



Town of Knox Planning Board

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Planning Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes: 19 July 2018

Present: Tom Wolfe, Bob Price, Todd LaGrange, Betty Ketcham, Deb Nelson, Brett Pulliam and Bill Pasquini.

Meeting called to order at 1930.

Minutes from June approved without changes.

Motion to approve minutes made by Bob, seconded by Bill. All in favor.

Review and Discussion of changing “Home Occupation” definition in Knox Zoning Law

1. Deb Nelson provided some research regarding “Home Occupation” for review.
2. Tom opened it up for discussion amongst board members:
 - a. Todd voiced concerns of making sure definition includes accessory buildings, making sure that the business is run on an actual residence and not a purchased home used only for the purpose of a business. Also discussed the importance in the wording of the definition of “Home Occupation” to make sure there are no loop holes and possibly put a number on the

- amount of allowable number of employees.
- b. Betty did not have any comments at the moment but wished to do some more reading and research on the matter.
 - c. Deb discussed when reviewing accessory buildings to be sensitive about what can go in them and to make sure that the planning board is consistent with the character of that zone, but does agree it is a good addition to the definition of “Home Occupation”. Deb also mentioned some words that will be found in the law to review such as customary, incidental and not a business. It has to be a residence first and the business is secondary.
 - d. Tom also agrees that it is a good idea to incorporate accessory buildings with in the definition of “Home Occupation” and also agrees there should be a distinction between primary residence and allowable uses.
 - e. Brett discussed also the need to make sure it is a residence where the business is taking place, not just a business being run out of a house. Also should look at the definition of “Home Occupation” as a whole and review it in its entirety.
 - f. Bill concurred with most of the comments but also felt that it is important when re writing the definition that it does not begin to discriminate against certain business.
3. Everyone to do some research on their own in order to gather more information and ideas prior to making any official changes to the definition.
 4. Goal for next meeting is to have enough gathered information from each member, to begin the framework for updating the definition for “Home Occupation”.

Motion to Adjourn made by Deb, seconded by Brett. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 2010. Next meeting to be held August 9 2018 at 1930.