

PLANNING BOARD
TOWN OF BERNE
PO Box 57
Berne, NY 12023

Date: July 21, 2016

Present: Richard Rapp (Chair), Mike Vincent, Debra Bajouwa, Wayne Emory (Board Liaison), Kathy Brown (Secretary)

Guests: Lisa Carr, Nicole Carr, Dawn Jordan

Mr. Rapp called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes from the July 7, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Vincent moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Bajouwa seconded and the motion passed, 3-0.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Home Occupation/Carr, 761 Gifford Hollow Rd.: Lisa Carr, owner of Carr's Creek Soaps, approached the Board about manufacturing hand-crafted soaps and lotions out of her home residence. Ms. Carr told the Board that she plans to market the soaps locally at vendor events. She said she has no employees and does not plan to sell the soaps out of her house. After considering the proposed use, the Board urged Ms. Carr to continue her business as she described and to return to the planning board should she need a sign or if her business expands.

Other Business:

Solar: The Board discussed the task of drafting a solar power ordinance for the Town. Mr. Emory stated that the Town Board, at its last meeting, introduced Local Law #2 for 2016, which was a six-month moratorium on ground-mounted solar systems. Mr. Rapp told the Board it would need to establish objectives and consider definitions relating to solar power. Setbacks, keeping up with technology and safety issues were discussed.

Mr. Vincent asked whether the Board could receive a monthly building report for the Town.

There being no further business before the Board, Ms. Bajouwa moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Vincent, and the motion carried, 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Brown
Planning Board Secretary