



Town of Knox Planning Board

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Minutes: July 11, 2019

Present: Bob Price, Todd LaGrange, Betty Ketcham, Deb Nelson, Tom Wolfe, Kurt Johnson and Bill Pasquini

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm.

Review of April and June minutes

1. The revised April minutes were reviewed.

Tom made a motion to approve the minutes with some grammatical changes, Bob seconded it, all in favor.

2. June minutes were reviewed. Clarification was needed with some of the minutes regarding the discussion of Home Occupation. All board members agreed to table the minutes until corrections had been made. They are to be reviewed at next month's meeting.

MRD Proposal Discussion

1. Kurt was unable to attend the March meeting when the Planning Board voted upon the approval of the MRD and asked if they could have a re-vote. The re-vote would not change the outcome of the proposed MRD since it now needs a supermajority vote from the Town Board. This is required because of the denial by the Albany County Planning Board but would put Kurt's position on record.

Kurt made a motion to have a re-vote, Bill seconded it, all in favor.

2. Tom opened the floor for discussion.
 - a. Audience member Bridgett McCauliffe wanted Kurt to hear public opinion prior to making a decision. She explained her history with why she is against the 156 MRD.
 - b. Audience member Ed Ackroyd spoke about his similar experiences but feels

- that the current proposed 156 MRD would bring new business possibilities.
3. Kurt did explain for the audience that he has read all of the minutes regarding the 156 MRD and the proposal.
 4. Deb read the March motion for everyone:

Deb Nelson made a motion to not approve the current proposed MRD application as presented due to the inadequate consideration of the sensitive environmental conditions, as presented on the EAF as well as the lack of proactive public involvement. Bob Price seconded the motion.

A new vote was taken, different than from the one in March:

Bob: Yes

Todd: No

Betty: Yes

Deb: Yes

Tom: No

Kurt: No

Bill: No

Questions from the Audience

1. Audience member Bridgett McCauliffe wanted the Planning Board members to know that she and her husband have great concerns regarding the town's ability to make sure that anything that would be surrounding their property would be done properly. She also wishes to have clarification regarding Tom's filling out SEQRA. At the Town Board meeting July 9 it was presented that the Planning Board had filled out SEQRA.
2. It was clarified for the record that Tom volunteered, as an individual to fill out SEQRA for Home Occupation, for the Town Board. It did not have Planning Board review or input.
3. The SEQRA is currently being revised but the Town Board needs to make sure it is being represented correctly since it was not filled out by the Planning Board. Tom to talk with Javid, the Town attorney regarding this.

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

Next meeting to be held on August 8 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Knox Planning Board Secretary Tiffany Snyder