

TOWN OF CAIRO
Zoning Commission

Minutes of January 14, 2008 Meeting

In Attendance: Bill Hummel, Mary Pesez Kames, Suzanne Oldakowski, Richard Booth,
Doug Ostrander, Jeffrey Shapiro, John Gallagher, Peter Maassmann,
Rich Lorenz (Liaison)

Absent: M.A. Tarpinian

Meeting called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes for the meeting of December 17, 2007 were approved and seconded.

Peter asked that the Site Plan Review Law be ready to present to the Planning Board at their next meeting which will be February 6, 2008

Nan e-mailed all the members with the revised site plan. She attached a new application form with one question added pertaining to the excavation and grading as per Mr. Schwarzenegger's letter which was read into the last minutes.

After much discussion it was decided to get back to Nan on the amount of land that is to be disturbed (20,000 square feet) that might require a site plan review and approval.

Nan added some changes to the dwelling definitions and added in a townhouse.

She also added a definition on "grandfathering" to reflect that any application received before the Planning Board but not receiving any type of approval, should be subject to a site plan review.

Paragrah H: Definitions - Noise, Nuisance has been amended to read 70 dB measured at the property boundary. Townhouse has been added to read: A multiple-family dwelling containing at least three individual one-family units in a row in which each unit has its own front and rear access to the outside, no unit is located over another unit, and each unit is separated from any other unit by one or more vertical common fire-resistant walls.

The Zoning Board will go over the Site Plan Review Law one more time with Nan, get input from the Planning Board, and then formally present it to the Cairo Town Council, hopefully, some time in February.

The next meeting of the Zoning Commission will be on January 28, 2008, 7:30 p.m. at the Cairo Town Hall, with Nan. Jeff will mention to Nan about the sliding scale (of land disturbance). He will also write up the press releases and pass them around for everyone to look at.

At the end of the meeting Jeff Shapiro handed out packages which were left by Alice Tunison with a note for them to be distributed to each member of the Zoning Commission. Jeff's personal feeling was that this issue should not be addressed since it had nothing to do with the zoning process.

Rich Lorenz mentioned that he came across a video regarding zoning that might be useful for the committee members to review. He also found a community survey sent out in 2002. Jeff wanted to add these to the packet that Bill Hummel had made up for everyone for their information and reference.

Sue Oldakowski brought up a letter she received from the Greene County Historical Society (of which she is a member) asking for help to support the Bronck Museum Complex and the Town of Coxsackie's proposed zoning and land use regulations to create an historic overlay district. Jeff suggested consulting with the Cairo Town Historian about this matter when they start working on their land use areas.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Carol Hummel