

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TOWN OF KNOX
Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2016

In attendance: Chairman Bob Edwards; Gayle Burgess; Pam Kleppel; Jim McDonald; Sue Mason; John DeMis; Mackenzie Hempstead, Recording Secretary
Absent: Ken Kirik

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Edwards at 7:30 p.m. The minutes of the April meeting were read. A motion was made by Jim McDonald, seconded by Pam Kleppel to accept the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

William Raible of 426 Pleasant Valley Road was in attendance for a Public Hearing which was opened by Chairman Edwards at 7:37 p.m. Mr. Raible has requested a 28 foot variance so that he may construct a 30'x50' pole barn for storage. The location of the proposed site does not conform to the setback requirements of the ordinance due to interference with the natural gas pipeline that runs through his property. Mr. Raible stated that there have been no objections from his neighbors and provided such signed documents to The Board. Mr. Raible presented a check to The Board in the amount of \$25.00 to cover the cost of the newspaper advertisements. The Board voted unanimously to grant Mr. Raible an area variance. Motion was made to close the public hearing by Jim McDonald and seconded by Gayle Burgess. Public hearing adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Amy Pokorny was in attendance to represent the Town Board. She will be attending regular meetings so that she may report back to the Town Board, as well as report any information to the ZBA from the Town Board. She requested that a ZBA summary be added to the town's website.

Points that the ZBA asked of the Town Board:

1. Before passing laws, send to the ZBA for board comment and ideas. This will give the ZBA a heads up of possible upcoming changes. Also, please interpret such laws.
2. Is the Zoning Ordinance consistent with the historic nature of the town?
3. Meeting with Planning Board was suggested to review the Zoning Ordinance due to some articles listed not "fitting the times"
4. Would like the verbiage in the "Buffer Zone" clarified
5. To have the building inspector relay to the ZBA if he denies a building permit in a formal rejection as to why. Also, supply the applicant with the application for appeal.

Would like to coordinate work with the Planning Board, as listed in the Zoning Ordinance. An instance of this would be a new large business.

With no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Gayle Burgess, seconded by John DeMis to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mackenzie Hempstead
Recording Secretary
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