic Fest.
67 All artists will be on site. There will also be food vendors, a food court, live music and family
68 activities such as face painting etc. Craftproducers has already contacted the local Sherriff's
69 department for traffic control.

70 Barry Horst asked about security for the event. Mr. Dooley noted he has done this event
71 and many others like it for years in Manchester and Stowe. This type of event does not typically
72 have security issues. It is a daytime only event will is expected to draw less than half of what the
73 Garlic Festival does in only two days.

74 Ron Alderman had questions regarding clean-up. Mr. Dooley noted they bring in
75 approximately 24 garbage cans and a large dumpster. Staff continually removes the trash
76 throughout the event and will stay through till Monday to ensure all is clean.

77 Mr. Alderman also addressed security noting the Bennington Police Chief recommended
78 having an officer patrol the event on foot. Mr. Dooley again stated it is not usually needed,
79 however if that is what the Chief is asking then that is ok.

80 Dan Malmberg asked how many vendors and volunteers are expected. Mr. Dooley stated
81 they expect approximately 130 vendors. Volunteers vary from year to year but they do have a
82 pool of people they pull from. They will have 6 for the parking lot itself to assist with parking.

83 Charles Kokoras noted that there were no bathrooms noted on the plans. Mr. Dooley
84 explained it would be handled much like the Garlic Festival. A representative from Colgate
85 Heights (Brian Lewis) stepped forward and stated two of the buildings on site will be open to the
86 public for bathroom use as well as a trailer with ladies room facilities available.

87 Charlie Copp asked for further detail on how traffic will be handled on Route 9. Mr.
88 Dooley noted the Sherriff's would handle the traffic on Route 9 and once the cars have entered
89 the field the volunteers would direct traffic.

90 The board had no further questions.
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92 *Ron Alderman moved to grant Preliminary Approval. Barry Horst seconded. The*
93 *motion carried unanimously.*
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96 **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

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100 *Barry Horst moved to close the meeting and go to deliberative session. Bill Barney*
101 *seconded. The motion carried unanimously.*

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110 Linda E. Bermudez

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