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Alternate**

**March 3, 2011**

**A meeting of the Town of Corinth Zoning Board of Appeals was held on Thursday March 3, 2011 at 7:10 P.M. and was called to order by Chairman Clarke.**

**Roll Call: Y Sigrid Koch, Y Jeffrey Fedor, Y Bill Clarke, Y Glen Tearno Y Chris Rudolph Y Attorney Pozefsky, Y Fred Mann, Linda Hamm Secretary**

**Absent : Tim Sullivan No excuse.**

**Chairman Clarke: States this is going to be an informational meeting. There are no cases to be heard this evening. What is on the agenda is to discuss the classes that we attended last month in Saratoga and touch base on the progress of the comprehensive plan**

**Planning Conference**

**Sigrid starts off by saying how she enjoys the skits that are**

put on. I think people get a better understanding when they can relate to what is happening . Chairman Clarke asks Attorney Pozefsky if he attends the classes. Attorney Pozefsky state's he doesn't attend the classes he is speaking of. I have to attend classes to remain an attorney through the bar association, and they are very similar.

Sigrid states she appreciates the classes but wishes they would put into plain English. Sometimes with the attorney language you don't understand, and we have been attending so you can imagine how Joe public feels. You shouldn't need a half dozen lawyers there to interpret it for you.

### **Budget**

Chairman Clarke states to the board that the supervisor wanted to cut back the budget in each office by 5%. Chairman Clarke stated that he mentioned that the Zoning Board could cut back on the attorney fees. Meaning to use on a by the hour. Secretary mentioned that if you check around it could end up costing you more in the end.

Attorney Pozefsky interjects to the Chairman that his fee has not changed in the last (10) ten years. Chairman Clarke thanked him.

### **Employee Manual**

Chairman Clarke states he would like to discuss the employee manual. Chairman Clarke asks Attorney Pozefsky if he had ever been asked to sign one of these? No, I don't recall ever signing an employee manual. I did speak with the town attorney today and stated that some of the board was concerned with the signing of the employee manual. Mr. Hafner stated that if there were any questions to please either speak with Supervisor Lucia or to call his office. Chairman Clarke stated that in the book there was something pertaining to carrying a gun in the building. There is a concern of direct violence from an applicant. There is a lot of stress people are dealing with. For example there are no more elder cottages, so they have to find another avenue to take to helping out their family members. A continued discussion of their safety and the public's safety during a meeting was discussed along with

options that could be taken.

Board member Jeffery Fedor stated that perhaps that would be something for the County Planning Board to look into for a class for the board members. How to handle an irate applicant and how to defuse an escalated confrontation.

Attorney Pozefsky stated he did have a situation about two years ago in Milton and they had installed a button under the bench which goes right to the police department so the chairman pressed it and we had a police officer in a matter of minutes at the door way and things calmed right down.

### **Progress of Comprehensive Plan**

Glen Tearno stated that their last meeting was February 14, 2011 and at that point we had completed quite a bit. We had redefined all the districts, added definitions to uses, redefining storage buildings, docks, the whole gambit. We had removed the R-3 district from the zoning because we saw an overlap of that and R-2. We divided the town into three sections and each one we did a map on. Our first objective was to remove any slip districts, so the town no longer has any parcels that has slip districts. That will make things a lot easier for Code Enforcement. Since we did away with R-3 we had to take all those parcels that were in the R-3 district and redistrict them.

They went into R-1, R-2, or RR, based on what was around them. Our next meeting will be March 14<sup>th</sup> at the LA Group which will probably be our final time for the revision of the map. This will be our first time to look at the map of the town as a whole to see what changes have come since the 2004 to the 2011 revision. To see what changes came from that as far as build able lots and how it aligns with the old comprehensive plan. As far as next steps, what we need to still complete is the second portion of the Land Use Law , which is more about the proxy's . After that, draw up a draft to give to the town board to review, then a final draft with revisions from it, as we see fit. The goal for that timeline is realistically July or August.

**Discussion was continued of the land use law and Attorney Pozefsky stated from a legal perspective before the town can pass the new adopted law it has to be referred to the Planning Board for a review and recommendation. So the whole packet once you finally do it, is going to get sent to the Planning Board for it's review and recommendation, then sent back to the Town Board for the final and public hearing.**

**Chairman Clarke asks if there is anything else anyone would like to discuss? Mr. Jeffrey Fedor states that Charlton had a presentation on environmental protection which was a very good presentation by the assessor to be the only town to have lost population over (20) twenty years, in a county that is growing the fastest in New York. It is really interesting to see how they are putting forth such a strong effort to maintain a rural character. Example here is look at Fuller Road, Gabriel Road and the rectangular pieces of property and how we sell the parcels along the road side, and parcels of land end up getting land locked. Perhaps this fits to what you were saying, and they show some interesting initiative as to how to prevent that. You can see here on the map on Fuller, Gabriel County Route 24 , Hack how it is creating an interesting development pattern.**

**Chairman Clarke asks for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Glen Tearno and seconded by Jeffrey Fedor.**

**All were in favor. 5 AYES 0 NAYS**

**Next meeting will be April 7, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Linda Hamm  
Secretary**