

PLANNING BOARD - TOWN OF KNOX - ALBANY COUNTY

P.O. Box 56, Knox, N.Y. 12107

Established 1822

PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes: 12 February 2015

Present: Earl Barcomb, Bob Price, Brett Pulliam, Dan Driscoll, Bob Gwin, Betty Ketcham, Tom Wolfe

- Meeting called to order at 1929.

Approval of the draft minutes of the 8 January 2015 meeting.

- Minutes of the 01/08/15 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved without modification.

Old Business

FEMA Floodplain Insurance:

Bob Gwin obtained a hard copy of the regulation from the Town Clerk. The maps available online show that only a small area of the Town is impacted. After reading through the regulation, Bob Gwin argued that the Planning Board would not be qualified to make decisions on all parts of the notice. He also stated that the notice seemed duplicative under the site plan review process owned by ZBA, which has provisions for floodplain protection. Bob Gwin noted he had provided the hard copy of the proposed Public Law #1 to Chairman Price so that it could be scanned and made available to the rest of the PB.

Bob Price pointed out that the Town Board had decided that the Planning Board had no role to play in matters pertaining to the FEMA Floodplain regulations.

Bob Gwin proposed that the Planning Board implement the consideration and compliance of floodplain rules when conducting a site plan review. Dan Driscoll referred to Land Sub Regulations, Article 5, Sec 6. Pg.22 Paragraph D. Earl Barcomb seconded the motion. There were 7 Yea and 0 Nay.

Tennessee Gas Pipeline:

Tennessee Gas Pipeline will be putting a pipeline across the southern part of the Town, starting at the Schoharie County border and traversing 3.6 miles to the Berne town line. Bob Price committed to the Town Board that the Planning Board would produce a map showing the proposed route. Betty Ketcham attended the Tennessee Gas Pipeline meeting in New Scotland, NY on 12 February 2015. She reported that there was no official presentation but that posters and maps were displayed and one could approach Pipeline representatives to ask questions. Betty provided the latest version of the map that she had created.

Betty will make minor updates to the newly overlaid map that shows the pipeline map married with the tax map. Bob Price will provide copies of the map to the ZBA, Town Board and Tax Assessor.

Updating of the Zoning Ordinance:

The Zoning Ordinance was last updated in 2013; any regulations after September 2013 have not been incorporated. The Zoning Ordinance should always be up-to-date and available to Town residents, both electronically and at the Town Hall. Bob Price discussed updating the Zoning Ordinance at the January 2015 Town Board meeting. Bob requested that Mike Hammond send a memo of all changes made from September 2013 that would warrant an update in the Zoning Ordinance. He reminded Hammond about that at the February meeting.

Mike Hammond sent a memo to Bob Price stating that the only actionable event over the last 13 or so months was the creation of the Business District. He requested that the Planning Board officially incorporate the Hamlet Business District. Jenn Geckler will follow-up with Town Clerk for an electronic copy of the Town Board meeting minutes where the decision was passed. Bob Price and Dan Driscoll will assist Jenn in determining what will need to be updated throughout the Zoning Ordinance.

New Business**Climate Smart Community:**

Bob Price discussed Helderberg Community Energy's decision to approach the Town Board regarding the Climate Smart Community initiative. Climate Smart Community is a state/federal program that encourages a town to adopt efficient, climate-smart actions such as replacing street lamps with LED bulbs. If a town takes the pledge and completes the task list, they can be appointed a *Climate Smart Community* and will have designated financial resources, otherwise unavailable to them. The decision to proceed is still with the Town Board.

With no further questions from the audience, Earl Barcomb made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Brett Pulliam seconded the motion. There were 7 Yea and 0 Nay.

Meeting adjourned at 2016.

Next meeting - Thursday, 12 March 2015 @ 1930.