



# Town of Knox Planning Board

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Minutes: 5/12/22

Present: Ed Ackroyd, Betty Ketcham, Deb Nelson, Tom Wolfe and Bill Pasquini.

Absent: Kurt Johnson and Todd LaGrange.

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

## **Review of April Minutes**

Correction of spelling for Planning Board members name and a few corrections to the minutes done.

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

## **RIC Project Updates**

Tom Wolfe spoke to Scott Rafsenperger, a neighbor to the proposed solar array site, regarding his options for vegetative coverage. Scott had not made a decision. Tom to call again because a final decision is needed soon.

Wildlife Fencing-Betty Ketcham found some articles and had some options. These options will be sent to RIC Energy for review.

The Question regarding the terms and agreement of the proposed project have been sent to the Knox Town Attorney and a response has not yet been received.

## **Proposed Zoning Law Changes**

A conclusion had not been made at last month's meeting regarding possibly changing the abandonment law of the Knox Zoning Law. This was originally brought to the Boards attention by Gary Kleppel from the Ag. Committee.

Deb indicated that more research on the subject is needed, especially the 6-month abandonment

law.

Gary Kleppel spoke at tonight's meeting about the Ag Committee's reasoning behind why it would be good to change this law and some benefits it would have. Gary will meet with the other committee members and make a list of recommendations. These will be presented to the Planning Board at next month's meeting. Gary also advised the Board members of an update regarding road signage for tractors and farmers. The concern for the safety of tractors was presented to Albany County Planning Board. Albany County will be putting up farming/Tractor signs on all county roads in the town of Knox.

The other Zoning Law concern that was discussed was the minimum square footage of a home that can be built. Planning Board members voiced their concerns on reducing the number of square footage required. Tom did speak to the Loucks, a Knox resident as well as a contractor who stated he has had people requesting a tiny home to be built.

Tom will draft a proposal and send to all Planning Board members for review. This will be discussed again at next month's meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm. Next meeting to be held 6/9/22 at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Tiffany Snyder Knox Planning Board Secretary