

PLANNING BOARD TOWN OF KNOX, ALBANY COUNTY

P.O. Box 56, Knox, N.Y. 12107

Established 1822

PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes: 14 August 2014

Present: Earl Barcomb, Bob Gwin, Betty Ketcham, Bob Price, Brett Pullium

Meeting called to order at 1932

Minutes of the 07/10/14 meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

New Secretary Search: Chairman Price reported that Mary Loeber has agreed to return to serve in the Position of Recording Secretary to the Planning Board and will start next month.

New Business -

Need for notification: The Building and Zoning Administrator Bob Delany discussed the need for some system to notify the Town of building activity even is a permit is not needed; as in the case of constructing buildings for agricultural use. As with construction of driveways and subdivisions under the One-Cut provision, it would be beneficial to both the Town and residents to discuss such actions even though no official approvals are needed. Bob Delany will gather information on how other towns may be handling this issue and return for further discussion.

Possible Solar Energy Project: Bob Price reported on a meeting held in Princetown to review that town's current project to install a solar energy system. Several members of the Knox Town Board attended as well. The Town is interested in pursuing a similar project for the Knox. Next step will be a meeting in Knox on August 26 to learn more about the details.

Bob Price raised the question of whether there is a need for any amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for solar installations. Considering possible commercial solar

energy projects, the Board agreed no zoning changes are needed now as private entities cannot presently construct and operate such projects. The pace of any legislative action to change this should provide ample time to reconsider, if necessary. Regarding solar installations by residents, BZA Delany explained that such projects do require building permits and contractors are well aware of this so projects do get reviewed relative to safety and zoning requirements (setbacks, etc.) The Board's consensus was that no further zoning requirements are needed at this point for solar projects for residents. The NY Unified Solar Permit process and forms were also discussed, but the only approval needed in Knox is a building permit; no further action is needed at this point.

Meeting adjourned at 2028

Next meeting - Thursday, 11 September 2014 @ 1930