

ZONING COMMISSION, AGROFORESTRY/RESOURCE CENTER
MAY 12, 2008

Center is to forward all minutes and attendance sheets to me.

Center has been open in Town of Cairo for 1 year. It is a regional center for people all over the state and includes a model forest across the street. The current building reflects the areas resources with the siding being made of hemlock and the floors made of red oak; all of which are local products and were constructed from the lands around the building.

- * Mission is to to substitution the ecological /aesthetic and economic values.
- * Slide show presentation was done utilizing local pictures and examples of the lands use.
The desire is to provide an expertise education and connect to the Town of Cairo's Comprehensive Plan.
- * Advocate conserving the community, education plans for the town and schools.
- * Create dialogue and the desire to help the community/environment. There is no right or a wrong avenue, the desire is to open the discussion for new ideas and visions.
- * Sustain the local agriculture.
- * The need to increase the local economic activity and protect the natural resources.
- * Ecological resources were reviewed.
- * Challenges include the current threat to land usage, energy dilemma, peak oil extraction, with ½ the oil that exists already being extracted. Not only our country having already extracted the easiest obtained oil, it has also been the cheapest to refine.

Handouts were reviewed.

Question and answers regarding different programs and classes offered was discussed.

There was a small activity and discussion that was done covering the night's discussions.