

**Town of Knox  
Business Zoning Workshop  
May 1, 2017**

**PRESENT:**

Supervisor Lefkaditis  
Councilman Barcomb  
Councilman Barber  
Councilman Hanley  
Councilwoman Pokorny

The meeting was called to order at the Knox Town Hall at 6:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Pokorny agreed to act as recording Secretary.

The following three intersection areas were discussed for potential business zoning. Tax maps were marked to identify parcels belonging to landowners who would need to be notified for input and further consideration of these areas for business zoning.

- Route 146 in the vicinity of Street Road and Middle Road
- Route 156 in the vicinity of Route 157
- Route 157 in the vicinity of Ketcham Road

Public input was provided by citizens in attendance.

Merrikat Blakeman  
Stanley Blakeman  
Gayle Burgess  
Betty Ketcham  
Gary Kleppel  
Pam Kleppel  
Laura Martin  
Deb Nelson

Ed Nicholson  
Art Tuper

In addition to the following general comments, two Business Zoning Surveys were completed.

- Define types of businesses that would and would not be allowed in each area, restricting uses to those with minimal impacts to neighbors and the environment.
- Encourage agricultural “anchor” businesses to develop the economy in these areas and throughout the Town.
- Support expansion of agricultural businesses (e.g. ice cream or yogurt production, individual and/or cooperative retail sales for a variety of agricultural products), without additional restrictions.
- Preserve old historic buildings and develop businesses in them.
- Establish historic districts and gather information about the history of each building. Facilitate community decisions in developing rules; perhaps, for example, allowing changes inside buildings, and on the sides and backs of buildings while preserving facades.
- Encourage use of NYS Farmland Protection Program guidance and resources.
- Facilitate investment (grants) in infrastructure to support agricultural businesses, such as portable pasteurization equipment for shared use.

The meeting adjourned at around 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
May 8, 2017  
Amy Pokorny