

GERMANTOWN PLANNING BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
JUNE 16, 2025

The meeting was held at the Town Hall with the following members in attendance: Chairman Garrett Montgomery, Kerrie Abela, Chris Brown, Simon Burstall, Ben Davidson and Lauren Williams. Town Attorney Corinne Smith was in attendance.

The meeting was opened at 7:10pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

The minutes of May 29, 2025 were reviewed and, on a motion by Ben, seconded by Lauren, with all in favor and none opposed were accepted with the following amendments:

- P.1 Bursal spelling amended to Burstall and April 25, 205 amended to 2025.
- P.2 Brando spelling amended to Brandon and “and hour” amended to “an hour”
- P.3 Kadow spelling amended to Landow and delete “The Public Hearing is Adjourned on a motion by.....”

Public Hearing:

Sky High Farm returned before the board for the continued review and Public Hearing for a Special Use Permit and Site Plan review for the use and hosting of an Art Installation Exhibition/Gallery at the property located at 11 Main Street. The applicant submitted and read the Sky-High Farm Narrative which is recorded on the Zoom audio meeting and a copy has been filed in the record of application.

(The meeting was briefly paused for technical difficulties)

The board continued their review and discussed the following with the applicant:

- Walk through with Code Enforcement Officer Brandon Mullins with another scheduled for June thirteenth and re-inspection for June twentieth
- Final structural plans required by CEO will be submitted
- Additional exit lights to be added with battery back up
- Contact Columbia County 911 (state) so that they are aware of the event as it effects State Road 9G- email is filed with application
- Highway Superintendent Anthony Cidras requested parking map to have on file- email is filed with application
- Addition of cement block in front of well
- Discuss fencing with Town Board
- Letters were mailed to neighbors that could not be reached by phone call
- Pick up and drop off locations were noted
- 4 employees will be located at Municipal Lot, 3 at School Lot and 2 will flag for parking
- Signs to be located on Route 9G for direction of parking
- Signs to indicate direction of exhibit down Main Street

The Public Hearing was opened on a motion made by Ben, seconded by Lauren, with all in favor and none opposed.

Art Cady – in support of the Special Use Permit- stated he spoke with the applicants supporting their initiatives and LWRP concerns of protection, will not affect Amtrak and suggest a gate be put in place.

Martin Overington- in support of the Special Use Permit- thanked the board for their review, was concerned with safety factors, will town resources clean up the area at the event location, tripping hazard of narrow road.

Kathy Overington- in support of the Special Use Permit- questioned the location of parking: response was behind the entrance on the South and overflow parking on the North.

No further comments were received by the audience or Zoom attendees an on a motion made by Ben, seconded by Kerrie, with all in favor and none opposed the Public Hearing was closed.

Resolution of the Site Plan and Special Use Permit was read and reviewed listing Project description, Address, Tax Map No., Applicant, Owner, Findings and Conditions. The question of the adoption of the Resolution was duly put to vote, which resulted as follows: 6-Aye 1-Absent 0-No, and having been approved by a majority of the Planning Board, the same was declared duly adopted.

Attorney Dan Leary for the Applicant requested a signed copy of the Resolution and stamped Site Plan.

The Planning Board Secretary shall file a copy of the approval in the Town of Germantown Town Clerks office within five days after adoption and shall also send a copy of this resolution to the Applicant and the Town of Germantown Code Enforcement Officer, and the Resolution will take effect immediately.

No New or Other Business was discussed by the Board, and on a motion made by Lauren, seconded by Ben, with all in favor and none opposed the meeting was closed at 8:29 pm.

Jami L. DelPozzo
Planning and Zoning Secretary