

Germantown Planning Board
50 Palatine Park Road
Germantown, NY 12526

May 27, 2021

The Germantown Planning Board opened its regular meeting on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom. Those in attendance were Chairperson Tim Otty, Chris Brown, Jennifer Crawford, Kerrie Abela, Garrett Montgomery, Lauren Williams, and George Sharpe.

Tim Otty asked for approval of the April 29, 2021 meeting. Jennifer Crawford noticed a correction needed to be made in regards to the application for a Subdivision on Church Avenue, Fraser Fir. It states the property is in an Ag District. It is not in an Ag District, but is within 500' of an Ag District. Tim Otty will make the correction. Motion to accept the minutes as corrected and amended was made by Chris Brown, seconded by Lauren Williams. All in favor. So carried.

Emlyn Eisenach and Eric Posner, 159 Maple Avenue, Tax ID#158.4-2-5, represented by Kristina Dousharm/Dawn Santiago, came before the Board regarding their application for an accessory apartment. Tim Otty asked if a variance has been approved and granted from the ZBA, which it has been applied for but not yet approved. Discussion was held regarding what will be needed for a Special Use Permit, which is also obtained from the ZBA. Until approval is granted from the ZBA, the Planning Board can not formally review the application. The applicant will return after the scheduled Public Hearing for the ZBA.

Old Business:

Solar Zoning Law was discussed at the previous Planning Board meeting. Jennifer Crawford presented recommendations which were given to the Town Board. Tim Otty suggested adding residential use versus solar farms, with power from solar farms being used within the Town of Germantown. Jennifer Crawford will research the additional recommendation to be given to the Town Board. Motion was made by Lauren Williams, seconded by Garrett Montgomery, to accept the recommendations and present to the Town Board to adopt the definitions as presented. All in favor. So carried.

Further discussion was held on solar regarding the dimensional standards for the scheduled permitted uses for Tier 1, 2, 3. The concerns for solar farms included fire support and the ability to drive on the property to reach water supply as well as the ability of National Grid and G-Tel to remove trees as needed.

With no further business, motion was made by Jennifer Crawford, seconded by Lauren Williams, to adjourn. All in favor. So carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Desiree M. Webber
Secretary