

Gallatin Planning Board
667 CR 7, Gallatin NY 12567
Meeting Minutes

ACCEPTED
January 22, 2018

Attending: Chairman Terry Porter, Larry Brody, Bruce Humphries, Phil Peeples, Alternate Richard Veith, Councilman Fraser Patterson
Absent: Brian Arico

Chairman Porter called the January 2018 GPB meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Chairman Porter was contacted by Kathryn Slensky of Benton Road. She had concerns that a neighbor was following the Zoning Law in building a new residence on the property formerly owned by Will Stanley on Benton Road. Chairman Porter met with Kathryn & her cousins to re-assure them that the Zoning Law was being followed.

As we left our November meeting where the Town Board met with the Planning Board, it was agreed that the Comprehensive Plan & Zoning Law needed to be updated. All agreed that the services of a professional planner would be required to move ahead. The Planning Board was surprised to know that the Town Board, at the January organizational meeting, had voted to move ahead without the services of a professional planner and instead to undertake the revisions in-house with the expertise of the Town Board and the Planning Board. Councilman Fraser indicated that the Town Attorney would be consulted, but that has not occurred to date. Based on our past experience, the Planning Board still feels the need for a planner to oversee the process. The impartiality of a planner would eliminate any sense of impropriety that might be construed by going through this process in-house. A planner provides direction, outlines the process and sets a schedule. A planner is versed in how to best involve the public in the process and has the expertise to analyze all data gathered. No matter the direction taken, the Planning Board looks forward to working with the Town Board to update and revise the Comprehensive Plan & Zoning Law to better reflect the needs and desires of the Town of Gallatin today. Councilman Fraser agreed to inform the Town Board of our discussion.

Draft minutes from the November 27, 2017, meeting were reviewed.
Larry made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Phil 2nd. All were in favor.

With no other business to discuss, Bruce made a motion to adjourn at 8:00pm,
Larry 2nd. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Porter, Chairman