

ATTENDANCE SHEET ATTACHED...meeting was not taped; therefore there will be no audio minutes available on tape.

#### OPEN WITH THE PLEDGE

All members of the Zoning Committee are invited to provide an updated report to the Cairo Democratic Club, at their monthly meeting, which will be held on May 28, 2008 at the Pot' Gold .

Handouts of version 6 of the site plan provided, which will be presented to the public at the Town Board meeting on June 18, 2008 at 6:30 pm. Jeff to contact Tal on the format, Nan suggested the meeting be non-controversial. Public should be given the opportunity to provide their opinions and interpretations. Public will need to sign in to keep track of attendance and participation. The Town Board will NOT debate issues, the meeting is for informational and discussion purposes. Site Plan Review must be reviewed for 30 days before it is sent to the county, a vote can be taken prior. The cover sheet shall include an Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) for the Town Board. The Town Board will go over the EAF and make their conclusion. The county can take an additional 30 days for review. The plan will then come back to the commission for approval; usually the County feedback is usually very helpful.

It was undecided if the commission's vacant seat would be filled due to a vacancy left by M.A. Tarpinian's resignation.

Issues were addressed by Nan concerning zoning laws, past and present. The 1995 efforts had some realistic components. She provided a hand out on "drafting zoning concepts/organization" please see attachment. These goals came from the comprehensive plan.

Each hamlet within Cairo needs to be treated differently, the need to recognize Main Street Cairo from Main Street Acra is important. Businesses need to "fit in"; Individuals fear they will not be able to use their own property for what they wish; Individuals have a concern as to what will actually be "allowed" in each designated zone;

Nan suggested hiring a code enforcement officer from outside the town to enforce the laws;

Zoning will state WHO enforces laws, HOW penalties will be distributed and any steps that will need to be taken to enforce;

Local Justices may need to play a role. This will tax that department with spending time on violations and additional money to enforce said laws, etc...;

Steve Winkley, a hydro-geologist, will be needed. His fee is \$6-7,000.00. An inquiry to Victor will be made about applying for a grant to cover his fee. There is currently \$19,000.00 available to cover a consultant's service. Nan will look into hiring the hydro-geologist with any monies left over. Plans will need to ensure the protection of wet lands, the environment and our community;

Everyone will need to understand the need for laws regarding the protection of streams, flood plains and etc.

It is important that we are not viewed as a negative entity. Permits will need to be specific for each neighborhood/district, and each will be looked at carefully. We need to determine how Nan can best assist us. She is willing to provide 11"x17" maps to assist with devising specific districts and regulations.

Next meetings to be held: June 16/30.

All members requested to compile expectations and goals of what they look to accomplish keeping in mind the unique demographics and diversity of our town. Please try and devise your plans topographically keeping the above in mind.

Janet requested to make previous minutes available thru Moira.

Minutes were thankfully taken and with much appreciation, by Mary Kames... (THANK YOU☺!! ms).