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*February 2, 2006
Board Meeting*

A meeting of the Corinth Zoning Board of Appeals was held on Thursday February 2, 2006 at the Corinth Town Hall 600 Palmer Avenue, Corinth, New York and was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the Chairman Bill Clarke.

Present: X Sigrid Koch X Christopher Ross X Glen Tearno X Bill Clarke X Linda Hamm, Secretary X Fred Mann Jr. Administrator

Absent: Attorney Pozefsky with excuse.

Public: Philip Giordano, Jeffrey Sumner, Lynn Dishon, Russell Melville, Yvone Melville, Rose Bovee, Marie Bovee, Charles Weatherwax, Barbara Weatherwax, Edward Byrnes, Arleen Springer Ely Labomband

*Chairman Clarke asks for a motion for the January minutes as written.
Glen Tearno made the motion to accept the January minutes as written, and Sigrid Koch seconded.*

A roll call was taken:

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Chairman Clarke states that we have no cases this evening so this will be an informal meeting. Chairman states he has not had time to review the material so I think we will table that until next month and just cover the classes we attended through the County held in Saratoga Springs. On of the classes that I attend was on affordable housing, that is something I am very interested in and believe we need here in Corinth. Sigrid states that she has some information she collected at one of her classes that we might be interested in. I like the format here, it has boxes on the side giving examples of how to answer the questions, in regard to a use variance, area variance. For the public's information, a meeting I attended in Greenfield Center a presentation was made by Green Infrastruction Resource and they have been going around the county to different towns questioning locals that have lived in the area and would know about natural

system with working landscapes, recreation and trails and cultural history. They are showing this on huge Mylar maps . Our historian along with Rex Moon was also there. The Infrastructure Resource is gathering this information in hopes of getting some grants. Instead of each town working on its own, its a county wide effort. This will get the towns to work together, not for just one town alone. It was very interesting to see how far they have all ready gone in gathering this information in different towns. This will be very instrumental in obtaining grants for possibly the train going through town, trails etc. If you hear of any more of their meetings coming up, I would recommend that you go. Nothing has become final yet, they are still looking for input. Chairman Clarke states that one of the projects he has been working individually is Corinth has been known as the snowshoe capital of the state and any members of the public if you have any information you can contact me with any additional information, I would greatly appreciate it. I have been speaking with Rich Eggleston as he is the coach for the Corinth team at school. I am seeking for any additional information, in regard to snowshoe trails, snowmobile trails, horseback trails and hiking trails. I am especially interested in the snowshoe capital idea. Anyone with further information please contact me. At this time I would like to introduce our two new board members that have been chosen. Mr. Jeffrey Fedor will be our alternate and Mr. Philip Giordano will be at the bench. Welcome to you both. Chairman thanks them for their service.

To let the public know, Saratoga County is an advanced County training board members and we were all there last Wednesday. We took several classes and different areas. One that I took was on affordable housing, something I know is needed in this community. This is something were working, there is no easy solution and we are receptive to any ideas the public may have on this. Sigrid Koch asked Barbara Weatherwax in the public how she felt about the class presentation? All were well done, very well done I attended zoning as well as planning classes. We learned so much about the way to go through procedure. I highly recommend that all board members go these classes at least once a year. The people who were speaking were very well versed and there were people there supporting them as well as attorney's there to answer legalities they handled it beautifully. I would be surprised if all the planning board members wouldn't take advantage of that because with out all the training there are a lot of unanswered questions there. Sigrid shares with the public some other training they attended last fall which was the New York State Federation which was great and they are in hopes that it will be held again this year.

Chairman asks the public if there is anything else they wish to discuss or other input? Barbara Weatherwax asks Chairman Clarke how would a matter come to you, who would you go to first and what do you actually do here? Chairman Clarke states mostly we deal with area variances to the zoning law or use variance and most are referred to us by the building inspector for judicially . For instance if a person did not have enough land that they needed, and we could see that it would not impact negatively on the current zoning law, we could approve possibly a slightly sub standard lot . A use variance is a lot more detailed. There are several criteria to go though in order to approve these variances in order to protect the residences. As one of the lawyers from Department of State, it's all about gas stations. Sitting gas stations in a residential area

can be a real consensus issue, and is one of the most challenging use variances you can hear of. Mrs. Weatherwax asks, if Philmet was to go for a variance in the land fill, would that come to you? I'm not certain, I can't say now weather it would or not. This special use permit would that go to the Planning Board? Yes it would go to the Planning Board. So perhaps it depends on what they are asking for. Chairman Clarke states that the land use books are available in the clerks office and they include a map. There is a fee of \$10.00, so if you want to get into the details of that, it's available. Mrs. Weatherwax states she has that book. Sigrid states this will be ground breaking for all of us , when we find out what they are doing.

Glen Tearno states Mr. Chairman in essence there being no further business for discussion I would like to make a motion that we adjourn this meeting.

Seconded by Sigrid Koch with a roll call taken.

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This meeting is closed at 7:21 P.M.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday March 2, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully,

CHAIRMAN