

Village of Bergen  
Planning Board Meeting  
March 17, 2010

**Planning Board Attendees:**

Kevin Donovan, Chairman  
Mary Anne Cooper  
Marian Partridge  
Jean Stewart  
Vicky Almquist, Alternate  
René Vurraro, Secretary

**Other attendees:**

Jason Fritsch  
Ralph Marsocci

Meeting Opened at 7:32 pm

**Approval of meeting minutes:**

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Planning Board meeting held January 20, 2010 as corrected was made by Jean Stewart and seconded by Mary Anne Cooper. The motion carried by the following vote:

Chairman Kevin Donovan – aye  
Mary Anne Cooper – aye  
Marian Partridge – aye  
Jean Stewart - aye

**Introduction of New Members:**

Mary Anne Cooper has been approved as a full member.  
Vicky Almquist has been approved as an alternate.

Jason Fritsch, who is attending, will be put before the Village Board for approval as an alternate at the next Village Board meeting.

**Training:**

The Genesee County Planning Board will host a Comprehensive Planning training in Bergen at the Village Office on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. The training will be 2 hours. Local municipalities will be invited to attend.

The Spring 2010 Regional Local Government Workshop is Friday, May 14, 2010. This training offers many possible topics and will be paid for by the Village if you plan on attending.

We will contact Genesee County to inquire about any additional training opportunities.

### **Privilege of the Floor:**

Ralph Marsocci, Mayor-elect was given privilege of the floor. He wanted to introduce himself to the Planning Board members and let them know that if they needed anything he is there to support them. He encourages communication and gave Board members his cell phone number.

### **Village Board meeting recap:**

Chairman Donovan attended the last Village Board meeting and brought back the following information to Planning Board members.

- Gates Street – possible future closing
- Electric usage – close to capacity, renegotiate contract for more electric

### **Old Business:**

#### **Zoning Law Changes**

The Planning Board discussed the Sandwich Board sign recommendations and all members agreed with the recommendations as written in the January 20, 2010 meeting minutes as corrected. Chairman Donovan also presented the Board with a definition for a free standing sign.

Free Standing Sign – A sign attached to a self-supporting structure which is unattached to any building or other structure.

The Planning Board agreed that they liked the definition and it should be included in the sandwich board sign recommendations.

A motion to approve the exempt type two SEQR for the zoning changes was made by Chairman Kevin Donovan and seconded by Mary Anne Cooper. The motion carried by the following vote:

Chairman Kevin Donovan – aye  
Mary Anne Cooper – aye  
Marian Partridge – aye  
Jean Stewart – aye

A motion to recommend the zoning law changes as written in our January 20, 2010 minutes and including the free-standing sign definition was made by Chairman Kevin Donovan and seconded by Marian Partridge. The motion carried by the following vote:

Chairman Kevin Donovan – aye  
Mary Anne Cooper – aye  
Marian Partridge – aye  
Jean Stewart – aye

The recommendation will be given to the Village Board for review. A Genesee County referral will need to be completed and the document will need to be reviewed by our attorney.

**Grass & Weeds**

Chairman Donovan has looked into this matter further and has determined that this is not the jurisdiction of the Planning Board. This issue was covered with Local Law 1 of 2010 which was passed by the Village Board.

**Lacy Katzen awning inquiry**

No further information has been received on the inquiry from Lacy Katzen.

**High Speed Rail**

Chairman Donovan received some information on the High Speed Rail and has it for any members who are interested in copies. Mary Anne Cooper expressed interest in a copy.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Marian Partridge and seconded by Jean Stewart.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Chairman Kevin Donovan – aye

Mary Anne Cooper – aye

Marian Partridge – aye

Jean Stewart – aye

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

René Vurraro  
Village of Bergen  
Planning Board Secretary

### **Completed Training Hours (June 2009 – May 2010)**

Chairman Kevin Donovan

- **8 hrs** – 11/20/09 Fall 2009 Regional Local Government Workshop

Mary Anne Cooper

- **6.25 hrs**– 11/20/09 Fall 2009 Regional Local Government Workshop

Holden Miller

- **7 hrs**– 11/20/09 Fall 2009 Regional Local Government Workshop

Marian Partridge

- **No hours to date**

Jean Stewart

- **No hours to date**

Vicky Truax

- **No hours to date**

René Vurraro

- **No hours to date**