

**Town of Bethany
Regular Planning Board Meeting**

October 2, 2008 Meeting Minutes – DRAFT

Members in Attendance: Williams; Phillips; Street; Fluker; Carli; Wilson
Member Absent: Cipriano

Also in attendance: Wm. Gick, Town Board member.

Meeting opened at 7:28 PM by Chair Williams. The minutes of the July 2008 Planning Board meeting were reviewed (there were no meetings in August and September as there was no business to attend to). A motion to approve the July minutes was made by Williams, seconded by Wilson, and was unanimously approved by a verbal vote by members. There was a brief discussion by members regarding the proposed DEC open burning ban.

New Business:

The Planning Board considered Area **Variance BAV-08-3** dated September 22, 2008, by Wm. Hirsch. The variance was to allow the erection of a 24'x30' accessory structure (pole barn) within 10' of a side yard boundary. Discussion ensued regarding the existence of septic system somewhere on the lot and the lot's driveway, which appears to have prompted the proposed building location. Carli stated that without the owner/applicant present to explain his reasoning in locating the proposed structure, it was difficult to justify the variance request. Carli made a motion to recommend disapproval of the Area Variance to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The motion was seconded by Williams. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 2; Carli will send an email message to the Town Clerk asking her to prepare and send a letter to the ZBA, indicating our recommendation. (The vote on the motion was thus: Williams-yea; Carli-yea; Fluker-yea; Phillips-nay; Street-nay; Wilson-yea).

Correspondence Received:

Chair Williams noted and distributed copies of a recent NYCOM Bulletin, "Counting Heads: Quorums...of Municipal Law". He also distributed instructions for access of the County's Parcel History Database. He further noted several Training Bulletins available to members, from the County, consultants, etc.

Old Business:

Planning Board members filed vouchers for the Town Clerk.

A motion was made by Wilson to adjourn, seconded by Williams, approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The above meeting minutes constitute the writer's understanding of the items discussed, decisions/directives rendered, and follow-up required. Please contact the writer within five (5) days of the issue date with any corrections and/or additions hereto. Otherwise these minutes are accepted by all parties present to be accurate.

Respectfully submitted,

David I. Carli, AIA
Planning Board Member