

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

Date: November 5, 2020

Present:

Mike Vincent, Planning Board Chair, Mark Sengenberger, Emily Vincent, Larry Zimmerman, Joe Martin, Pat Safford (Alternate) Cathy Shultes (Planning Board Secretary), Mat Harris (Town Councilmember, Liaison), Javid Afzali (Town Attorney) and other interested citizens.

Regular Meeting:

- Mike Vincent, Planning Board Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
- Introduction of Joe Martin, a new Planning Board member, and Pat Safford, a Planning Board alternate member.
- Review of Minutes from October 1, 2020.
 1. ***Motion:*** Mark Sengenberger made a motion, seconded by Emily Vincent to accept the minutes from October 1, 2020. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Mike Vincent, Mark Sengenberger and Emily Vincent.

New Business:

- Ralph Miller, 1136 Helderberg Trail, Berne, NY 12023
Mr. Miller spoke briefly about the beneficial aspects of solar farms.

Old Business:

- **Subdivision application for Bernard and Cathy Borelli**
1040 Huntersland Road, Middleburgh, NY 12122
SBL: 112.-1-9.1
 1. The Planning Board completed parts 2 & 3 of the short form EAF
 2. ***Motion:*** Larry Zimmerman made a motion seconded by Mark Sengenberger that the SEQR Parts 2 and 3 are complete, stating a Negative Declaration. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Mike Vincent, Mark Sengenberger, Emily Vincent, Larry Zimmerman and Joe Martin.
- **MidTel Communications (regarding the building located at the Berne Firehouse)**
129 Canaday Hill Rd, Berne, NY 12023
SBL: 78.-3-16.2
 1. Per Jim Becker from MidTel, the planting is complete as of this week.

- **Grippy Mine – SUP – Recommendation to the ZBA**
138 Cole Hill Road, East Berne, NY 12059
SBL: 115.-1-17 and 115.-1-18
 1. Rescheduled date for the Public Hearing is Tuesday, November 17, 2020.

Other

- **Battery Energy Storage**
 1. The Public Hearing for this local law was October 28, 2020.
 2. The document is available on the Town website.
- **Application for Home Occupation**
 1. Mark Sengenberger drafted the document, and worked to mirror previous documents for format and required information. A checklist and attachments still need to be added.
 - a. Suggestions mentioned: addition of company name, signage (an additional permit, require a sketch, size limitations), and signage/advertising on a vehicle or trailer parked in a driveway.
 2. Planning Board members should review document and make comments for additions/changes/deletions.
- **Application and Process for Lot Line Adjustments**
 1. Mark Sengenberger drafted a new application packet for the transfer of property between adjacent lands, with no new lots being created. Still needed are the appropriate attachments. This application would be for property line adjustments only, no building or site plan review included.
 2. Change or no change of Zoning must be addressed.

Adjourn

Motion: Emily Vincent made a motion, seconded by Mark Sengenberger to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Mike Vincent, Mark Sengenberger, Emily Vincent, Larry Zimmerman and Joe Martin.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Shultes, Administrative Assistant