

TOWN OF KNOX
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MEETING MINUTES
June 26, 2008

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

Tracy & Amy Cicardi were in attendance for a Public Hearing for the purpose of obtaining a Special Use Permit to operate the former Fox Creek Auction facility as a storage facility. This facility would be used for the purpose storing vehicles, household items, recreational vehicles, etc. Access to the facility would be by appointment only. Mr. Cicardi stated that the neighbors seem to be receptive. Bob Price stated that he would like to make sure that no one uses the facility as a repair shop for vehicles that are stored. The structures are insured. Due to the fact that the Altamont Enterprise failed to publish the hearing notice, this hearing will be continued at the July meeting at which time the permit will be issued barring any objections.

A Public Hearing was conducted at the request of Russ and Amy Pokorny for the purpose of a time extension variance for the MET tower located on their property at 588 Middle Road. The original permit was granted 18 months ago. Since then the tower has been collecting data. The 18 month term has now expired. A building permit extension has been requested. Bob Delaney referred the Pokorny's to the Planning Board. The Planning Board determined the Pokorny's should apply for a variance from the ZBA requesting an 18 month extension. Collection of data is needed for financing of a larger industrial tower. Ultimately the establishment of a wind farm is desired. One option would be for the Town of Knox to be the owners. Another option would be private investors. It is also possible that nothing will come of this. Two of the Pokorny's neighbors were in attendance concerned with their property values, noise and sun reflection. They were not in objection to the current tower, but would object to a wind farm. Bob Price provided some background information. NYSERDA was looking for a location and the Pokorny's volunteered their property free of charge. Data collected is useful for all of the Hilltowns. There are currently no community owned wind farms in New York. This Public Hearing will be continued at the July meeting.

Bob Delaney distributed information regarding training for ZBA members.

The minutes of the May meeting were read. A motion was made by Gayle Burgess, seconded by Amy Pokorny to approve as read. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gayle Burgess and seconded by Dennis Barber. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Barber
Recording Secretary