

# Minutes March 26, 2008

## *Town of Corinth Planning Board*

Workshop with Planning Board began at 5:36pm

Eric Butler, Chairman  
Edwin Eggleston, Vice-Chairman  
Louise Reed  
Althea Rivette  
Joan Beckwith- Absent  
Attorney Pozefsky  
Cheri Sullivan, Secretary

Public Present: There was no public present at this Workshop

The Planning Board members convened for this workshop to review the proposed local Law amending the Corinth Town Code relating to Composting Facilities and Non- Conforming uses. Chairman Butler said the Town Board has spent a long time on this proposed Law The Proposed Law was forwarded to Saratoga County Planning Board. Saratoga County Planning has reviewed this proposed law and approved with no recommendations. Chairman Butler said there are 17 pages to this proposed Local Law. The Planning Board should address specific issues if anyone has them, rather than go through each individual page.

Board member Eggleston said the proposed law was written very well and in the working mans wording. It is the first time that he has read a law that he could understand. All Board members agreed that it was well written. Board member Eggleston said that he liked the part of the mobile homes. Attorney Pozefsky explained that this was under non-conforming uses and structures. Attorney Pozefsky said the section addressing non-conforming structures and uses was part of the old code, the rest of the proposed law is new. Attorney Pozefsky said the whole point of this non-conforming structures and uses is to address what is grand fathered and what is not.

Board member Reed said under definitions “Compostables” she would like to see a definition of Animal Waste, is this definition is it referring to manure, and if so what happens when the Planning Board issues permits and the applicant is told that they have to dispose of the manure, what will they do with it. Attorney Pozefsky said this law does not apply to Agricultural farming. Board member Reed said an individual is not legally considered a farm unless they are generating an income of more than \$10,000 and she wants to know what these individuals are suppose to do with their animal waste. Board member Reed said that under the supplemental regulations it refers to the keeping of large farm animals and further down the page it requires procedures to be in place for the removal of waste. Attorney Pozefsky said that in the other part of the law it states that it still has to be regulated and that would not change, this proposed law is a separate law. Attorney Pozefsky said that he felt it would be okay as long as it wasn't being done commercially and there were no monies exchanged. Attorney Pozefsky said the point of this law is to regulate commercial composting facilities, it is not meant to regulate farming or residential activities. Attorney Pozefsky said this proposed new law would supersede anything else.

There was further discussion about the definitions of animal waste and animal products and thermophilic. The Planning Board members felt these definitions should be included the proposed Local Law.

Attorney Pozefsky said that he would draft a letter to the Town Board so that they have it in time to review for their workshop tomorrow. Attorney Pozefsky said there were a couple technical errors that he had already discussed with the Town Attorney. Attorney Pozefsky said that he would write a letter to the Town Board stating that 89-16iii needed to be deleted as per Attorney Discussion, he would request that the Town Board consider adding definitions for animal waste, animal products and thermophilic. The Planning Board would also recommend “large farm animal fecal matter be added to the definition of Compostables.

Motion to Adjourn the Workshop~ Edwin Eggleston  
Seconded~ Althea Rivette

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All in Favor~ Eric, Edwin, Louise, Althea

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Cheri Sullivan