

**PLANNING BOARD  
TOWN OF KNOX  
ALBANY COUNTY  
Established 1822**

**PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

June 9, 2011

Present: Earl Barcomb, Dan Driscoll, Bob Gwin, Bob Price, Brett Pulliam, Tom Wolfe

Meeting called to order at 1931.

The Board began by reviewing the **May 12 minutes**. A motion was made by Member Driscoll to approve the minutes as written, duly seconded by Member Wolfe and passed unanimously.

**Chairman Price Began the meeting by regrettably announcing Lisa Chase's resignation had been given for the position of Planning Board Recording Secretary.** Her new job at GE Global Research has made it very difficult for her to continue on with this position. An ad has been put in The Enterprise to search for a new secretary. Lisa has agreed to stay on until the position is filled.

Chairman Price reminded The Board that the **Town of Knox would be holding their 1<sup>st</sup> Blood drive** in the Town Hall on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 8am -1pm. He encouraged everyone to attend and give blood.

Chairman Price sent a memo to the Town Board recommending they adopt a **new requirement for full cut off lighting for new construction in the Town of Knox Zoning Ordinance**. The Town Board is prepared to do this at their next meeting on 14 June..

Chairman Price mentioned there was a **meeting held at the Octagon Barn on June 4<sup>th</sup>** regarding astronomical issues and he asked if anyone knew anything about it. Member Wolfe said that he had attended and that the Dudley Observatory had given an interesting presentation.

Chairman Price received a call from a one of the Assistant Town Clerks in Berne in regards to the **matter of Ms. Alberta Bouck and her boundary line changes**. Apparently there are still some issues with the property and according to the Knox Planning Board Minutes of October 2007, there was a decision made by The Board that it was a boundary line adjustment and not a subdivision. Chairman Price wanted to verify with The Board that that was the case and if they remembered the property in question. Everyone that was present at the aforementioned meeting and tonights meeting agreed that the minutes reflected the issue accurately.

**Draft Wind Turbine Ordinance** – Member Driscoll gave a copy of the draft Knox Wind Turbine Ordinance to a friend of his who is a Consulting Engineer to review. His comments were that in the section where noise limits are addressed, we shouldn't make noise limits for wind turbines but for all commercial projects. He also noted that we currently have one limit for day and a lower limit for nighttime noise. Since wind turbines run continuously, we need to make sure the noise limits approved are those of the lower nighttime limits. Member Driscoll also mentioned that we have yet to discuss the noise impact on the Environmental Impact Statement, which we said was a significant impact but one that could be mitigated. He reminded The Board that we have to keep that in mind to ensure the noise is within the limits of the site plan review. Member Driscoll agreed to modify the paragraph and send to The Board for review.

**Member Wolfe brought up the issue of the Town Comprehensive Plan.** He suggested that the large and significant impacts that we have listed are inconsistent with the Comp Plan and that it may be time to revisit and revise the plan to reflect the present community and world issues. Chairman Price noted that Nick Viscio had resurrected the only electronic version of the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Knox and it was in Word 2000 format without pictures. He also indicated that if a new Comprehensive Plan were to be created there would be a committee selected to complete that task.

**Chairman Price suggested all the Planning Board files (i.e. minutes, memos, etc.) should be turned in yearly to the Town of Knox for archiving purposes.** He thought that the January Town Board Meeting where everyone is sworn in for the next year would be a good deadline that would be easy to remember.

Upon a motion made by Member Driscoll and seconded by Member Barcomb, the meeting was adjourned at 2006.

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The next meeting will be held on July 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1930