

CAIRO ZONING COMMISSION, CAIRO TOWN HALL 8/24/2009

ATTENDANCE: Richard Booth, John Gallagher, Bill Hummel Mary Kames, Nan Stolzeburg, Doug Ostrander, Richard Lorenz, Town Board Liaison Janet Schwarzenegger, Town Board Liaison... full minutes are available on audio tape.

Absent: Sue Oldakowski Town Board Liaison

Meeting called to order by D. Ostrander.

OPEN WITH THE PLEDGE

Minutes for August 10, 2009 were reviewed and approved. Rich Booth made to accept the minutes and Mary Kames seconded the motion.

Allen Ververka, a member of the Town of Cairo Planning Board was present at the meeting representing the Planning Board. Mr. Ververka stated that a member of the Planning Board will be attending future Zoning Commission meetings.

Meeting's discussion began with Nan Stolezenburg explaining that the Commission must create definitive boundaries for a hamlet. It was understood that the members defined the whole town into hamlet areas. The boundaries are however too broad and "main Street" areas should be more defined. This will assist the Commission in determining the commercial nodes and thus determine the density levels.

Nan discussed subdivision XII Conservation Subdivision Regulations. Nan explained that these regulations are a technique for making subdivisions of property and attempt to maintain open spaces. It is particularly directed at large tracts of land. It is felt that this technique is important to reach the goals of open spaces and maintenance of a rural atmosphere as set out in the Town Comprehensive Plan.

To better understand these regulations, Nan stated that she would bring to next meeting a sample of another town that has used this technique. It was generally felt by the Commission members that this was good technique and should be explored.

It was determined that the members should review section XII and send their comments via e-mail. Nan also challenged the Commission to make a determination if the Conservation Regulations should be voluntary, mandatory or a combination of both.

For our next meeting on 9/14/2009, Nan suggested that the members review section XIV and review carefully subdivision F: Individual Standards for Special Uses.

The dates for the next few meetings are:
9/14/2009, 9/28/2009, 10/12/2009, 10/26/2009

The meeting was ended when Mary Kames made a motion to end the meeting and Richard Booth seconded the motion.