

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

**Date:** August 1, 2019

**Present:**

**Planning Board Members:** Todd Schwendeman (Chair), Mark Sengenberger, Emily Vincent, Mike Vincent, Cathy Shultes (Planning Board Secretary) and Mark Hohengasser (Alternate), Karen Schimmer (Town Councilmember)

**Guests Present:** Jamison Corallo, David DeBerry, Gretchen DeBerry, Bonnie Conklin, Karen Schimmer, Jim Becker and other interested citizens

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**Regular Meeting:**

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

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**Review of Minutes:**

***Motion:*** Mark Sengerberger made a motion, seconded by Emily Vincent to accept the minutes from July 11, 2019. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Todd Schwendeman, Mark Sengenberger, Emily Vincent and Mike Vincent.

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**Old Business**

- **Site Plan Approval - Emilie and Roger Wright: SBL 79.1-1-40 / 1667 Helderberg Trail, Berne, NY 12023** (*Deferred until the September 5, 2019 meeting*)
  
- **Preliminary Site Development Plan Review: MidTel: SBL 78.3-16.2 / 129 Canaday Hill Road, Berne, NY 12023**
  1. MidTel presented some additional drawings and NAP drawings. The Planning Board requested a more detailed Site Plan including more detailed NAP building specifications, bollards, relation to proposed Fire Department utility building and landscaping.
  
  2. A Public Hearing will be scheduled for September 5, 2019.

- **Preliminary Wind-Driven Power Generator Siting - Jamison Corallo of Viking Solar, Inc., representing David and Gretchen DeBerry: SBL: 80.-1-2.100 / 85 Simons Road, Berne, NY 12023**

1. J. Corallo initiated additional discussion around the level of detail necessary to design / install a wind-driven power generator.
  - a. Reference was made to the Town of Berne Code – Article § 187 Residential Wind Energy Facilities.
2. Work Plan was requested detailing scope, schedule and methodology to demonstrate requirements of Article § 187 are fully met.

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**New Business:**

There was no new business brought before the Planning Board.

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**Other:**

- **Battery Energy Storage System Moratorium Recommendation**
  1. No additional comments or edits were suggested to draft recommendation from Planning Board members.
  2. *Mark Sengerberger made a motion, seconded by Mike Vincent to forward the Battery Energy Storage System Moratorium Recommendation to the Town Board for review. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Todd Schwendeman, Mark Sengerberger, Emily Vincent and Mike Vincent.*
    - a. A Moratorium Recommendation will be provided to the Town Board to review at their August 14, 2019 meeting.

- **Review of NYSERDA Battery Energy Storage System Guidebook / Model Law Guideline / Model Permit**

1. The Planning Board is interested in obtaining the Fire Department's input:
  - a. What, if any additional details should to be added.
  - b. For "Placarding" what type of signage / information is needed for emergency personnel responding to an incident.
2. A second edit of the NYSERDA draft document and focus on what is applicable to non-industrial installations will be provided for the September meeting.
3. Applications for Solar, Battery Energy Storage and Wind installations should to be reviewed and formatted consistently.

- **Senior Housing Update**

1. Follow up correspondence was provided to Mr. Thomas asking him to contact the Town Board and /or Supervisor Lyons to move the issue of municipally supplied potable water for Senior Housing at SBL: 78.-3-24.

- **Minor Subdivision and Historic District Application Forms and Procedures / Binders**

1. Final edits will be made to the forms, and the binders will be assembled and distributed at the September 5 meeting.

- **Next scheduled meeting will be September 5, 2019**

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- **Adjourn**

*Mark Sengerberger made a motion, seconded by Emily Vincent to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Todd Schwendeman, Mark Sengerberger, Emily Vincent and Mike Vincent.*

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Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Shultes, Administrative Assistant