

Minutes March 20, 2008

Town of Corinth Planning Board

Joint workshop with Town Board began at 4:15pm

Eric Butler, Chairman	Richard Lucia, Supervisor
Edwin Eggleston, Vice-Chairman	Charles Brown, Deputy Supervisor
Louise Reed	John Major
Althea Rivette 4:12pm	Edward Byrnes
Joan Beckwith Excused Late	Mitchell Saunders
Attorney Pozefsky	Town Attorney Robert Hafner
Fred Mann, Code Enforcement officer	
Cheri Sullivan, Secretary	Rose E. Farr, Town Clerk

Public Present: Sigrud Koch, Jim Murray Sr., and Lynn Walker

The Town Board and Planning Board members reviewed and discussed the following at this workshop:

Site Plan Review Residential/Commercial and Special Use Permits were discussed. These applications currently have the same fee. It was suggested the Town Board members to consider having two separate fees, one for site plan review pertaining to residential and one pertaining to Commercial Site Plan Review. Town Board member John Major said Site Plan review is an extra tool for the Planning Board. Town Board member John Major also stated that there has been a change in Industrial Use, which will now require a Special Use Permit. Attorney Pozefsky said that as the Town Code currently reads the Engineering Fees are in place for Site Plan review. The engineering fees were discussed and it was decided that these fees should be applied across the board. The Town Board felt that more research needed to be done regarding fees with Site Plan Review prior to the Town Board making a decision. The Town Board asked the planning Board Secretary if she could do some research on this. Town Attorney Robert Hafner said the fees for Site Plan Review needed to be researched for residential, commercial and Industrial.

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A Special use permit is a use that is allowed in that zone. Special Use permit current charge is \$25.00. Secretary Sullivan was also instructed to research fee amounts on “Special Use permits with neighboring communities.

Secretary Sullivan said that there was an inconsistency with the required number of maps being submitted depending on what the application is for. It was suggested that there be one set number of maps required. Secretary Sullivan explained how the map submittal process works from the beginning of the process to the end to the Board members present. Town Clerk Rose Farr suggested that there are grants available for the handling and storage of maps.

Secretary Sullivan told the Town Board members that there was a discrepancy between what was written in Town Code and what the actual process was when it came to Family Exemptions. Attorney Pozefsky said in the Town Code Family Exemptions are referred to as non-jurisdictional, and over the years the applicants have filled out an affidavit, but the section goes on to say that a minor subdivision application needs to be submitted with it. Attorney Pozefsky said that there is inconsistency as to whether it is non-jurisdictional or not. Attorney Pozefsky said it is the same issue as with the Boundary Line Adjustment that was discussed at the last meeting. There was further discussion on Family Exemption, including substandard lots and the language that is used in the Town Code.

Secretary Sullivan asked the Town Board what the standards were for training in regards to the instructors used. Did the instructors need to be from the County and State or was a licensed and certified individual within a specific field considered qualified to teach a class for the required hours needed. Supervisor Lucia said that was in the organizational minutes. Town Clerk, Rose Farr said there was not a resolution regarding this in this in Januarys organizational. Town Attorney Hafner said this would have to be discussed by the Town Board.

Secretary Sullivan also suggested that the Town Board and Planning Board have a joint meeting more than once a year. Planning Board member Joan Beckwith said she felt it should be more than once a year. Secretary

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Sullivan said there are items of interest that come up throughout the year that have the possibility of warranting review by the Town Board. Councilman Major said if something comes up, that a letter or internal note could be submitted to the Supervisor for the Town Board to review.

Planning Board Member Eggleston said he would like to see the Town Board display more of the attitude and thought, when they are having these joint Town meetings, as when they are sitting in their Town Board seats. He hoped the Town Board would keep in mind what happened here and make changes in the future, keeping in mind the best interest for the entire Town not just one individual group.

Planning Board Chairman Eric Butler asked the Town Board if they could just touch a little on the new Composting Law the Planning Board members would get at their meeting tonight. Attorney Pozefsky said he has spoke with Attorney Mike Hill in regards to this proposed law and he wanted to suggest a workshop with the Planning Board next Wednesday to review and discuss it at length. Town Board member John Major said there are actually two parts to it, one is composting and the other is non-conforming uses.

Councilman Byrnes had questions as to whether every application should be notarized. Attorney Hafner said that he would look into it.

There was some further business discussed by the Town Board and a motion was made by Town Board members and the meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm

Cheri Sullivan