

Berkshire Planning Board

Minutes

October 4, 2011 – 6:30 pm

Members with term expirations:

Ken Ceurter	Chair	2015
Joe Palmeri	Vice-Chair	2012
Tim Pollard	County Planning Board Rep. (through 2013)	2014
James Lacey		2011
John Gehm		2013
Sarah Albrecht	Ad Hoc Member/Secretary	2011
Darlene Hoffmier	Ad Hoc Member	2011

A) Meeting called to Order at 6:37 p.m.

- 1) Pledge of Allegiance
- 2) Role Call/status of membership: Gehm, Hoffmier unexcused absences
- 3) Palmeri moved to accept the minutes of the September meeting. Lacey seconded and the motion carried unanimously..
- 4) Privilege of the Floor - None

B) Meetings & Committee Update

- 1) Town Board activities that pertain to PB – draft Town Board meeting minutes were sent via email. We would still like some clarification on how the Swartwood case ended up referred to the State despite the variance denial; still some confusion re: septic requirements for the fire station, but the Site Plan Review was approved; no status on the dog law that we are aware of.
- 2) County Planning Board issues pertaining to Berkshire–Pollard reported that there were four projects reviewed: 2 bldgs. for equipment and a warehouse in Barton related to gas drilling (approved all 3), and a storage facility (rejected for improper paperwork and concerns that a SEQR was being avoided; similar 2000 sf facility approved earlier this year for same requester).

C) Unfinished business:

- 1) Action items from previous meeting – Fire Station status: Bldg. committee has not met since last report. Pollard is not sure what the hold-up is, but is concerned about the schedule.
- 2) TING handbook and more gas stuff – Ceurter has written to Town Board numerous times and requested more information regarding TING handbook and gotten no response; some towns are attempting to regulate drilling via their zoning but finding themselves involved in lawsuits as a result (Dryden, Middlefield).
- 3) Training opportunities – TC3 Regional Conference on October 25 (no one planning on attending); Hydrofracking forum in Binghamton on Nov. 17 1:00-4:00 or 6:00-9:00 (Lacey planning on attending); Ceurter sent IOGA email to Elaine to see if she will schedule something for the county but has gotten no reply.
- 4) Posting of roads for ATV and Snowmobile – Pollard and Ceurter have not yet done survey.
- 5) Dog Law Status – Do not know an updated status.
- 6) Comments on Ken’s draft of Planning Board Creation Law – key is to get Alternate Member included (old adhoc). No further comments.

- 7) Unregistered Vehicle law review – completed review of section VI. Will start on section VII at next meeting.
- 8) Other Local Law reviews – at some point we need to do something with the road usage, but until we can get the Town Board to engage with TING, we cannot really proceed.

D) New Business

- 1) Newsletter – drafted article which Sarah will send to group for approval and then to Fraser Williams (with a copy to Skip).

Next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1, 2011.

Next Town Board meeting is scheduled for Mon., October 17th and workshop is Thurs. the 13th.

Motion to adjourn by Lacey, Pollard second. Carried at 8:51.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Albrecht, Secretary