**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

**TOWN OF KNOX**

Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2016

In attendance: Chairman Bob Edwards; Gayle Burgess; John DeMis; Ken Kirik; Pam Kleppel

Absent: Jim McDonald; Sue Mason, Mackenzie Hempstead

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Edwards at 7:34 p.m. The minutes of the October meeting were read. A motion was made by Gayle Burgess, seconded by John DeMis to accept the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

David Williams of DWG Builders was in attendance to request a 35 foot variance for the left side yard for a free standing garage and storage shed to be built at 479 Middle Road for property owner, Jennifer A. Michasiow. There was discussion as to whether the garage could be placed in the rear of the property instead, but Mr. Williams stated that it would interfere with the leach field. The lot, 2.9 acres, is an undersized lot which would only require a 25 foot setback for a side yard, so they will see if they can move the proposed building over 10 feet to meet the requirement per the zoning ordinance, so as not to require the special permit variance. If the decision is made to apply for the special permit, they will have to provide the ZBA secretary, at least 2 weeks before the next zoning board meeting, with a complete, readable application, a plot plan, survey (if available), and $25 to publish a notice in the paper for a public hearing. The next possible date for a public hearing is January 26, 2017 at 7:45PM.

Amy Pokorny was in attendance, as the representative from the Town Board. Since Bob Edwards, Chairman, and Gayle Burgess, board member, were resigning from the zoning board after many years of dedicated service, and this was their last meeting, she asked for some time to reminisce about past issues the zoning board had to deal with during their terms of service.

The question was raised as to who would serve as zoning board chairman going forward. The consensus of opinion was that John DeMis would make an excellent chairman, and he agreed to serve in that capacity as the Interim Chairman. Amy Pokorny stated that the Town Board has already received a few applications for the open positions.

With no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Gayle Burgess, seconded by Ken Kirik to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kleppel

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