

CAIRO ZONING COMMISSION, GALLAGHER'S BANQUET HALL - 11-17-2008

ATTENDANCE: John Gallagher, Doug Ostrander, Rich Booth, Mary Kames.....

ABSENT: Sue Oldakowski, Bill Hummel, Jeff Shapiro

(11-10-2008 meeting was canceled and scheduled for 11-17-2008 because of public hearing in Town Hall on the sewer rates.)

Meeting called to order by Doug.

1. Reviewed minutes of October 27, 2008 – minutes approved with one change recommended by Suzanne Oldakowski – that unidentified attendee was Gary Koopman.
2. Discussed the draft Zone Commission letter to Town Board concerning future code enforcement. Richard Booth recommended the wording not preclude a Cairo resident from being code enforcement officer. Letter to be edited and discussed at a future meeting.
3. Maps depicting various suggested zones sent from Nan were distributed and reviewed. Further review and discussion of the maps were delayed until entire Commission was in attendance.
4. John Gallagher presented an article from the Catskill Daily describing the action taken by the Village of Tannersville concerning their zoning law. Many of the points described in the article are similar to our needs at this time. It was recommended that article be discussed with other members and Nan. Doug to distribute article via e-mail
5. Began the review of Section III of the zoning draft law. Made changes to the chart to further discussed with Nan and the other members of the Commission. Doug to try to draw a draft chart of the suggested changes.
6. During the discussion of the Schedule of use chart - the following questions were unanswered:
 - What is the true definition of WHP? How do we consider this area in relation to the proposed restricted uses?
 - What is “Customary Accessory Use? How do we view the uses in this area?
 - In discussion of the category “Country Inn” – how we restrict this use – SU or SP?
 - How do we define “commercial” use area? How does this compare to the “Main Street” area? Discussion evolved around the various definitions that the Village of Tannersville proposed in their zoning law. Can we adopt the same descriptions?
 - In the category of “Recreational business – indoor” can we allow this use in H-A, HRT and other hamlets?
 - There was some discussion as to the restrictiveness of the key symbols SU & SP. There was uncertainty as to which key was more restrictive.

7. As discussion of the use chart was concluding, there was uncertainty as to whether maps should have been reviewed first. The maps would give the members a clearer picture of exactly what areas they restricting uses. It was recommended that the members discuss this with Nan at the next meeting.

A motion was made to conclude the meeting until November 24, 2008 at 7:30PM at the Town Hall.