

PLANNING BOARD  
TOWN OF BERNE  
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**Date:** July 1, 2021

**Present:**

Joe Martin Chair, Mike Vincent, Bob Kipper (via Zoom), Pat Safford (Alternate), Lawrence Zimmerman, Cheryl Rudolph (Planning Board Secretary),

**Regular Meeting:**

- Joe Martin, Planning Board Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
- Review of Minutes from June 17, 2021.
  1. ***Motion***, Larry Zimmerman *made a motion, seconded by Bob Kipper to accept the minutes from June 17, 2021. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Joe Martin, Mike Vincent, and Bob Kipper, and Larry Zimmerman.*

**New Business:**

**Old Business:**

1. Joe Martin went over the Conservation Boards Site Visit to Melanie & Jeff Teats Home. The Planning Board was very impressed with the report the Conservation Board submitted for review and a Thank You to them for the hard work that they do. There findings are listed below.

We wish to summarize by saying that there are some serious challenges to development of this lot. The most serious of these are:

- The protected wetland
- The wet conditions generally
- The bat foraging habitat which should be protected, likely due to its location near Thatcher Park with its bat hibernacula
- The pervasive emerald ash borer presence. Firewood cut on this site should not be moved off.

2. Motion, Joe Martin made a motion to forward the Teat's application send to Albany County Planning Board for review, seconded by Mike Vincent. Motion Carried with the following members voting aye: Joe Martin, Mike Vincent, Bob Kipper and Larry Zimmerman.

3. Marc Sengenberger has sent the Town his resignation letter. And has offered to still work with the Planning Board for anything they need.
4. Chance Townsend shared future IPS System for Building and Zoning. This IPS System will allow the Planning Board and Conservation Board and Building and Zoning to use this software to keep track digitally collaborate with SBL's. Including all record of files, data, maps etc.

**Other: none**

**Adjourn**

- ***Motion:*** Larry Zimmerman made a motion, seconded by Bob Kipper to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Joe Martin, Mike Vincent, Bob Kipper and Larry Zimmerman.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Rudolph  
Administrative Assistant

