

**Minutes of the Public Hearing on the Proposed Fee Structure for the Town of
Johnsburg Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Held on Tuesday January
16, 2007, at 6:45pm, at the Town of Johnsburg Library, North Creek, NY**

The Public Hearing on the proposed Fee Structure for the Town of Johnsburg Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals was called to order at 6:45pm. by Supv. Thomas. The Town Clerk read the legal notice as it appeared in the North Creek News-Enterprise on December 30, 2006.

Roll call showed the following persons present: Supv. / William H. Thomas; Town Councilpersons/ Eugene Arsenault, Sterling Goodspeed, Arnold Stevens and Alyce VanKeuren; Town Clerk/ William Rawson.

Guests: On attached sheet

Mr. Goodspeed explained that this is a separate fee structure from the one included in the proposed Local Law #1 of 2007. This is an updating and restructuring of the fees charged by the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals in the current fee schedule. Mr. Mark Bergman explained that he had worked with Town Attorney Tony Jordan to both update and simplify the current fee schedule.

Mrs. Marion Monroe asked about the charge for SEQR review not being in the proposed fee schedule. Mr. Bergman said that this charge was a part of the base fee in order to simplify the fee schedule.

Mrs. Catherine Allen said that the increase from the current \$5.00 application fee to \$100.00 for an area variance or \$250.00 for a use variance is excessive. Mr. Goodspeed agreed that it seemed too high. Mr. Bergman said that the cost was equivalent with other area towns and reflected the need for legal advice. Mrs. Allen said that with the exception of an extensive use hearing that the Zoning Board of Appeals had not requested legal advice in a number of years. Mr. Arsenault suggested a fee of \$50.00 for either type of variance in view of the current cost. Mr. Goodspeed agreed that a small home-based business could trigger escrow Planning Board fees for site plan with expensive results.

Supv. Thomas asked if another Public Hearing would be needed if such changes in the fees for the Zoning Board of Appeals were to be made. Mr. Goodspeed thought probably not since they were minor changes. Supv. Thomas stated that no action would be taken regarding this issue during the Regular Town Board meeting following this Public Hearing.

A motion to adjourn the Public Hearing was presented by Mrs. VanKeuren with a second from Mr. Stevens at 7:10pm. With all members voting in favor the motion is declared passed. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:10pm.

Prepared by William E. Rawson, Town Clerk