

# Town of Knox Planning Board

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Minutes: February 13,  
2020

Present: Betty Ketcham, Deb Nelson, Tom Wolfe, Kurt Johnson, Ed  
Ackroyd

Absent: Todd LaGrange and Bill Pasquini

Meeting called to order at  
7:30pm.

Tom introduced Ed Ackroyd as the newest member of the Planning  
Board.

There will not be discussion of the 156/157 MRD as stated on the posted agenda.  
This is due to the Planning Board having not received the new packet.

## **Planning Board member training**

There was discussion of recent training in Saratoga as well as training for  
members that were unable to attend. Deb did some research regarding training  
requirements and found that there are multiple options for members besides  
physically attending a meeting. Some examples are online training and a certified

instructor coming to the town for training.

## **January Minutes**

The minutes from January were reviewed. A few corrections were noted.

*Tom made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections, Deb seconded it, all in favor.*

## **Discussion of Potential Amendments to the Knox Zoning Law**

The goal of the amendments would be to make it easier for town members to get approval. An example would be possibly making an amendment to the minimum square footage for a home. This would be in regards to "tiny homes."

Deb does suggest though that board members take some time to do some research, see what other towns are facing and case studies to see how it relates to our town.

Ed comments on how he hopes to see the Planning Board take a more visionary approach versus reactionary approach when reviewing and possibly making changes to the current zoning laws.

Comment regarding a solar project at the reservoir, which is in the town of Knox. There was an article in the Altamont Enterprise regarding this. No one as of yet has approached the town of Knox regarding this project. Tom to reach out for some answers regarding this.

Zoning law regarding square footage of a home to be reviewed at next month's meeting.

## **Questions/Comments from Audience**

Amy Pokorny discussed a meeting that is to be held at the Octagon Barn with the company Dandelion. The meeting is in regards to GeoThermal technology and anyone interested should attend.

***Deb made a motion to adjourn, Kurt seconded it, all in favor.***

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Next meeting will be held on March 12 2020 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Tiffiny Snyder Knox  
Planning Board secretary