

Berlin Planning Commission

Approved Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2015

Present: Brandy Saxton, Tom Badowski, Karla Nuissl, Clara Ayer, Geoff Farrell, Sally Herring

Next meeting: June 10th, 7pm, Berlin Town Offices

1. Discussion:

• Public Forum

- Karla called the meeting to order and gave an introduction and background to the current project of revising the zoning and subdivision standards:
 - The Land Use Regulations are what we have in place to carry out the Town Plan
 - Subdivision Regs are from 1989
 - Creating a “Unified Code” for better integration
 - Grant Approval
 - Brandy Saxton was hired as a consultant
 - Planning Commission wants Public Involvement
 - Timeframe → hoping for a special vote in November of 2016 for approval and adoption of new code.
- Brandy began discussions on the zones the Planning Commission is currently concentrating on:
 - Revitalization of Route 302
 - Commercial/Industrial
 - Historic 4 Corners
 - Town Center
 - Riverton
 - Rural Qualities
 - Berlin Pond
- Emphasis was given that this is currently the IDEA phase, there are lots of ideas that have been thrown around based on research and other municipalities. The PC would love to have feedback from the town
- Ideas suggested/wants from attendees/residents:
 - PEDESTRIAN ACCESS – everywhere but specifically Route 302
 - Junction Road Flood Plain issue – new development
 - Park – public bench – picnic table
 - Berlin Pond Access – possibly grassy area and Adirondack chairs?
 - Other NEEDS: Slopes, Storm Water, Subdivision
- Please follow the progress by going to Placesense.com/Berlin or Berlinvt.org

2. Meeting Adjourned