

Berlin Planning Commission

Approved Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2015

Present: Karla Nuissl, Clara Ayer, Tom Badowski, Sally Herring, Kim (CVRPC), Brandy Saxton, Dana Hadley

Next meeting: February 25, 2015, 7pm, Berlin Town Offices

1. Meet and Greet with Brandy Saxton:

Brandy came to Berlin to meet with a few members of the Planning Commission, the Town Administrator, the Zoning Administrator and Kim from the CVRPC.

Brandy discussed different ways she communicates with the public to get input:

- Everything is posted on her website and is available to download
- Video Presentations
- Meetings
- Attending Community Events
- Attending various group meetings ex: Rotary Club

Brandy also discussed how she likes to get a tour of the town so she can start to get a feel for what our town is like.

Some issues that many towns are thinking about as they update their regulations:

- Development:
 - Where do we want development
 - How do we want it to look
 - At what density?
 - Planned Unit Development – system to keep track?
- Water Issues:
 - Storm Water
 - FEMA
- Agriculture and Rural Section
- Landscaping, Lighting and Buffers
 - Can be good to keep these very specific

Timeline:

- Hand something out at Town Meeting
 - Watch for upcoming information about updating our Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and creating a Unified Code on: Front Porch Forum, Town Website etc.
- Draft complete by May 2016 with a Public Hearing to follow
- Town Approval vs. Select Board Approval – Berlin requires a Town Approval