

CAIRO ZONING COMMISSION, CAIRO TOWN HALL, 01/12/09

ATTENDANCE: Chairman: Doug Ostrander; Members, John Gallagher, Bill Hummel, Mary Kames, Suzanne Odakoski and Richard BoothFull minutes are available on audiotape.

Meeting called to order by Doug Ostrander

OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE:

A review of the previous minutes from 11/24/08 and 12/08/08 were done and a motion to accept by Bill Hu., seconded by Rich Bo. with the acceptance that a spelling correction be made to the word "cite" to "site" in the second opening paragraph was made by Sue Od. as well as the word "that" is changed to "what" in the same paragraph. Additionally there was a request by Bill Hu. that the last paragraph be corrected to reflect the correct spelling of his name. It should state Bill Hu., not Bill Ho.. The minutes that were taken by Mary Ka. from the July 28, 2008 meeting were briefly discussed and will be made available for Doug Os. to review.

The maps received by Doug Os. from Don Meltz were reviewed, the designated locations for the hamlets of Round Top and Purling are still incorrectly defined. There are also no definitive existing boundaries for the other hamlets within the town, just generalized areas. It should be noted that a hamlet is specifically designed for zoning purposes and that only villages have definitive boundary lines. It was decided that more precise and updated maps will be needed, such as a GIS type map for more precision in defining these areas, however the group will move on and work on establishing tentative areas. Obtaining such maps will continue to be explored through the County.

Maps provided were reviewed and the "Main St." areas were tentatively established:

Cairo: currently goes from Rte. 23 to Rte. 23 with a designated historic district which goes from Mountain Ave. to the fountain. The Historic area was previously devised to sustain the economical character of that area. The committee will still need a larger, blown up map of the surrounding properties to be more precise in the boundaries established. However, it was agreed that the current description of Rte. 23 to Rte. 23 is sufficient.

South Cairo: from the Post Office to the old "Creekside Tavern".

Acra: from the Post Office to the Manor.

Purling: from "Donny's Green Lantern" to Vernal Butler falk.

Round Top: from the Post Office to the firehouse.

As stated, all boundaries are only tentative and are only set as a guideline for further discussions and progress.

Establishing a "Historic District" in Purling as well as Cairo was discussed. However, declaring an area a "Historic District" requires a specific process to go through in order for it to be zoned as such. This includes a Town Board vote. Keep in mind that there are restrictions that are imposed on these areas which include any expansions to the current structure or property; whether it be a division of property or adding of a garage, changes in paint colors/siding, as well as the intended use of the building and/or property. This can be very restrictive to the homeowner and the term "Traditional" may want to be explored to not impose such stringent limitations.

A calendar for up coming meetings was agreed upon. The following meeting schedule was set; 01/26/09, 02/09/09, 02/23/09, 03/09/09, 03/23/09, 04/13/09, 04/27/09 and 05/11/09. All meetings are currently schedule to take place at the Town Hall at 7:30 pm, as usual. It was noted that Bill Hu. will be absent from all meetings the month of March.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rich Bo. and seconded by Mary Ka.