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SCOTT COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AGENDA

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 4:00 P.M.

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Attendance
- 3. <u>Approval of Minutes:</u> Approval of the September 27, 2023 meeting minutes.
- **4.** Public Hearing Appeal of Interpretation: Request from Robert Iossi for an Appeal of Interpretation of a zoning determination and building permit denial for the construction of a "rustic cabin" on a parcel zoned Agricultural-Preservation (A-P).
- 5. Zoning Board of Adjustment's 2024 Schedule: Approval of meeting schedule for 2024
- 6. Old Business
- 7. Zoning Administrator's Report
- 8. Public Comment
- 9. Adjournment

Public Hearing/Meeting Procedure

- a. Chairman reads public notice of hearing.
- b. Director reviews background of request.
- c. Applicant /Representative provide any additional comments on request.
- d. Public may make comments or ask questions.
- e. Director makes staff recommendation.
- f. Applicant may respond or comment.
- g. Commission members may ask questions.
- h. Chairman closes the public portion of the hearing (No more public comments).
- i. Discussion period for the Commission members.
- j. Commission members make motion to approval, deny, or modify request.
- k. Final vote. Recommendation goes to Board of Supervisors.

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SCOTT COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Scott County Planning and Development Department has on file the following application as allowed by the Scott County Zoning Ordinance, Section 6-32. This notice is to notify all of a public hearing to be held in the 1st Floor Board Room, County Administrative Center, 600 W 4th Street, Davenport, IA, 52801 on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 4:00 P.M.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hear the request from **Robert lossi** for an Appeal of Interpretation of a zoning determination and building permit denial for the construction of a "rustic river cabin" on a parcel zoned Agricultural-Preservation (A-P). The proposed location is legally described as Part of the SW ¼ of Section 11 of Allens Grove Township (Scott County Parcel 021135001).

If you have questions or comments regarding this meeting or the requested variance please call, write or email the Planning and Development Department, 600 West Fourth Street, Davenport, Iowa 52801, (563) 326-8643, planning@scottcountyiowa.gov or attend the meeting.

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Appeal to the Scott County Board of Adjustment					
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Applicant	•	Deed Holder or	Property Owner		
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I (We) further state that if this request is granted, I (we) will proceed with the actual construction in accordance to the conditions set by the Board of Adjustment, after the application and issuance of a building permit from Planning and Development and in the two (2) year time period as prescribed by Section 6-27.F.(8) of the Zoning Ordinance. Applicant's Signature Deed Holder's Signature					
Fees Paid (Circle one):					
Appeal of Interpretation \$50	Special Use Permit Less than 5 acres = \$ 5 to 10 acres = \$150 Ten acres or more =)	<u>Variance</u> \$100		

Formal Zoning Appeal

October 23, 2023

Scott County Planning, Development and Zoning

600 West Fourth Street'

Davenport, IA 52801-1106

Attn: Chris Still Scott County Zoning Administrator

Re: 021135001 IA Sec 11 Block/TWP 80 Lot Rng 02 Allens Grove TWP

Hello Scott,

Your letter dated October 18, received on October 21 leaves us in disbelief.

This land has always been a relaxation site to gather all together from multiple locations and enjoy the outdoors for fishing, hunting, sports and togetherness. We also plant trees annually, especially hardwoods. We have saved and spent thousands of dollars to improve this property in preparation for a re-build of the rustic cabin our ancestors built legally.

When did you notify us in writing that this zoning change would prohibit us from re-building on our own property reversing what your office told us we could do, on the existing foot print where no trees exist?

I object to having to having to appeal a zoning change of my own property. We do NOT generate income from this property through AG and it is NOT preserved, we are not creating a residential facility where people would live, nor does it have the facilities for such urban encroachment. Your analysis of our application is incorrect. The problem is Scott County doesn't have a rustic wilderness cabin nomenclature and forces everyone into a residential bucket.

Please explain how this zoning change will impact the environment when a cabin that once existed in the same place before would now be affected by re-building it?

Best regards,

Robert S. Iossi

Attachment 1: Chris Still Denial Letter dtd Oct 18, 2023



Planning & Development Scott County, Iowa

Email: planning@scottcountyiowa.gov

Office: (563) 326-8643 Fax: (563) 326-8257 Administrative Center 600 West Fourth Street Davenport, Iowa 52801-1106

October 18, 2023

Robert Iossi 1075 Oak Wood Drive Carol Stream IL 60188

Re: Zoning Ordinance Interpretation, Construction Permit Application

Mr. Iossi,

The Scott County Planning & Development Department has received and reviewed an application for a construction permit dated October 17, 2023. As the Zoning Administrator, I have determined the following statements of fact for the application:

- 1. The subject property is approximately 36.629 acres and is currently zoned "Agricultural-Preservation (A-P)" with a Future Land Use Map designation of "No Change."
- 2. The A-P district is intended and designed to protect agricultural operations and preserve agricultural land from encroachment of urban development and is not intended for residential uses. (6-9A)
- 3. Farms, farm buildings, and farm houses are exempt from county zoning regulations. (6-9B(1))
- 4. The proposed structure in the construction permit application has not been determined to be a farm, farm building, or farm house through the issuance of an agricultural exemption by Scott County.
- 5. If a nonconforming structure [such as the structure on the property destroyed by flooding in 2009] is destroyed by any means to an extent of more than fifty percent (50%) of its assessed value at the time of destruction, it shall not be reconstructed except in conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance. (6-7B(2))

The application for a construction permit is hereby denied.

If you wish to appeal this interpretation, the Scott County Zoning Board of Adjustment handles all appeals of the Zoning Administrator's interpretation. An applicant has fifteen (15) days from building permit denial to file an appeal. Said appeal should state the specific variance from the Ordinance requested and the reasons for which the appeal should be granted.

Thank You,

Chris Still Scott County Zoning Administrator (563) 326-8212

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KUSTIC CABIN Single Family Dwelling 28

Construction Permit Application for Unincorporated Scott County



Owner Information **General Contractor Information** Name: Owners to build Name: Robert S. Iossi Address: 1075 Oak Wood Drive Rural Scott County State Zip Zip 630-461-3736 Phone: Email: riossi@comcast.net **Please indicate preferred contact for payment, List of Sub-Contractors (Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical): permit inquiries, and inspections: Owner **General Contractor** Final Permit Fee is determined by Planning & Development upon review of this completed application packet. Fee is based on value and adopted fee schedule. **Property Information of Job Site** Job Site Address: Property # 021135001 Legal Description: IA Sec 11 Block/TWP 80 Lot Rng 02 Allens Grove TWP

Township:

| Continumber Is Property Located in the Floodplain? Yes **Proposed Construction Description** Rustic Cabin for shelter from weather - not a Residence, rebuild in existing location where previous was located. D NO ENERGY CONSUMED I hereby acknowledge that I have read this application and state that **REQUIRED SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST:** the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and Signed & Completed Permit Application belief. I agree to comply with all applicable County Ordinances or City Ordinances and all State Laws regulating Building Construction. Two (2) Sets of Full-Size Building Plans If any information provided is incorrect, the building permit may be Site Plan (with lot dimensions and setbacks) Applicant Signature: Signed RES Check (www.energycodes.gov) Zoning Approval (MUST HAVE CITY APPROVAL)

Floodplain Development Permit (if applicable)



05/2016 cmc

Iowa Department of Natural Resources Flood Plain Management Program

Request for Base Floodplain Elevations, Offsets, and Design Parameters

Email completed form to: BFERequest@dnr.iowa.gov

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October 17, 2023

Scott County Planning & Development 600 West Fourth Street Davenport, IA 52801-1106

Dear Sirs:

Attached please find our application for permitting to RE-BUILD our CABIN to replace the cabin we had that was destroyed by flooding in 2009 and previous years (attachment). In 2014, we notified Scott County that we had removed the cabin and the footings and would be rebuilding. We were told by this office that we would be allowed to rebuild provided we built one foot above the highest flood level.

During the period of 2010 and 2019, we made significant changes to improve accessibility on the property and improve ability to maintain the 47 acres in preparation to rebuild the cabin. In 2019, I personally experienced a house fire, and spent 14 months in a hotel to rebuild and dealing with COVID delays most of 2021, the cabin was placed on the back burner. In May 2016, we hired Townsend Engineering to perform a DNR Floodplain Measurement (Attachment). In 2020, we decided on a Menards/Meadow Valley Architect EXISTING Cabin Plan. (Attachment)

It was the wish of my Uncle Adolph Groth to **NEVER have phone, electrical, plumbing, or HVAC** on the property and only have a cast iron wood stove for heat in winter. The cabin in attachment only had a cast iron Ben Franklin (Sears) supplied wood stove we used for heating and cooking. As a family, we believe this to be a solem place. Now, we cook outside. **We primarily utilize this property on the weekends**, with a couple of exceptions during the year where we will take week long vacations and enjoy the warmer weather.

The plans we are submitting do NOT include any provisions for electrical, plumbing, or HVAC. The cabin is basically a shell for us to get inside when bad weather approaches and to be with family and friends. The majority of the time, we will be outside around the fire ring and ultimately build an outdoor fireplace. This is a gathering location for a large family to be together and enjoy the outdoors. This has been the purpose of the original cabin and our plans to do the same with the new cabin. We intend to carry out my Uncle's wishes.

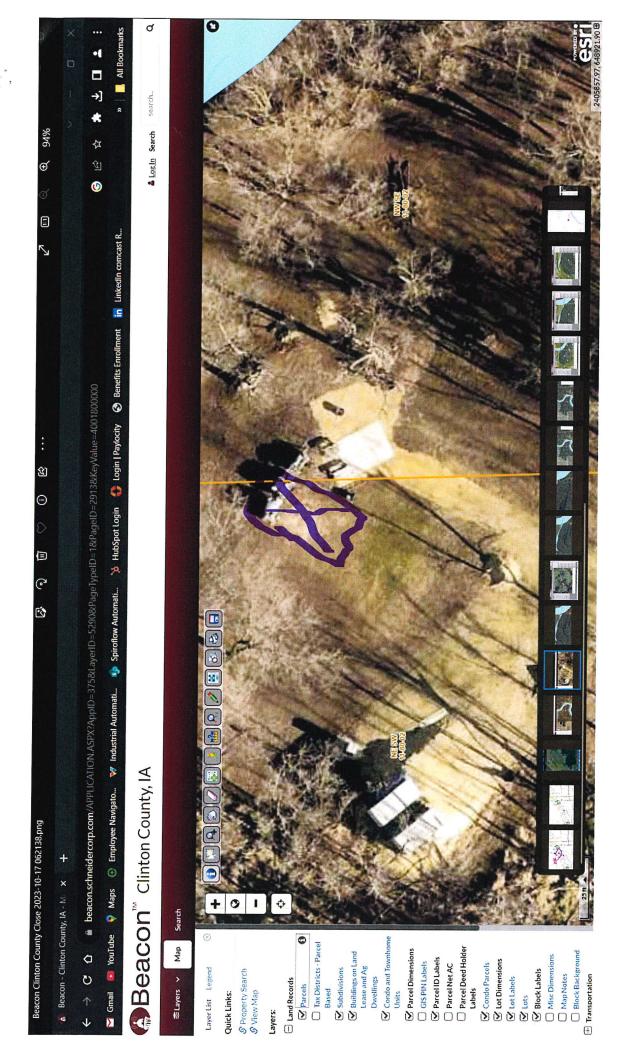
Please process this building permit on the basis of a remote cabin REPLACEMENT. This NOT a city/county HOME that will be without plumbing, electrical or HVAC. We currently continue to have an outdoor toilet on the property, and we will be adding a elevated chemical outdoor toilet that will be serviced MONTHLY by a sanitary company. We currently have a potable water sand pit well (about 8' down), that provides water we boil outside for cleaning and washing. We bring bulk 5 &10 gal drinkable water for cooking and drinking. No other modern conveniences are planned.

We were told by your department we would be able to rebuild since we once had a permitted approved structure which we paid real estate taxes on to the county.

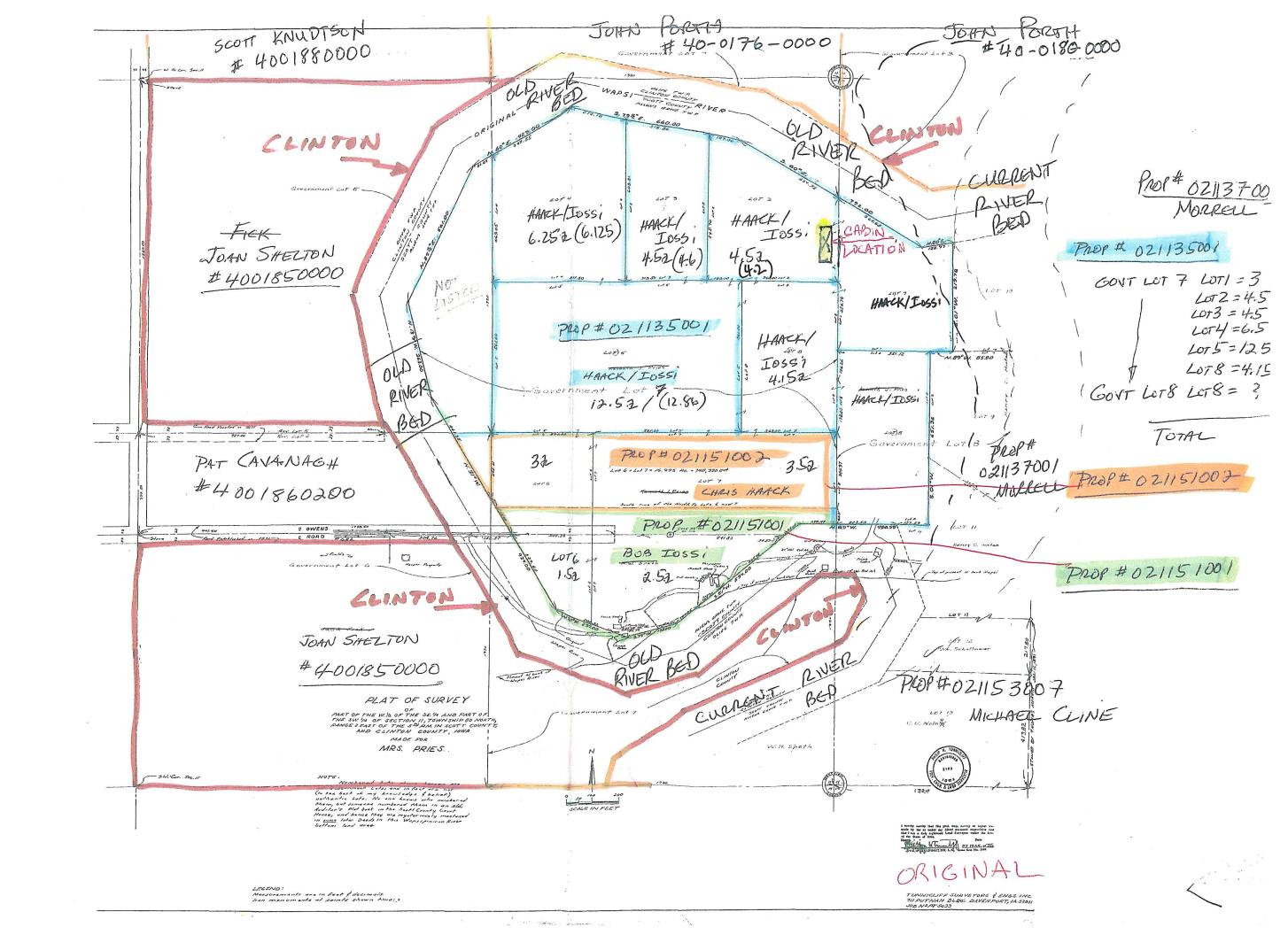
Best regards

Robert S. Iossi

Wapsi Family Trust Executor Mobile (630) 461-3736 WFTlossi@gmail.com







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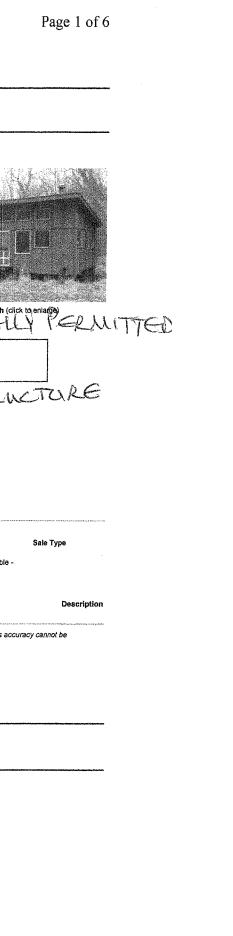
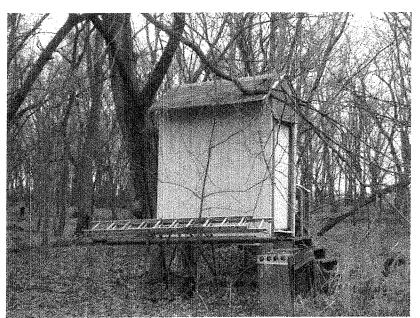




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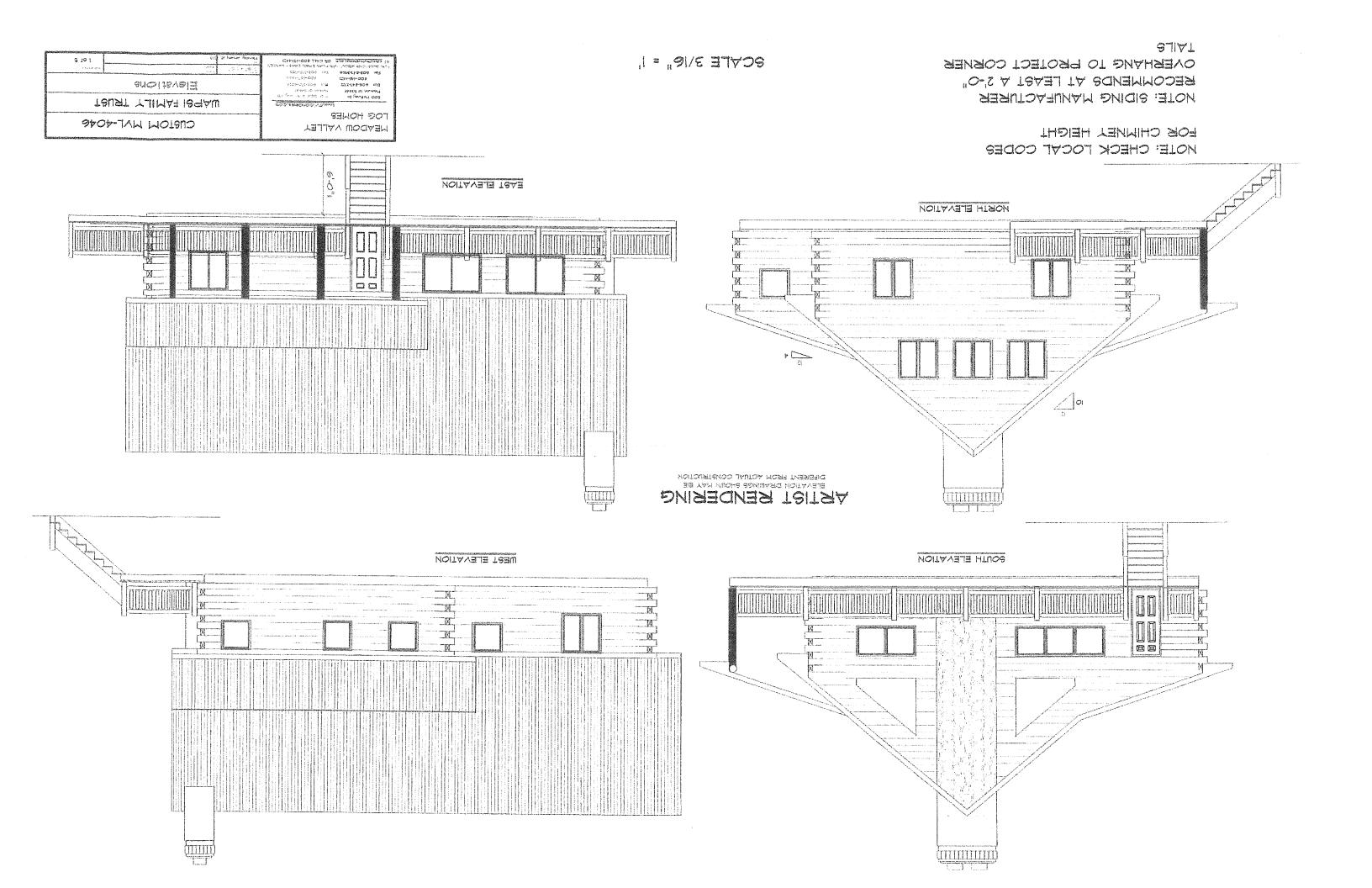
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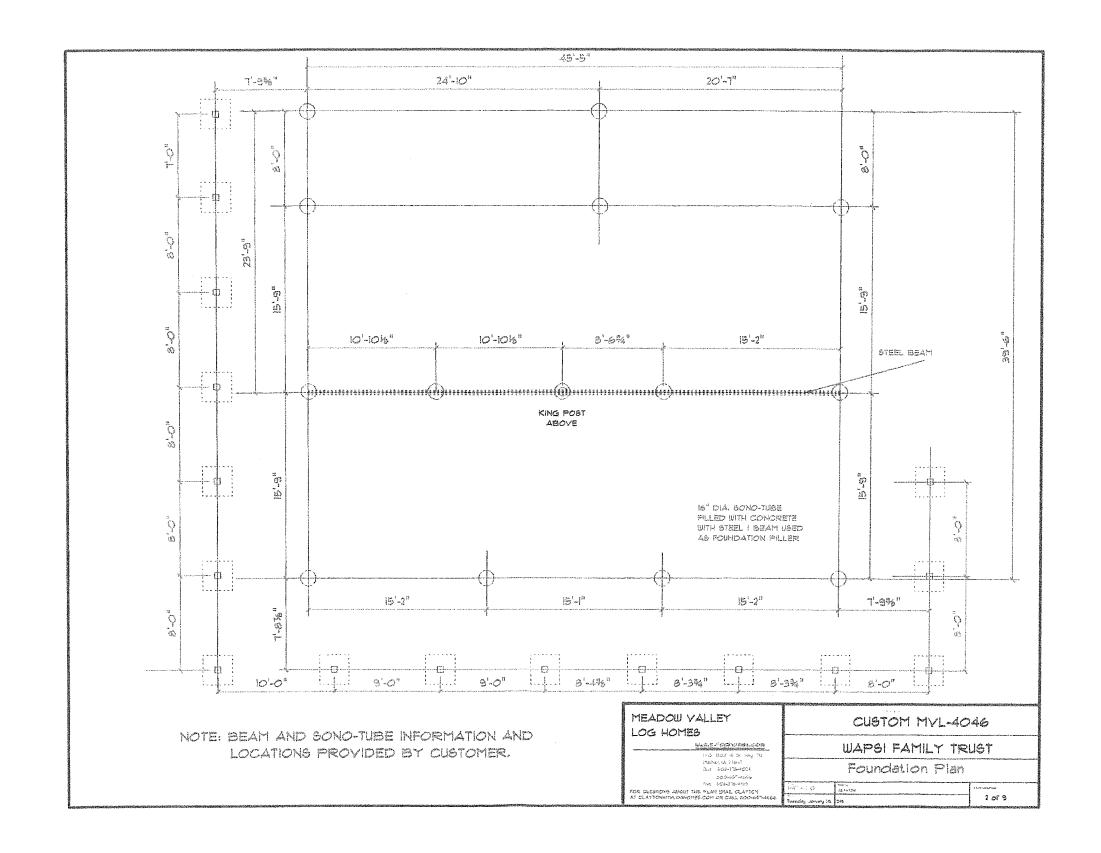


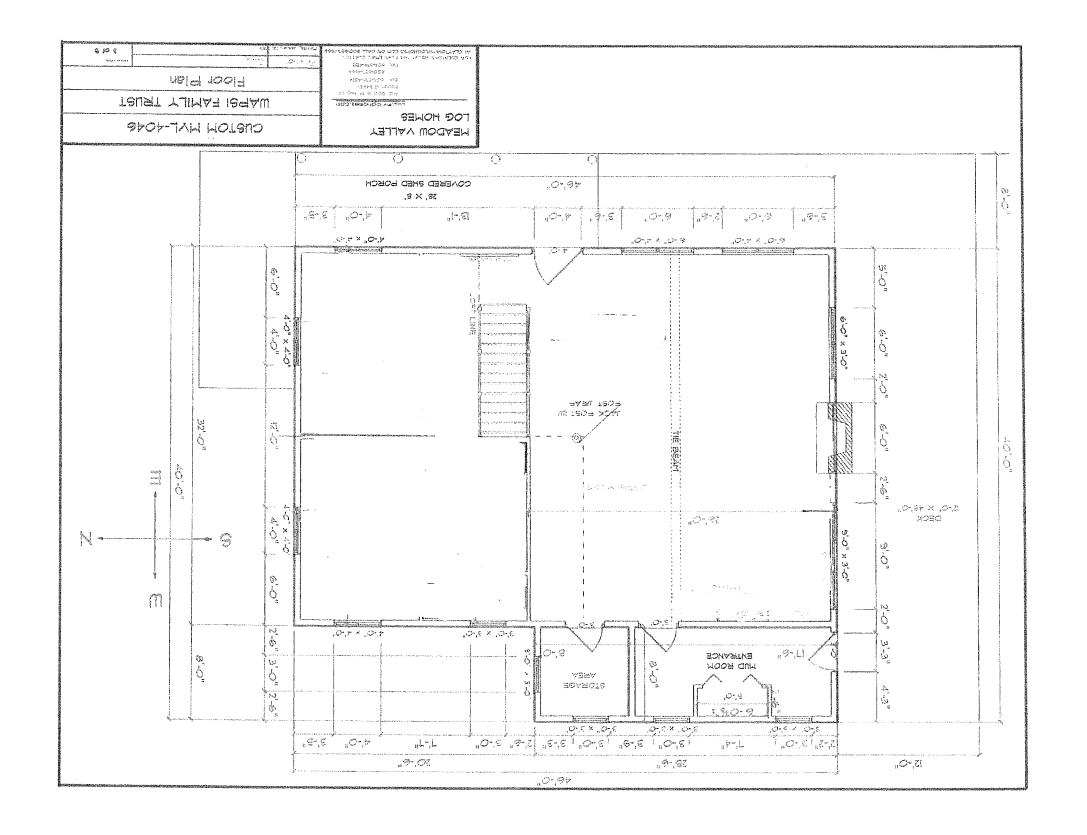
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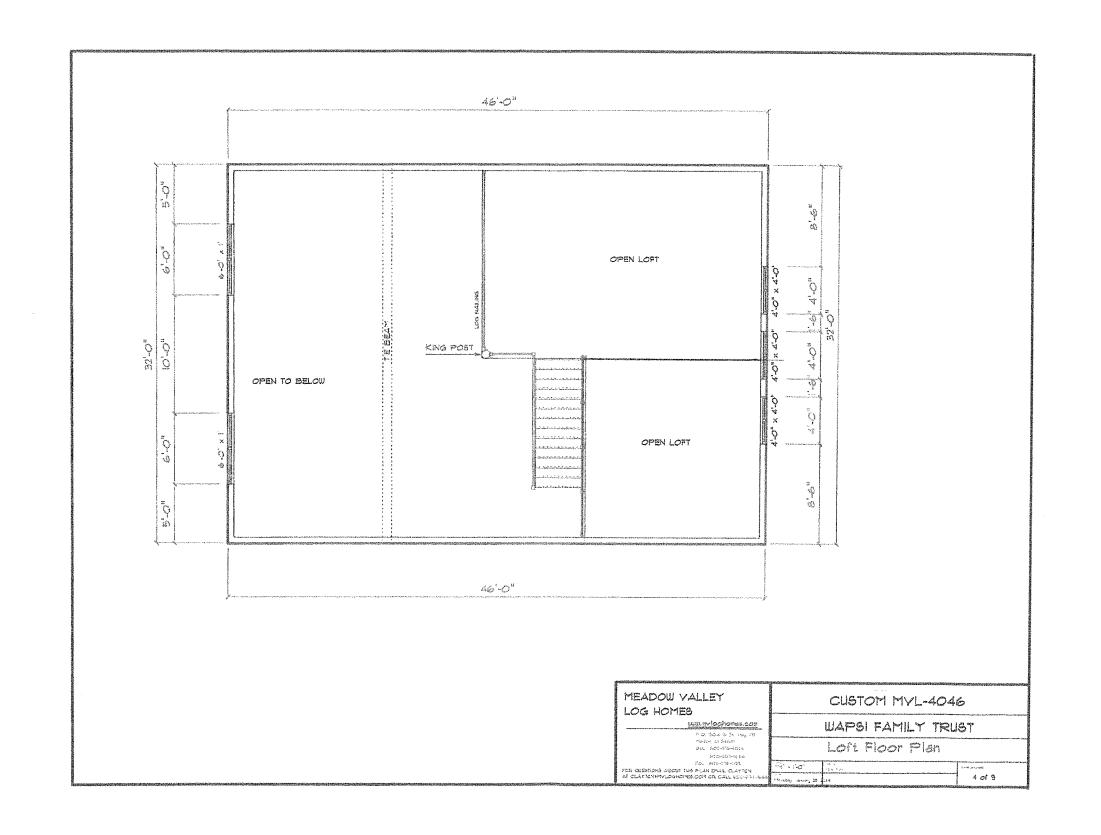
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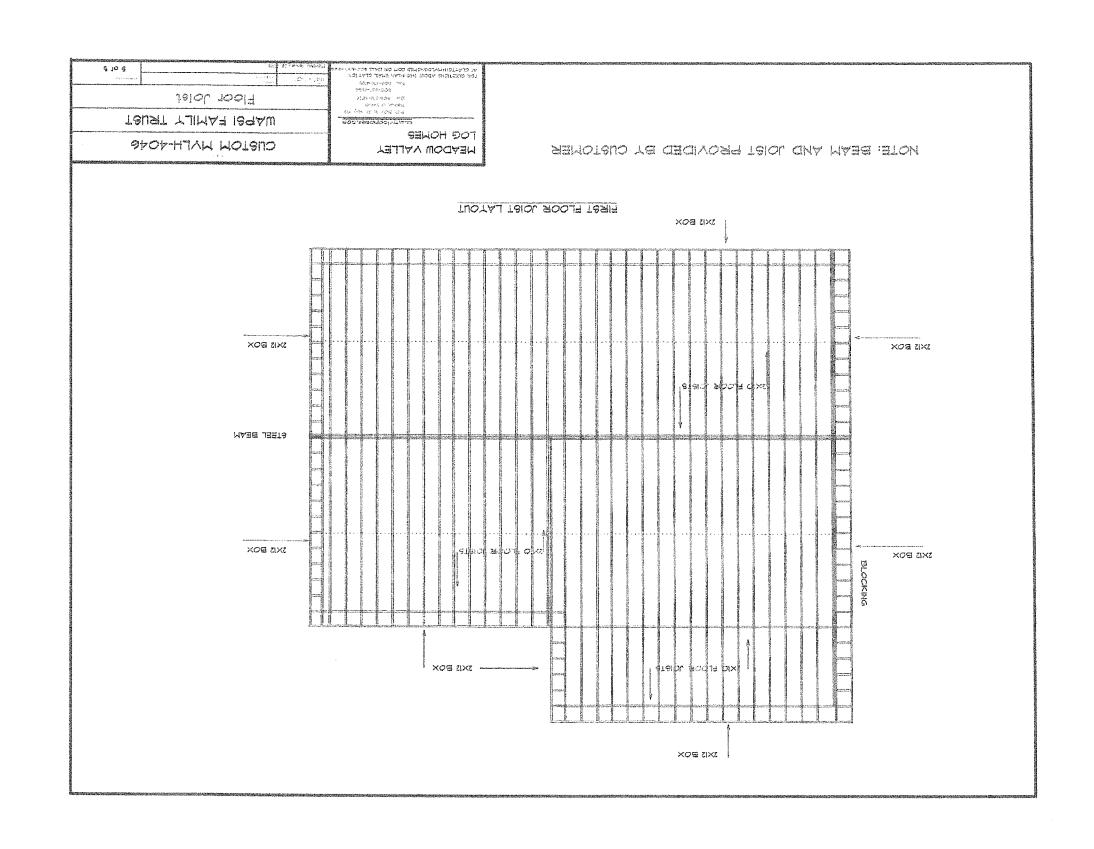
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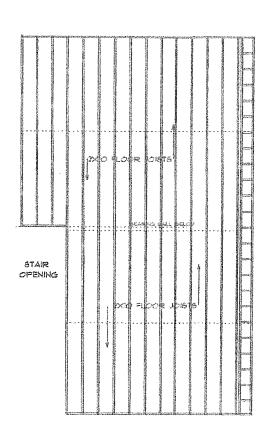






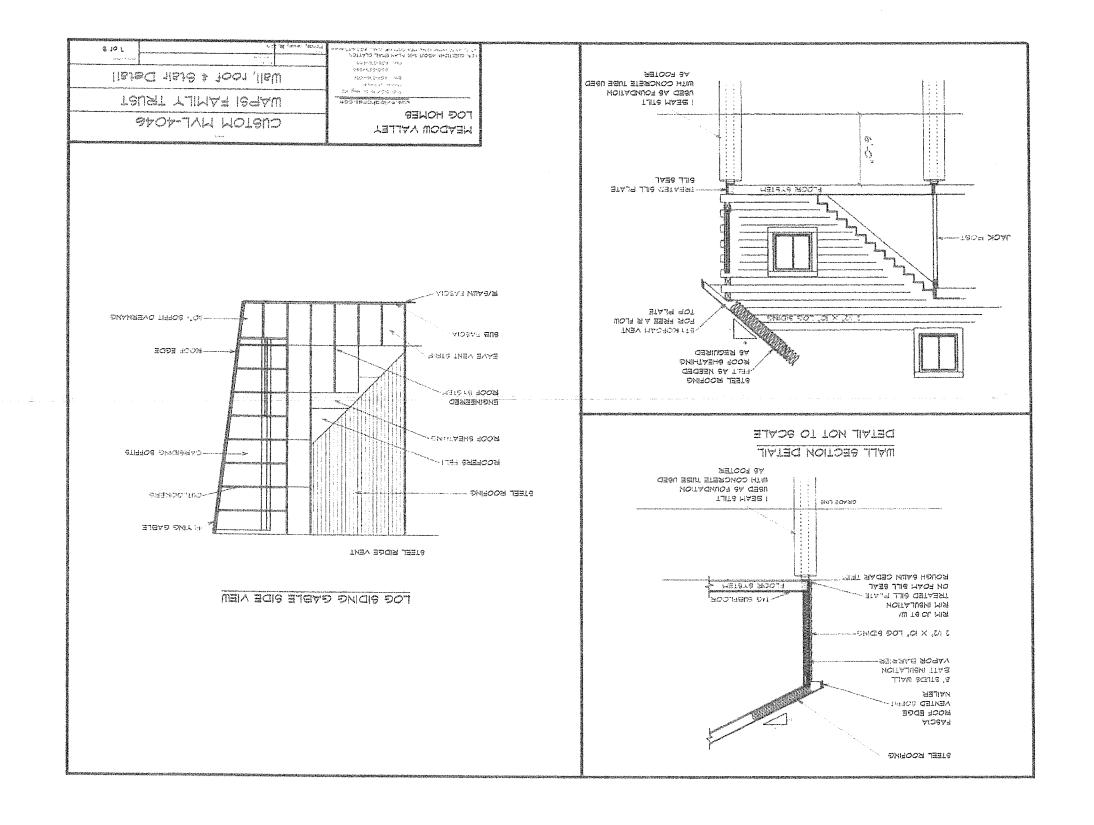


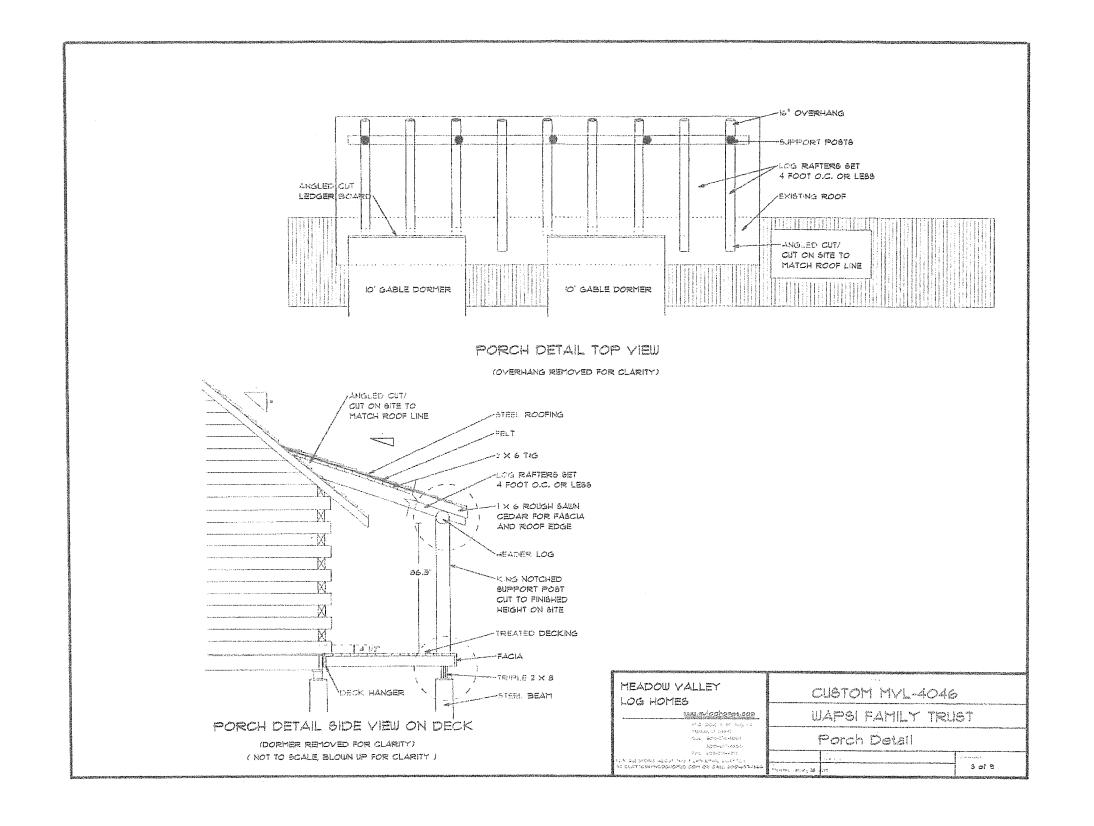


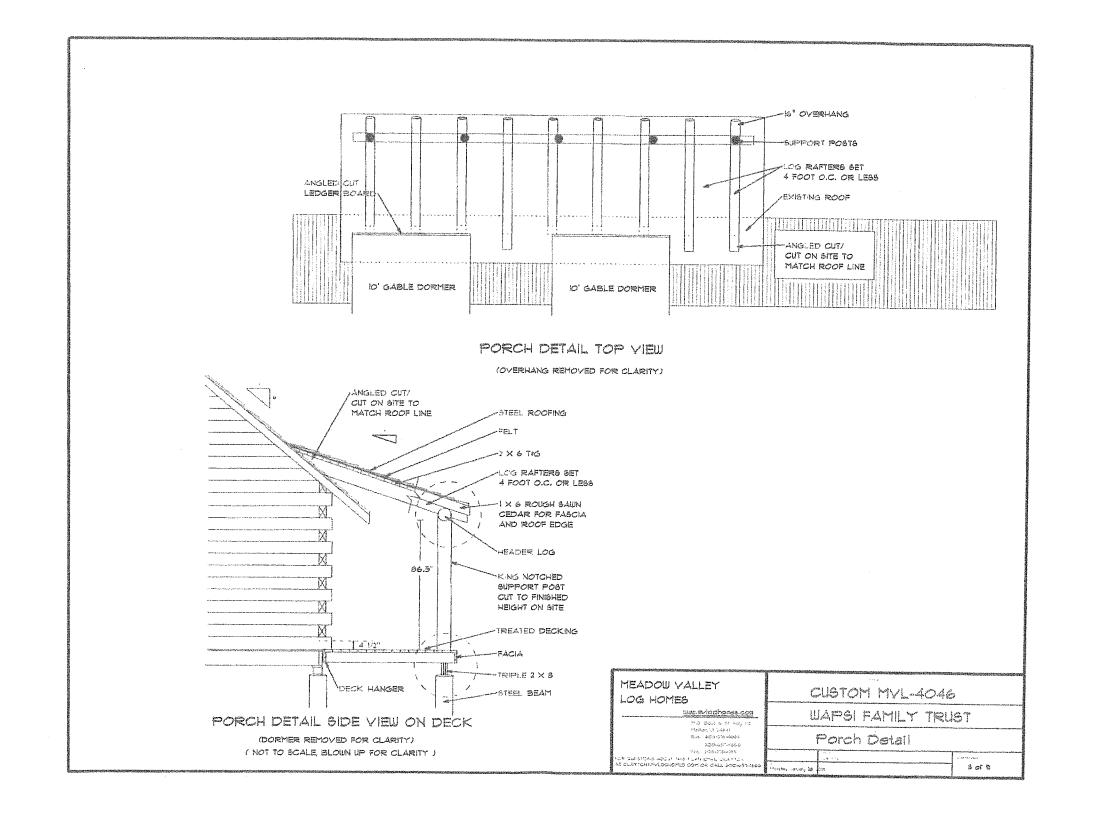


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From: wftiossi@gmail.com

To: <u>Still, Chris</u>
Cc: <u>Silas, Alan</u>

Subject: RE: Zoning/Robert Iossi

Date: Thursday, October 26, 2023 3:44:06 PM

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Chris,

Our property, purchased in the 1930's by my Uncle and Aunt was purchased as a recreational site for three families together. It has always been and will always be for that purpose as outlined in a Trust Agreement. If the Scott County Board accepted this statue verbatim from the State of Iowa, without determining if it is correct for the property, then shame on them and this should be considered a mistake in zoning and corrected. *Every cabin along the Wapsi is affected by this zoning mistake and they don't know it!*

If this is the case, our cabin and cabins on adjacent properties was also zoned along the Wapsi existed before this law from the State was adopted. The majority of these are NOT RESIDENCES and I suspect they are NOT aware of this either. This matter should be corrected by the zoning board once and for all. Just like the bridge the county or state built across the river at Donahue that was poorly designed by your civil engineers, it created ice jams which blocked the water and flooded our cabins. Hundreds of citizen's have been impacted by these county and state mistakes, but we all sucked it up and rebuilt many times before wood rot took its toll and we tore it down to rebuild.

Our property should be grandfathered in since we had a permit and a cabin and it does NOT impact any AG Preservation whatsoever. There cannot be any encroachment, since we own the property and are not applying for a permit to build an addition or subdivision.

Best personal regards,

Bob Iossi

Trustee – Wapsi Family Trust

From: Still, Chris < Chris. Still@scottcountyiowa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 2:06 PM

To: Bob lossi <wftiossi@gmail.com>

Cc: Silas, Alan <Alan.Silas@scottcountyiowa.gov>

Subject: RE: Zoning/Robert Iossi

Bob,

I believe that the Code of Iowa dictates zoning and directives to County entities to structure their comprehensive plans, and ordinances when it comes to land use.

After review with staff the best we can recall would be that the Scott County County ordinance was adopted back in the early 1980's. That is a long time before my tenure with Scott County and I can't speak to what sort of notice or communication would have taken place back then when the zoning ordinances were adopted.

In reference to A-P Agricultural Preservation Districts and what the written description is I took this below verbatim from the ordinance and the general intent is as follows:

"A. General Intent: The "A-P" Agricultural-Preservation District is intended and designed to protect agricultural operations and preserve agricultural land from encroachment of urban development. This District is not intended for residential uses or rural subdivisions, except as provided through a valid farmstead split; nor for commercial or industrial uses, except as provided through the provision for overlay districts."

As to the why... again the Scott County Board of Supervisors would have adopted the ordinance some time ago, and to say why would be difficult for me. We only adhere and uphold the ordinance on their behalf.

We do need the application filled out accompanied with the fee of \$50.00 for the appeal. I've copied Alan here who will ensure it gets on the December agenda for the Board of Adjustment.

Thanks,
Chris Still FMP
Interim Planning and Development Director
563-326-8643
https://www.scottcountyiowa.gov/

From: Bob lossi <<u>wftiossi@gmail.com</u>>
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 9:54 AM
To: Still, Chris <<u>Chris.Still@scottcountyiowa.gov</u>>

Subject: Re: Zoning/Robert Iossi

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Hello Chris,

This is really disheartening. I think the planning and zoning commission and board has lost focus on what their role should be, meaning they should be trying to help owners not obstruct.

Obviously the cabins around us were grandfathered in before this absurd rule was placed on our property. Yes, put us on the agenda and let me know when that is.

I'd also like you to send me the law that states that our property has to be zoned AG Protected. When the law was enacted, and when we were notified of the change and zoning and given adequate time to react?

I'd also like to know a written description of what AG Protected means and why it was zoned that in the place?

Please get back to me at your earliest convenience with these answers. Please don't send me something that says in the effect "go search our website".

Best regards,

Bob

On Oct 26, 2023, at 9:37 AM, Still, Chris < chris.still@scottcountyiowa.gov> wrote:

Mr. Iossi,

We received your letter in this office, and are obviously understanding of your application and the communication we have had. Our role in this office is only to adhere and uphold Scott County's current zoning ordinances as they pertain to land usage. The Scott County Board of Supervisors adopt these ordinances and we simply review the applications as they come in and determine their applicability.

With that being said the option that you have before you is to appeal to the zoning board of adjustment. There is an application and fee of \$50.00 that is required for that hearing, and I have attached the form here for you to fill out and return. We would be looking at December for that hearing.

With your application there was a cashier's check associated with that. Would you like us to return that or void that check?

Thanks,
Chris Still FMP
Interim Planning and Development Director
563-326-8643
https://www.scottcountviowa.gov/

From: wftiossi@gmail.com <wftiossi@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 2:53 PM

To: Still, Chris < Chris.Still@scottcountyiowa.gov>

Subject: Zoning

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Hello Chris,

Your denial letter follows the pattern of the person you followed into this job.

Attached is my appeal. It was also mailed.

Regards,

Bob Iossi