

CAIRO ZONING COMMISSION, CAIRO TOWN HALL, 12/08/08

ATTENDANCE: Chairman: Doug Ostrander; Members, John Gallagher, Bill Hummel, Mary Kames Full minutes are available on audiotape.

Meeting called to order Doug Ostrander

OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE:

A review of the Daily Mail article on the Village of Catskill's Comprehensive Plan was done. Doug will contact the Village President, Vincent Seeley, to obtain more information on their current plan. This will also be discussed with Nan to obtain her opinion and see how it applies to our towns needs. Motion was made to accept by John Ga. and seconded by Mary Ka..

There was a discussion on Nan's website and how it will need some corrections to include the updated Site Plan Review Law to reflect that was submitted to the Town Board and Planning Board, in which has been reviewed and adopted.

Letter to Town Board on enforcement of any zoning laws adopted by the town was submitted and there has not been a response to date. There also has not been a response from the Hydro-Geologist. Nan will attempt to set up a review of his findings for the next meeting if he is prepared to do so.

A more definitive outline of the hamlets was again discussed with the need of these areas being more defined on the maps to better equip a precise local is needed to move ahead. There is currently nothing in writing to define the current/existing areas. Blown up descriptions to see the actual streets which will more clearly define the areas should including the Main St.; will be needed to assist in clearly defining the Commercial/Residential and just Commercial or Residential areas is needed. A review of our accessibility to these maps will be investigated. A motion to move forward was made by Doug Os. and seconded by Mary Ka..

The "Wind Mill" and "Hobby Farms" were again reviewed with a discussion of there being no impact on the issue of agriculture or the quality of life, other than that of a hamlet. once these areas are more clearly defined than it should not be an issue.

An overview of the laws for a "Hobby Farm" was reviewed with Nan as a result of the most recent newspaper article concerning someone in Greenville. Nan will investigate the number of feet required for the supply of food, shelter and what the animal waste regulations are, as well as the number of feet required to provide the owner access to his animals. Nan will also look into the number of feet that is required for a neighboring property and the same food, waste and shelter requirements. The application of certain farm laws will need to be explored to apply to rural areas along with their certification of housing of the animals and the type of animals housed. →

A general law on "Wind Towers" was reviewed and how it would apply to residential and commercial uses. It was agreed that the law provided previously was appropriate and would sufficiently meet the towns' needs.

Doug provided an overview of the meetings content, all agreed and a motion to adjourn was made by John Ga. and seconded by Bill Os.

Next meeting will be at the Town Hall on January 12, 2009 at 7:30 pm.