

## **Village of Athens Zoning Review Committee**

Minutes from meeting on March 19, 2009; Committee members in attendance: Margaret Moree, Chris Pfister, Tim O’Leary, and Mark Levanway, Chairman.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Levanway at 6:30 pm.

Review of letter sent via email from Mr. Howard Zar regarding the Historic District Guidelines and Regulations.

Committee discussed possible changes to print out provided by Denise Hartman of the Schedule of Regulations. All agreed that this shall be reviewed again when Denise is present. There are questions regarding religious, educational and philanthropic facilities and Special Use or Permitted Use.

Committee agreed to speak with Nan Stolzenburg regarding “Contributory” and “Non-Contributory” regarding these classifications applying to a site, structure or object within a Historic District.

Chairman Levanway spoke with Denise Hartman regarding the appeals process going through the ZBA. Regarding authority, is the Historic District Commission the same as the Planning Board according to the law? This question is pending and answer.

The ZRC meeting minutes are posted and up to date through February 19, 2009 on the [www.planningbetterplaces.com](http://www.planningbetterplaces.com) website.

Chairman Levanway asked the Committee to read the Town of Colonie handout regarding their Special Use Permit and Site Plan Review. To be discussed at the next meeting.

Recommended Changes to the Proposed Zoning Code:

**92-46. SITE PLAN APPROVAL**

**B. (4) Change to read:** That new roads be connected in a grid or modified grid pattern extending from existing road networks, where feasible.

**(5). Change to read:** That the proposed use addresses traffic flow and congestion to the maximum extent practical.

**(10). Change to read:** That all outdoor lighting is of such nature and so arranged as to comply with 92-21.

**(11). Change to read:** The use of any public address or sound system shall take into consideration the neighborhood characteristics and could be subject to use limitations.

**(13). Change to read:** That site plan and building design accommodate the needs of people with disabilities and are in conformance with state standards for construction concerning the disabled.

**(16). Change to read:** That areas of steep slopes, where high cuts and fills may be required shall comply with 92-20.

**(21). Change to read:** That compliance with the Village Damages and Flood Prevention Law are provided to minimize flooding and erosion hazards through nonstructural means, long-term structural measures and appropriate site of structures.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 6:30 pm.  
CC:Andrea Smallwood