

PLANNING BOARD
TOWN OF BERNE
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Date: October 20, 2016

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

Guests: Dawn Jordan

Mr. Rapp called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Workshop on Draft Solar Ordinance:

Mr. Rapp opened the meeting by discussing a general framework for the planning and creation of a solar energy ordinance. He passed out a "solar use sheet" similar to the Town's Schedule of Uses which was discussed and reviewed.

The Board discussed the monetary incentives available for solar installations through NYSERDA.

Mr. Vincent talked about the need for notification to local Fire Departments regarding solar installations in the Town.

The Board discussed solar rights and the orientation of ground-mounted solar panels in residential yards.

Ms. Jordan suggested that the Board separate residential ground-mounted solar from large industrial solar farms in its proposed zoning regs.

Copies of the New York State Model Solar Energy Law were passed out. Mr. Rapp asked that Board members review for the next workshop meeting.

There being no further business before the Board, Ms. Bajouwa moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Mr. Vincent, and the motion carried, 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Brown
Planning Board Secretary