**Berkshire Planning Board Meeting Notes**

**August 3, 2021**

**6:30 pm**

Members with term expirations:

Adrian Biscontini- Chair 2023

Ken Ceurter- Vice Chair 2025

Nancy Lohmann- Secretary 2022

Tim Pollard- County Planning Board Rep. 2024

David Salak 2021

Jim Lacey- Alternate 2021

Dana Ouellette-Alternate 2021

**Meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.**

* **Roll Call**: Biscontini, Ceurter, Lacey and Ouellette met at the Town Hall; Lohmann was excused. Pollard, and Salak were absent.
* Secretary minutes were provided and amended by email prior to the meeting. Ceurter made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Lacey. All members present were in favor. Due to Lohmann’s absence, Ceurter recorded minutes during the meeting.

**Meetings and Updates-Town Board** – Biscontini attended the June Town Board meeting and sent a summary of the meeting to the Planning Board in an email prior to the PB meeting. Biscontini reported that the Site Plan was not discussed or approved. Biscontini reported on the Planning Board progress on the Subdivision Draft Law.

**County Planning Board Meeting** – Due to Pollard’s absence no County activity was reported.

**Unfinished Business-**

* Local Law Review- After a brief discussion, Ceurter made a motion to approve the Subdivision Law. The motion was seconded by Lacey. It was voted on and approved by the Planning Board. It will need to go to the county board for their review and forwarded to the Town Board for approval. Since the new Subdivision Law references the new Site Plan Law, the new Subdivision Law should not be acted on by the Town Board until the Site Plan hearing and approval is completed and the law is submitted to the state.
* **New Business-**
* The Planning Board continued the discussion regarding the creation of a local Solar Law that began at the July meeting. Ideas and suggestions were discussed that would be the foundation and the purpose for creating a draft. Some proposed areas to be addressed will include but not be limited to the following: adherence to the Comprehensive Plan, fencing, glare, set back requirements, decommissioning plans, visibility, and use of farm land, typical safety and welfare items, protection of land owners and neighborhoods, impact on wildlife and scenic disturbance. The NYSERDA template and local laws from Candor and Nichols and others will be used as a reference.
* Biscontini submitted a Planning Board article to the Town newsletter.

Ceurter made a motion to adjourn at 8:10pm. It was seconded by Lacey. All members present were in favor.