

The Clinton Town Board held their zoning revision meeting on this day in the Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Ray Oberly and Board Members Nancy Cunningham, Dean Michael and Michael Whitton. Chris Juliano was absent. There were two residents in the audience.

Supervisor Oberly called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Councilmember Michael's Comments**

**Review §250-66. Commercial horse boarding and commercial equine** – No changes noted

**§ 250-67 Public utilities and transmission lines**

**Ray Oberly** wants to cut out (C) & (E) and doesn't think we can regulate (D 3 and 4)

**Dean Michael** thinks we should keep (E) as it at least allows the Planning Board to interject some planning to the code.

It was agreed to modify (C) by deleting the part of voltage and to delete (D) 3 and 4.

**Ray Oberly** wants (F) densely populated are defined move the last sentence of (G) to a new (D) 3

**Russ Tompkins** thinks we should keep the language vague

**Ray Oberly** wants to add deed land to (G)

**Dean Michael** thinks we should change should to may in that new (D) 3

**§ 250-68 Satellite dish antennas.**

**Russ Tompkins** thinks in (I) should remove tree at the end of the first sentence.

**Ray Oberly** doesn't like the rear yard requirement

**Michael Whitton** said we should exempt anything under 2 feet – all agreed.

**§ 250-69 Sawmills.**

**Ray Oberly** wanted to reduce the 200 ft setback if the adjacent property was owned by the same owner, but no one else agreed.

**§ 250-70 Signs.**

**Russ Tompkins** question (D) 2 on top of Roofs and lighting of signs

**Ray Oberly** On (D) 1 about Billboard signs off property and farmers. To fix his concern we added Agricultural Purpose on (E) 16. Questioned (D) 4 shows to roadside stands. (E) 1 which we altered and (E) 2 just a comment and (E) 3 which we changed per to each (E) 4 about the roadside stand (E) 6 change right of way to travel way. (E) 14 change to 150 days, # 20 as to material

**Michael Whitton** reminded us of Ian Shranks email from September as shown below:

in C(6) the third sentence is misplaced and should become C(7) as it applies to all signs, not just signs with two faces. In any event, what does "defined background shape" mean? I think the intent would be clearer if it said: "If the area of a sign is difficult to calculate, such area shall instead be calculated as the smallest square, rectangle or circle capable of enclosing the sign."

- why should a sign ever interfere with someone else's rights? I think this should read: "No sign shall overhang onto or above adjacent property or a public or private right-of-way unless the owner of such property or right-of-way consents." **WHICH WAS AGREED**

- C(18) is not clear. - how is the 10 feet measured? There are clearly permitted signs the top of which are more than 10 feet off the ground. In any event, I would change **"building" to "structure"**.
- D(4), E(1), E(3), E(6) and F(2)(a) all use different references for Roads, which is defined. We should use "Road" each time so it is clear what is meant.
- in D(4), it seems like an error was made, I would suggest it read: "...located on property other than the property on which the vehicle or trailer is located." If that is correct, I think we can delete at the end "or signs advertising roadside stands."
- D(1) is unclear. What defines a billboard? Is it not simpler to just prohibit signs of more than X square feet? I would suggest X=20. **Was changed taking out Billboard and just use 20 Sq Ft**
- E, F, G and H should be clear that they do not override C. I would start each of those sections with "Subject to the requirements of part C above," **Applied**
- in E(2) change "church" to "Place of Religious Worship". **Changed**
- in E(3) delete "per side" as it does not make sense **Changed to each**
- E(4) seems inconsistent with E(14). I would revise E(4) by adding at the end: ", located on the same property as the roadside stand". **We Deleted E4**
- E(6) allows unlimited signage for non-commercial purposes. Should we not at a minimum limit their size? **No Change**
- in E(8) delete "posters, placards," as they are just synonyms for signs. **No Change**
- in E(9) it should be clarified to say "...per entrance from a Road where..." **Change**
- in E(14) I do not understand why advertising farm products or farm operations get a pass from regulation for 90 days a year. If there is a farm stand, I think such permission is fine. But if the farm is not selling products from its premises on a retail basis, they should not have the right to post such signs. Also, delete the reference to roadside stand (see E(4) above). **No Change**
- delete E(15) and rely on the lighting rules **No Change**
- E(18) is not right, since signs are regulated based on their purpose in many cases. I would change it to read: "The changing of message content, but for the same purpose, but not the changing of design or format, on approved signs." **No Change**
- E(19) seems too long, please limit such signs to 30 days **No Change**
- E(25) should be limited in size, I would suggest no more than 2 square feet **No Change**
- I would add E(26): "Signs not larger than 2 square feet advocating for a political candidate or issue."
- in F(1), 30 square feet seems too large, please change to 20 and add at the end "per Lot" (compare how G is worded) **No Change**

We discussed (E26) Political Signs which no changes were taken as it is regulated by the state  
Take E 4 out

Councilmember Michael said we will discuss the following sections at the next meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> of February at 7pm, **Sections to follow are § 250-72, 95 and 96**

Video can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z59FDPZ-PUM> 2:08

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MM Oberly, 2nd Michael that the Town Board adjourns the meeting. at 9:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dean Michael, Councilmember & Zoning Revision Chair