

**Town of Knox
Special Meeting
June 1, 2017**

PRESENT:

Supervisor Lefkaditis
Councilman Barcomb
Councilman Hanley
Councilwoman Pokorny
Attorney Dorfman

ABSENT:

Councilman Barber
Town Clerk Murphy

The meeting was called to order at the Knox Town Hall at 4:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RESOLUTION #80-2017 –APPOINT COUNCILWOMAN
POKORNY AS ACTING CLERK.**

On motion of Supervisor Lefkaditis, seconded by Councilman Hanley, the following resolution was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED to appoint Councilwoman Pokorny as acting Clerk.

Councilman Barcomb said he called this special meeting because he thought we had agreed to include the Zoning Ordinance tables of uses in notices to inform residents of potentially significant changes in the proposed business district and within 500 feet of it. It was his understanding that that would be done after the Board's discussion at its May 9 meeting. Supervisor Lefkaditis said he and Clerk Murphy reviewed the audio tape and determined that no decision was made to send information in addition to the public notice.

Councilman Barcomb said "we are not here to beat you up" and Supervisor Lefkaditis said "well, you are." "Everything I do is criticized

and considered wrong.” “I’ve got to walk on egg shells around you people every day of my life and it’s unfortunate but that’s the position you’ve put me in.”

Supervisor Lefkaditis said he does not want to send any additional mailings; the information in the public notice and mailing is sufficient. Supervisor Lefkaditis said it would “open a can of worms” if more information is sent. He said Attorney Dorfman advised against sending too much information to a small group of residents at the exclusion of other residents. Supervisor Lefkaditis instructed Councilman Barcomb not to look at Attorney Dorfman. Supervisor Lefkaditis said that by sending a copy of the public notice and telling residents where they can find the Zoning Ordinance, we have gone “above and beyond” the notice requirements. He said Mr. Dorfman said “at some point you have to rely on peoples’ abilities to read a letter and make their own decisions.”

Attorney Dorfman clarified that his advice was that any additional information should be kept simple and avoid subjective explanations or comments, and it would not need to go to everyone in town.

Councilman Hanley suggested we note that the additional information is an excerpt from the Town’s Zoning Ordinance. Councilman Hanley said a lot of people won’t be able to look up the references we gave them. Councilman Barcomb noted that not everyone in town has internet access to the Zoning Ordinance or time to come to the town hall to get paper copies.

Supervisor Lefkaditis moved that a letter be sent to every property owner in town to include Zoning Ordinance Article IV, Sections 40, 41, 42, 44, as well as Article V, Section 50 D and Article VI, Section 61F, for the purpose of fully informing the public. The motion was not seconded.

Councilman Barcomb asked if Supervisor Lefkaditis would pay for a mailing to all town residents. Supervisor Lefkaditis said he may have said he would be willing to pay for it but he indicated that now he is not.

RESOLUTION #81-2017 –MAIL COPIES OF ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 40, 41, 42, 43, 44 AND 45, AS WELL AS ARTICLE V, SECTION 50D AND ATRICLE VI, SECTION 61F OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO PROPERTY OWNERS IN AND WITHIN 500 FEET OF THE PROPOSED BUSINESS DISTRICT AT THE INTERSECTION OF STATE ROUTES 156 AND 157.

On motion of Councilman Barcomb, seconded by Councilwoman Pokorny, the following resolution was carried by three Ayes (Barcomb, Hanley, Pokorny) to one Nay (Lefkaditis).

RESOLVED to mail copies of Article IV, Sections 40, 41, 42, 43, 44 and 45 as well as Article V, Section 50 D and Article VI, Section 61F of the Zoning Ordinance to property owners in and within 500 feet of the proposed business district at the intersection of State Routes 156 and 157.

Supervisor Lefkaditis said he opposed this resolution because he wanted to mail this information to everyone in town.

Councilman Barcomb proposed that paper copies of the Zoning Ordinance be made available from the Town Clerk, and Supervisor Lefkaditis noted that copies can be printed upon request. Dan Sherman noted that copies of the Zoning Ordinance used to be available for \$6. The board members agreed to ask the Town Clerk to post notification on the town website and to make Zoning Ordinance copies available to residents free of charge upon request.

Councilman Hanley asked for an update on the Broadband Committee. Supervisor Lefkaditis said it would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Councilman Barcomb asked about progress on the Town's request for reduced speed limits on Town roads. Supervisor Lefkaditis said he has not heard anything on that and we would probably not get approval.

Ed Ackroyd requested that the Town Board look into the effects of transformation of electrical power produced by solar arrays regarding harmonic distortion and balance and its effects on people with pacemakers and defibrillators. Supervisor Lefkaditis said he would send an email to the Planning Board to let them know that issue was raised.

Upon motion by Councilman Hanley, seconded by Supervisor Lefkaditis, to adjourn into executive session not to reconvene, the meeting adjourned at 5:31 pm. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
June 11, 2017
Amy Pokorny