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SPECIAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 1979

Business Committee present: Purcell Powless, Norbert Hill, Loretta Metoxen, Mark Powless, Margaret Doxtater

Others present: Mr. Bichlar, Lawyer from Judicare, Francis Skenandore, Chris Doxtator, Stanley Webster, Gary Korb, Tony Benson, Doug Smith, Carl Rassmussen, Bruce Schaepe, Ernie Stevens

Chairman Powless called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. Meeting was called to discuss issues involved with Tribal zoning and proposed zoning ordinance.

Mr. Bichlar stated the Solicitors opinion was that the Oneida Constitution grants no authority for zoning or land use. The proposed Tribal zoning ordinance was adequate in regards to Tribal land but would not hold up in regards to non-Tribal land.

Stan Webster stated the Land Committee's basis for the ordinance is contained in Article 1 of the Constitution which states jurisdiction of the Tribe extends within the present confines of the Oneida Reservation and to other lands as may be added. Bichlar stated the Federal court might rule against the Tribe.

Mark asked if it was possible to abolish Townships on Tribal land. There are no cases on record.

Doug spoke of Tribal zoning permits and licenses; comprehensive zoning, business leases, and building permits. The Tribe could adopt a resolution for no further development on the reservation except for Federal building.

Gary Korb stated it would be easier for the Tribe to zone land by creeks where the County has ordinances already. The County is not enforcing; Tribal zoning may be preferable.

Bichlar commented on the Tribe's checkerboarded land. Tribe needs total jurisdiction over all the land. In cooperation with the County, the Tribe could come to an agreement with non-Indians living on the Reservation that would strengthen zoning ordinances. He was concerned about administration and enforcement of a zoning ordinance. He recommended to set up two bodies of review; a zoning administrator (Land Committee) and a higher body for appeal (Business Committee)

Bichlar restated that the proposed zoning ordinance is adequate for the purpose of asserting jurisdiction over Tribal land only. It could be strengthened by inserting a constitutional clause for non-Tribal land. He further stated that Oneida should have a Tribal Court. Ernie Stevens



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suggested setting up an interim panel until such time as a Tribal Court is established. An intermediary panel could be established. Bichlar suggested several persons be designated as arbitrators; the two sides pick persons agreeable to both of them and agree to abide by their decision. Ernie suggested the Business Committee should be part of the administrative appeal.

Mr. Bichlar made a final statement to encourage the Tribe to persue zoning. Administration and enforcement are very important. The Tribe needs to make a committment to enforce ordinances, have public hearings, collect all necessary data. Mark mentioned Tribal sovereignty. Mr. Bichlar said that zoning is a tool for the Tribe to use. He doesn't think the Tribe is sacrificing its sovereignty by using this method.

11:a.m. meeting with Housing Authority

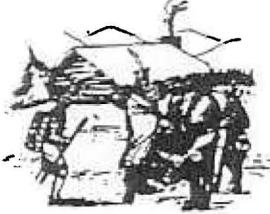
Housing Members present: Jean Johnson, Ron John, Lois Powless, Pat Flynn

Ernie requested that the Housing Authority redraft the Housing Ordinance to be consistant with the plans of the Tribe. Pat Flynn stated that the Tribe already has a zoning ordinance that was adopted before the Housing started. Loretta and Lois asked for copies of the ordinances that the BIA has. Loretta made a motion to request the ordinances developed by the BIA for the Tribal office and Planning office. Mark seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Planning Office news release. Loretta moved that Doug Smith be designated to answer questions in consultation with the Legal Department. Margaret seconded. Motion carried, 3 for, Mark opposed.

Jean Johnson asked Carl the status of land acquisition. He stated that of five sites noted, the Land Committee recommended purchasing the Vande Hei farm. A portion of the farm to be used for a Bingo Building, another portion of the farm could be used for a housing site. Jean stated that the Housing Authority's priority was for scattered sites, not clustered housing. Mark made a motion that the Housing Authority and the Planners work together with Loretta Metoxen as liaison. Norbert seconded. Motion carried, 3 for, 1 abstention. Loretta requested a meeting with all concerned Sept. 20 at 10:00 a.m. Carl requested that the Business Committee not make any requests of the Planning office for the next two months so they can devote their time to land.

Meeting recessed at 12:20 reconvened at 1:45



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Land Committee Minutes of August 17, 1979

Margaret moved, Norbert seconded to approve cancellation of Raymond & Dianna Elm. Motion carried unanimously.

Loretta moved, Mark seconded to approve application of Antone & Dorothy Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark moved, Norbert seconded to approve application of Shirley Ann Decoteau. Motion carried unanimously.

Norbert moved, Mark seconded to approve application of Gordon & Skenandore. Motion carried unanimously.

Loretta moved, on the condition of correction of description, Mark seconded to approve application of Wayne & Cleo Cornelius. Motion carried unanimously.

Memo on Alice Cornelius which states "Land to be held in redeemed status by Alice Cornelius in order that she may have authority to release parcels of land to members of her family." Loretta moved to approve, Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark moved, Norbert seconded to approve Donald Jorgenson extension for one year. Motion carried unanimously.

Loretta moved, Mark seconded to approve Pearl St. Mansion rent of \$150 plus a security deposit on one month rent. Motion carried unanimously.

Loretta moved, Mark seconded to approve Land Committee minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Loretta moved, Norbert seconded to have Land Committee draft resolution regarding house trailers on Tribal land. Motion carried unanimously.

Gary Korb letter regarding Vande Yacht will be submitted at next meeting.

Norbert moved, Loretta seconded to defer ordinance for charter to the meeting tomorrow. Motion carried unanimously.

Morbert moved, Loretta seconded to adjourn meeting at 2:45. Mt

*Respectfully submitted
Margaret Dattala*