

Berkshire Planning Board Meeting Notes

March 7, 2023- 6:30 pm

Members with term expirations:

Charles Ouellette- Chair	2026
Ken Ceurter- Vice Chair	2025
Nancy Lohmann- Secretary	2027
Sam Davison	2024
Mike Bobal	2023
Jim Lacey- Alternate	2023
Nate Coveney- Alternate	2023
Open-TCPB Representative/Alternate	2023

Meeting was called to order at the Town Hall at 6:35 pm.

- **Roll Call:** Ceurter, Coveney, Davison, Lacey, Lohmann, and Ouellette were present. Bobal was excused.
- **Secretary minutes** were provided and amended by email prior to the meeting. Davison made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ouellette . All Planning Board members present were in favor.

**Town Board Meeting:** No report.

**County Planning Board Meeting:** Abraham David attended the February meeting as a potential representative for this open position.

- 239 Review: Town Richford submitted a Solar Local Law to regulate solar energy generating systems within the town's boundaries. The proposal was approved with the following conditions: the Richford Town Board hold a public hearing before the adoption of the local law, the Town Board and Planning Board conduct an environmental assessment using the full EAF as this is a Type I action under the NYS SEQR law, and the Town Board review the lot coverage requirement because it might have the opposite effect of the intention, and use more land to satisfy the local law requirement.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Status of Solar Law –Supervisor Jordan will send Berkshire Local Solar Law to TCPB before their next meeting.
- Status of Subdivision Law with DOS – Supervisor Jordan was asked to resubmit the Subdivision Local Law to DOS.
- The County PB position-Abraham David has volunteered to be the Berkshire representative on the Tioga County Planning Board. Lohmann will send monthly Berkshire Planning Board minutes to him.
- Uniform Code Draft- The Planning Board continued their review and editing of this draft.

**New Business**

- Ceurter met with Supervisor Jordan about some outstanding issues he previously had including possible job descriptions for town employees and Ceurter will send an email to PB member with more details.
- Lohmann reported on February First Responders Program. She noted that a new tax exemption for firefighters and ambulance workers is available and may require town actions for taxation relief should the Town Board decide to act on this.
- Training opportunities will continue to be available online monthly from the Hancock Estabrook's Municipal Bootcamp.

Coveney made a motion to adjourn at 8:34 pm. It was seconded by Ouellette. All members present were in favor.

PB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 6:30 pm