

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TOWN OF KNOX**

MEETING MINUTES
March 28, 2019

In attendance: Chairman Doug Roether, Sue Mason, Kristian Snyder, Eric Marczak, Dennis Cyr, John Wright, Bonnie Donati, Recording Secretary Mackenzie Hempstead

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roether at 7:30 p.m. A motion was made by Dennis Cyr and second by Kristian Snyder to accept the minutes of the February 2019 meeting, as written. All in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing called to order at 7:38p.m. by Chairman Roether. Mr. Mike Ward appeared before the Board for a public hearing. Mr. Ward has requested a Special Use Permit to operate a café/bakery at 2160 Berne Altamont Road, Knox, NY. Business will carry the “staples” for the area as well. Business will be running tentatively from 7a-8p. Handicap parking is an issue with this location. Handicap parking MUST BE identified. Motion was made by Dennis Cyr and second by Eric Marczak for a public hearing to be held on April 25, 2019 at 7:45p. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Eric Marczak - Has some concerns over the water issues in relation to the proposed MRD. Voiced that he regrets not waiting on voting, counsel was not present at the last ZBA meeting, feels that there may be issues that may change the mind of other members and states that re-zoning is not harmful but is eminent. Doug Roether suggested that a committee be formed to investigate, in particular, any possible environmental issues regarding the MRD location and what affects it will have on the Town of Knox. This committee will “keep the people in our mind at all times”. The committee will review the public survey and the karst report regarding the water concerns. Kristian Snyder made a motion to form committee and second by Doug Roethers. All in favor. Eric Marczak and Sue Mason will be the members of the MRD Committee.

Heard from neighbors of the proposed MRD district. Brigitte & Shawn McAuliffe stated their concerns over the proposed MRD District.

Dennis Cyr – We have structure now. What we do have needs to be enforced and “cleanup” is in process from the old board.

Kristian Snyder – Would like to hear what Eric and Sue find after reviewing information. Feels there could be something worse approved in the area than what the MRD approves.

Sue Mason – What is the point of the MRD? Why do it now? Seems like no landowners or neighbors want it. If prime farmland is developed, it can never be gotten back.

Doug Roether – Thinks it can be done environmentally safe. There is an abundance of oversight, Planning Board, Zoning Board and Albany County.

Eric Marczak – There are possible risks from automobile crashes. Wants water to be tested before anything comes into the area. MRD is public information.

Bonnie Donati – Agrees with Dennis Cyr. Can’t foresee issues, homeowners need to help themselves. Can’t keep stopping new businesses coming into town because of “possible” mishaps. Need to have regulations in place.

John Wright – Agrees with Bonnie Donati. Interested in Eric and Sue’s findings.

Please bring list of items members want reviewed to the next meeting.

Motion made to review information at next ZBA meeting made by Doug Roether, second by Eric Marczak. All in favor.

With no further business, a motion was made by Dennis Cyr to enter Executive Session, not to return to public meeting and was second by Doug Roether. Entered into Executive Session at 8:52p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mackenzie Hempstead
Recording Secretary

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