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Minutes

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 - 6:30 pm
Angelica Grange, 55 Park Circle

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll call of members/public present: Josh Shannon, Colleen Gyr, Jim Ryan, Karin Bruton, Christie Kalinowski, Missing: None Village/Town Residents: None
- IV. Minutes from June 9, 2026 unanimously approved as amended.
- V. Public Comment – None.
- VI. Reports
 - a. Village Board Meeting: The Planning Board agreed that future Village Board reports should focus on items directly relevant to the AVPB. K. Bruton reported that the Mayor addressed the Planning Board memorandum concerning BESS/data-center protections and indicated that he had spent significant time coordinating the steps needed to put protections in place. He stated that he wanted the matter addressed in a way that would remain in effect for future administrations. K. Bruton also reported that she had read that Gov. Hochul signed a one-year moratorium affecting certain larger data centers, while smaller projects remain a concern. J. Shannon shared information suggesting glycol-based cooling can reduce water use at data centers; the Board discussed forwarding this as a possible condition to consider in future local regulation.
- VII. Old Business
 - a. Public-use restroom project (C. Gyr)

C. Gyr reported that she researched temporary portable restrooms as an interim option. Two units - one ADA accessible and one standard - would cost approximately \$5,000 per year, including weekly servicing. The Board did not support this option because of the appearance of portable units within the historic village and because members preferred pursuing a permanent, full-service restroom with running water, septic capability and space suitable for families.. Discussion shifted toward incorporating acquisition of the land, design and construction into a grant-funded project rather than purchasing the property first, if grant rules allow. K. Bruton reported on her meeting with LaBella Associates and the New York Main Street program, including a potential \$20,000 technical-assistance opportunity. She noted that grant eligibility may require the community to demonstrate a pro-housing position and obtain business support. An estimated \$5,000 application-related cost was also discussed, although the exact purpose of that amount still needs clarification. LaBella has grant-writing, architectural and public-restroom project experience. K. Bruton will continue researching the grant process. The Board also discussed asking organizations that hold community events to contribute toward future restroom maintenance rather than separately renting portable facilities.
 - b. "Reopen Angelica: A Main Street Recovery Initiative" (K. Bruton)

K. Bruton proposed speaking with the current local business owners whose businesses are shuttered, to better understand what makes operating a business in Angelica difficult and what might encourage businesses to reopen. Members discussed the Sweet Shop as a significant former draw for families and visitors and considered concepts such as local food products, Angelica-themed gift baskets and multiple revenue streams to help a small business remain viable year-round. K. Bruton will prepare a questionnaire for review at the next meeting and begin informal outreach.
 - c. Associates / Grant development
This discussion was incorporated into the public-restroom project.
 - d. [Next Planning Board goal / Goals document](#)
No vote was taken. The public-restroom project remains the Board's first priority. Members agreed that future projects should be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan before significant time is invested. K. Bruton will contact K. Dirlam, to determine the status of the revisions, publication process and next steps.
 - e. Economic Development Office and how they can help us
Tabled.

- f. Comprehensive Plan - Designation of special/protected areas
The Board discussed identifying areas of Angelica that should be protected from incompatible development and ensuring those designations are reflected in the Comprehensive Plan and future BESS/data-center regulations. The existing historic district was cited as an area requiring further research regarding the protections already in place. K. Bruton will research applicable designations and include the question in zoning discussions.
- g. Article 8 / Model Law / NYSEDA
The Board identified NYSEDA as the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. K. Bruton will research the Article 8/model-law reference and report back.
- h. Village moratorium on BESS/data centers and related infrastructure
No additional update was available beyond the earlier Village Board report. K. Bruton planned to attend the upcoming Village Board meeting and report back on the status of the moratorium and related local-law work.

VIII. New Business

- a. Derelict/vacant properties (C. Kalinowski)
C. Kalinowski raised concern about a deteriorating vacant house on Brooklyn Street and asked whether the Village could take steps to address properties that remain vacant and continue to decline. The Board discussed the absence of village zoning, existing property-maintenance requirements such as lawn mowing, and whether zoning or other local regulations could provide additional tools. Other deteriorated properties and the potential cost of demolition/asbestos remediation were also discussed. K. Bruton will contact K Dirlam regarding zoning options, the Planning Board's role and what tools may be available to address derelict properties.

IX. Guest Speaker(s): None.

X. Comments, Questions, Concerns:

- a. Jack Braun Heights property inquiry
A property owner on Jack Braun Heights contacted the Planning Board regarding the possibility of connecting a seasonal cabin to Village water and whether the property's recreational/seasonal designation could be changed. The Board determined that questions regarding Village water service and the property designation should be directed to the Village rather than the Planning Board. K. Bruton will respond with the appropriate Village contact information.

XI. Adjournment: There being no further business, J. Ryan motioned to adjourn at approximately 7:27 pm and was seconded by K. Bruton.

XII. Next Public Meeting: August 11, 2026