

**PLANNING BOARD
TOWN OF KNOX
ALBANY COUNTY
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PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

11 February 2010

Present: Dan Driscoll, Bob Gwin, Betty Ketcham, Stew Kidder, Bob Price, Tom Wolfe

Absent: Brett Pulliam

Meeting called to order at 1935

Minutes of January meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

The development of draft regulations for commercial wind turbines was continued. Katherine has added to the draft the information provided by Brett on infrastructure issues and from Stew on the legal issues relating to long term responsibility for ownership of the equipment. Chair will send out copies for review for discussion at the next meeting.

Possible additions were discussed, including:

Dan has emailed copies of a proposed noise control section; this should be reviewed for discussion.

Dan is proposing adding a section similar to the “preamble” that is part of the Town of Meredith law on wind turbines (copies provided by Dan). It was discussed that this preamble bans industrial wind turbines, but the law includes regulations for siting such turbines to guard against possible problems with such a ban. Dan will provide copies of a proposed preamble or purpose section drafted specifically for Knox for further review and discussion. Dan noted that all members should be present to discuss and vote on deciding if a ban would be the appropriate course for Knox.

Other business:

Dana Sherman of the Knox Fire Commissioners requested time to talk to the Board regarding new requirements for sprinkler systems in residential construction and special requirements for homes with alternative energy systems. Chair agreed to place this on future agenda.

It was noted a watershed planning seminar is scheduled for 2/24; Betty Ketcham, Dan Driscoll and Bob Price plan to attend.

A State Law requirement for a minimum of 15 ft. fee frontage on a public street for obtaining building permits was noted; this is not addressed in current Town laws.

*Meeting adjourned at 2035

*Next meeting 03/11/10 at 0730