

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

November 12, 2009

Present – Dan Driscoll, Bob Gwin, Betty Ketcham, Stew Kidder, Bob Price, Brett Pulliam, Tom Wolfe

Meeting called to order - 1930

The Board began by reviewing the **October minutes**. Motion was made to approve as written, motion passed unanimously.

The next order of business was the **proposed “Public Comment Rules”** provided to Board members by Chairman Price. Revisions agreed to included:

-First sentence becomes “The following shall be the procedural rules that shall apply to comments from the audience during both public hearings and regular meetings of the Planning Board of the Town of Knox.”

-Rule #1 becomes “All remarks shall be addressed to the Planning Board only; not to members of the audience.”

-Rule #3 becomes “Comments will be limited to five minutes.”

-Rule #5 has the word ‘such’ deleted from the second sentence.

The point was made that proposed rule #4 is a statement of intent, not a rule. No further changes were made. Motion was made to adopt the proposed rules; motion passed by a vote of 6 for, one opposed.

Next, the Board discussed the **proposed commercial wind turbine ordinance**. Chairman Price provided copies of the current draft prepared by the Board secretary based on the model law from Schoharie. This draft includes a number of alternate definitions; Board members were asked to review and prepare to discuss and select final wording at future PB meetings.

Other modifications to the draft model law were also discussed. It was noted that the end product will be a proposed amendment of the Zoning Ordinance, effectively an extension of the previously approved amendment concerning windmills and met towers. Chairman Price agreed to have the windmill regulation provided to all Board members to assist their review of the new material and how it will fit with the existing law.

In other business, Chairman Price reported that the Town’s cell tower on Street Road has begun operating. Additional leases of tower space are being negotiated, and the Town expects to receive significant revenues.

Finally, Chairman Price noted a meeting on wind power is scheduled for 12/08/09 in Voorheesville and encouraged attendance by Board members if possible.

Upon a motion made and duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 2035.

The next meeting will be on 10 December, 2009 @ 1930.