

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
TOWN OF KNOX  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 26, 2009**

In attendance: Chairman Bob Edwards; Ken Kirik; Jim McDonald; Amy Pokorny; Gayle Burgess; Sue Mason; Dennis Barber; Carol Barber, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Chairman Edwards. The minutes of the January meeting were read. Under a motion by Ken Kirik, seconded by Amy Pokorny, the minutes were approved as amended. Motion carried.

Nathan Giordano and Tara Murphy of 816 Bozenkill Road were in attendance requesting a 30' variance to the 75' front roadside setback requirements for the purpose of building a new garage which would replace an existing garage. It will be 24' x 32' timber frame construction. The back of the property slopes and they prefer to have it closer to the house. The property is 4 acres in size. A public hearing will be held at the March meeting pending completion of an application.

Kathy Minucci was in attendance for information purposes. She is interested in purchasing 4.37 acres of property at Knox Cave Road and Rt. 146. She would like to have at least 2-4 horses. The Board advised that 2 horses were acceptable, but more than 2 would require a special use permit. This property is in a residential area.

Bob Delaney was in attendance for the continuation of the public hearing for the purpose of obtaining a special use permit to keep no more than 10 farm animals on his property. He read to the Board the notice he sent to his neighbors and provided acknowledgements from those neighbors. Gayle Burgess provided a definition of a farm animal as defined under Article 26, Section 350 of the NYS Agriculture and Markets Law. She noted that the request for up to 10 farm animals was consistent with the State goals 2, 3 & 5 of the Town Comprehensive Plan pertaining to the preservation of the Town's rural character. There have been no objections to the request to have up to 10 animals from abutting property owners including the Village of Altamont which was not present at the hearing. The land will sustain the number of animals requested and will be kept approximately 1000' from the property owned by the Village of Altamont and the reservoir is about 1,000 feet from the village property line. A motion was made by Gayle Burgess seconded by Dennis Barber to approve the special use permit. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim McDonald and seconded by Dennis Barber to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Barber  
Recording Secretary