

**Town of Bergen Planning Board  
Minutes for August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Bergen Town Hall**

**Present:** Gary Fink, Norm Pawlak, Dominic Camelio, Mark Gerhardy, Kathi McLaughlin, Randall Holbrook and John Skomski, Alt.

**Not Present:** Bill Robinson

**Also Present:** Dave Mason, Jim Starowitz, Shari Newman, and Donald Lievense

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fink at 7:00 p.m. A motion to approve the July 2012 minutes was made by Kathi McLaughlin, seconded by John Skomski, voted and carried. Norm Pawlak abstained. Chairman Fink also stated that John Skomski will be counted as a voting member.

**Shari Newman – Floral Shop Proposition.** Ms. Newman expressed her interest in opening a flower shop on the corner of Route 19 and Peachey Road in the existing building. Ms. Newman has been a resident of Bergen for 2-3 years and has been involved with professional horticulture for 12 years. Her thought was to sell annual, perennials, shrubs and fresh cuts. She plans on utilizing most of the lot and doing repairs to the existing building. When given her idea of having the entrance on Route 19 members discouraged it due to traffic. Ms. Newman understood and was open to the idea of having the enter/exit off of Peachey Road. It was suggested to Ms. Newman that her next step be to hire a civil engineer to draw up a plan and bring it back to the board.

**Jim Starowitz – Bulk land Transfers.** Jim Starowitz presented the board with two proposals for bulk land transfers. The first one is located on 7743 Sackett Road. The plan is to separate the house from the farmland. The whole lot is approximately 60 acres and the house lot approximately 1.7 acres. After discussion and reviewing the maps, a motion to waive the public hearing due to no neighbors within 500 feet and no change to the land, was made by Mark Gerhardy, seconded by Dominic Camelio, voted and carried. A motion to classify this as a bulk land transfer was made by Norm Pawlak, seconded by Kathi McLaughlin, voted and carried. A motion to approve the bulk land transfer contingent on county approval was made by Norm Pawlak, seconded by Dominic Camelio, voted and carried. The proposal will be sent to the county due to it's location in an AG district.

The second bulk land transfer is located on 6266 West Sweden Road. Like the first, the reasoning is to separate the farmland from the house lot. The entire lot is approximately 43 acres and the house lot is around 2.4 acres. A motion to waive the public hearing due to no neighbors within 500 feet and no changes to the land was made by Norm Pawlak, seconded by Kathi McLaughlin, voted and carried. A motion to classify this as a bulk land transfer was made by Dominic Camelio, seconded by John Skomski, voted and carried. A motion to approve the bulk land transfer contingent on county approval was made by Kathi McLaughlin, seconded by Dominic Camelio, voted and carried. Due to the location in an AG district, the proposal will be sent to the county.

### **Old/New Business**

- **Anonymous Letters.** Norm Pawlak suggested that all anonymous letter to the board be discarded and not read before or at any board meetings.
- Norm Pawlak said he would talk to Michelle about making some changes and updates to the website.

No further discussion took place.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dominic Camelio, seconded by Kathi McLaughlin, voted and carried. The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Smith, secretary

Cc: Michelle Smith, Town Clerk  
Don Cunningham, Town Supervisor  
Anne Sapienza, Town Assosser  
Bill Waldruff, ZBA Chairman