

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

Date: May 2, 2019

Present:

Planning Board Members: Todd Schwendeman (Chair), Mike Vincent, Mark Sengenberger, Dawn Jordan (Town Councilmember) and Cathy Shultes (Planning Board Secretary)

Guests Present: Sawyer Cresap, Mary Alice Molgard, Jason Smith, Lee Hartnett, Becky Wright, Gerald O'Malley, Peter Becker, and other interested citizens

Regular Meeting:

Todd Schwendeman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Review of Minutes:

The minutes will be reviewed for acceptance at the next meeting scheduled for June 6, 2019.

Old Business:

**Crosier, Marianna and John / Crosier, Barbara and Kevin: SBL: 91-1-30.11 / 683
Helderberg Trail, East Berne, NY 12059 / Preliminary review of Lot Line Adjustment
Application**

Lot Line Adjustments are not formally addressed in our Town code. The Planning Board has the ability to waive certain documentation (§179-25B) regarding Lot Line Adjustments. A recent survey showing the two parcels is available – no other survey is required.

New Business:

**Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy – Proposed signage to help hikers locate the
Keleher Nature Preserve more easily, located just off Gulf Road**

Sawyer Cresap from Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy attended to support and answer any questions regarding the application for signage. The signage was in compliance with §190-19 of the Town Code.

Mark Sengenberger made a motion, seconded by Mike Vincent to approve the application for signage as submitted. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Todd Schwendeman, Mark Sengenberger, and Mike Vincent.

New Proposed East Berne Firehouse: SBL: 80.-2-41 / 792 Helderberg Trail East Berne, NY 12059

Several members of the East Berne Fire Department came forward to present a preliminary Site Plan, Site Plan Application and Long Form Environmental Assessment form. Discussion included:

- Copies of the Site Plan, Site Plan Application and Long Form Environmental Assessment Form were distributed to the Planning Board members
- Property is just shy of 25 acres, with the project covering 5 acres on the western side.
- Two wells are onsite – 1 artesian well and 1 drilled well
- Planning Board has requested additional information regarding lighting, site vehicle access, operation of septic system, additional handicap parking spaces and potential LED signage.
- NYSERDA is being researched for energy efficiency
- Albany County Planning Board will need to be consulted for site distance.

Other

Proposed Minor Subdivision and Historic District Procedures and Form Documentation:

- Town attorney, Mr. Conboy has reviewed the documentation and has no further comment
- Copies of the documents will be forwarded to the Town Clerk and Supervisor to be added to the agenda for the May Town Board meeting

Battery Energy Storage System Webinar presented by NYSERDA:

- Cathy Shultes will circulate the link to the Guidebook and re-play of the webinar to Planning Board members (<https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Programs/Clean-Energy-Siting>)

Animal Regulation Issues for Local Governments (Webcast from Monday, April 22, 2019 – presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension):

- Lots of suggestions for sizes of animal pens

NYSDEC Hudson Estuary Aquifer Protection grant funding update:

Limited application to the Town, No further action needed.

Senior Housing Update (Mike Vincent):

- Jay Francis has expressed an interest
- Mike Vincent will speak to Jeff Thomas about sharing his plan / vision regarding property on Canaday Hill Road with the Planning Board

PERM / PESHA Training:

- Planning Board members are required to complete the training online (Workplace Violence and Sexual Harassment modules). This requirement can be waived if you can provide a certificate showing this was completed this year (2019) at your place of employment.

Tax Maps

- The 2019 tax maps were distributed to the Planning Board Members

Capital District Regional Planning Commission – Spring Workshop, May 29 @ HVCC, Troy

Adjourn

There being no other business before the Board, Mark Sengenberger made a motion, seconded by Mike Vincent to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Todd Schwendeman, Mike Vincent and Mark Sengenberger.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Shultes, Planning Secretary

