

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

Date: March 5, 2020

Present: Tom Spargo (Chair), Mark Sengenberger, Mike Vincent, Larry Zimmerman, Cathy Shultes (Planning Board Secretary), Mat Harris (Town Councilmember, Liaison) and other interested citizens

Regular Meeting:

- Tom Spargo, Planning Board Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- Review of Minutes from February 6, 2020.
 1. ***Motion:***
Mark Sengenberger made a motion, seconded by Mike Vincent to accept the minutes from February 6, 2020. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Tom Spargo, Mark Sengenberger, Mike Vincent and Larry Zimmerman.

Old Business

- Public Hearing
Lot Line Adjustment – Gregory Domermuth, SBL: 114.-1-16.1 and 114-1-16.2, 93 Switzkill Road, Berne, NY 12023
 1. There was no public comment from meeting attendees or via written correspondence.
 2. ***Motion:***
Mark Sengenberger made a motion; seconded by Mike Vincent to close the Public Hearing for this application. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Tom Spargo, Mark Sengenberger, Mike Vincent and Larry Zimmerman.
 3. The recommendation from the Albany County Planning Board was reviewed.
 3. ***Motion:***
Mark Sengenberger made a motion; seconded by Larry Zimmerman to approve this application for the lot line adjustment. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Tom Spargo, Mark Sengenberger, Mike Vincent and Larry Zimmerman.

Other

- Senior Housing
Mike Vincent stated that the Town Board continues to look for a municipal water resource and is looking for volunteers to form a committee to investigate options to create a water district. Mike Vincent has volunteered to be a committee member representing both the Planning Board and the Seniors. James Bushnell, our Building Inspector shared that Switzkill Farm has wells to provide the water resource and that he also has volunteered for the committee.
- Streetlight LED Upgrade
The individual coordinates have been provided so that a lighting map can be designed and the project can move in a forward motion. Todd Schwendeman will continue to be the lead on this project.

- **Small-Scale Battery Energy Storage**
The Planning Board had forwarded the draft of the Local Law to the Town Board for approval. Grammatical and scientific comments were provided for our review. We will defer further review until Todd Schwendeman is available as lead on this matter.

New Business

- **Survey**
Mike Vincent was suggesting that Town residents be provided with a survey to identify needs (babysitting, computer repair, shopping, small engine repair, bank, financial planner, etc.). To assist in this effort, Larry Zimmerman suggested that the Comprehensive Plan be reviewed.

Adjourn

- Mark Sengenberger made a motion, seconded by Larry Zimmerman to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Tom Spargo, Mark Sengenberger, Mike Vincent and Larry Zimmerman.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Shultes, Administrative Assistant