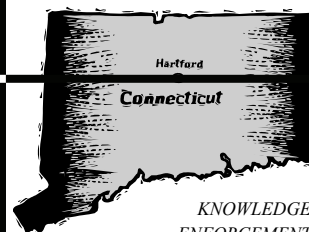


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 * **CAZEO Luncheon Seminar** *
 * **Wednesday, June 2, 2010** *
 * **Villa Capri, Rt. 5, Wallingford** *
 * (see www.villacapri.com for directions) *

AGENDA

11:30 REGISTRATION

12:00 LUNCH

12:45 BUSINESS MEETING

1:00 WELCOME Jason Vincent, AICP—Planimetrics

Jason will speak on organizing and managing your regulations, the Zoning Officer's role in preparing the Plan of Conservation and Development with an eye toward emerging zoning issues (sustainability, LID etc) and a lessons learned (the hard way) with working with Commissions and enforcement procedures. (Wow!)

Cost: \$20 members/\$25 for non-members. [Note the lower prices!]
Make checks payable to "CAZEO" or cash is always welcome.

RSVP: Monica Holloway by Friday, May 28, 2010 if you plan to attend
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'A common mistake people make when trying to design something foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools.'

- Douglas Adams, author, *The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy* (1952-2001)

Our Speaker

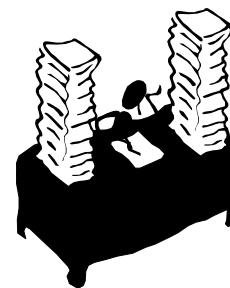
Jason Vincent, AICP, Planimetrics

Jason has been a professional planner for over 13 years dealing with issues ranging from strategic planning to local administration of land use codes, including enforcement. He spent five years working for the Town of Plainfield as Town Planner, Zoning Enforcement Officer and Wetland Agent.

Jason then worked as the Director of Planning for the Town of Stonington for five years and is now working for Planimetrics, Inc a consulting firm providing planning and zoning services to public-sector clients.

He also has experience with plan implementation and has prepared grant applications and managed over \$15 million dollars in State and Federal grant money for open space acquisition, community facilities, utilities, and transportation infrastructure.

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I find it helps to organize chores into categories: Things I won't do now; Things I won't do later; Things I'll never do.
~Cartoon Character "Maxine"

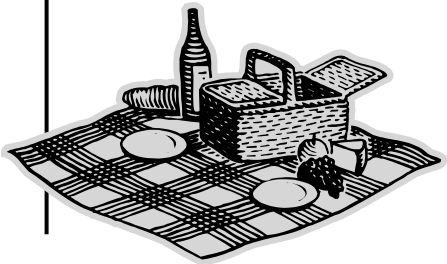
President's Message

Greetings to all!

The very nature of our work involves Planning & Zoning. With regards to planning, it's been said, *"If you are failing to plan, you are planning to fail."* The State Legislators must have realized this when they determined that each municipality in the state should prepare and update its Plan of Development every ten years. The result of this planning effort is manifested in each municipality's Zoning Regulations. The Commission's field agent for implementing their regulations is its Zoning Enforcement Officer.

The CAZEO Executive Board is excited to have Jason Vincent as our guest speaker for our June 2nd Luncheon. Jason is currently a staff member of Planimetrics Inc., a consulting company that specializes in assisting communities with developing and revising their Plan of Development. Also, as a former ZEO and then Town Planner, Jason has practical knowledge of the issues that arise during the implementation of Zoning Regulations. Jason has some great examples of lessons learned the hard way.

How many times have we found ourselves saying something like, *"I didn't see that one coming"*, or *"I wish I could do that one over"*, or *"I won't make that mistake again"*? Since we are human beings, we all make mistakes from time to time. Hopefully, these



mistakes are not fatal and we learn from them. While most folks have heard the

old adage: *'Experience is the best teacher'*, too often the second half of this quip is overlooked: *'As long as it's someone else's experience.'*



Lessons learned from the experiences and mistakes made by others are much less painful than those in which we are personally involved. That's why the networking available to the Zoning Enforcement Officers in Connecticut through CAZEO is so valuable.

Please plan to join us on June 2nd for a delicious luncheon and a superb guest speaker. Please don't make the mistake of missing this one!

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Finally, a quick reminder that the Executive Board has voted to cancel our August meeting this year.

Sincere wishes for an enjoyable summer!

Joe Larkin, CZEO
CAZEO President

News!

ZONING ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM ATTENDANCE POLICY

In order to receive credit toward the Zoning Enforcement Certification Program, a participant must attend the entire workshop. If a participant arrives late or leaves early, credit towards the certificate program will not be given.

The following exceptions to this policy will be considered:

1. The workshop participant brings a letter from their supervisor outlining special circumstances that requires the late arrival or early departure of the participant, the Executive Board will consider giving credit to the participant.
2. If there is an emergency and a participant must leave early, the participant may submit a letter of explanation after the workshop and consideration will be given to providing credit for that participant.

Proof of attendance is shown by having signatures on BOTH the sign-in and sign-out sheets from the workshop, so please be sure to sign the lists during registration and at the end of the day.

Any consideration, clarification or interpretation of this policy is to be done via the CAZEO Executive Committee.

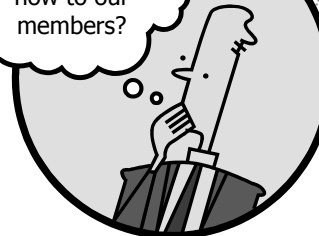
Approved by the Executive board 4/20/10

A new 'Attendance Policy' has been approved by the Executive Board for the Zoning Certification Program. For more information contact a Board member, or download your own copy from the website.



Is this a zoning violation? It is in Cincinnati and it's causing quite a stir! —Do you have a crazy story like this to share? Let us know!

What is relevant now to our members?



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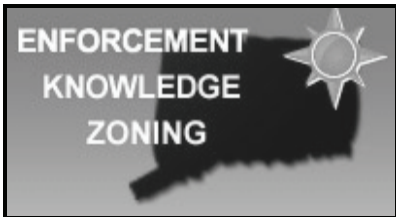
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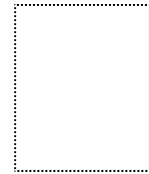


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 at www.cazeo.org

Interested in
CAZEO CERTIFICATION ?
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Save the Dates!



Notices!

Apologies to all members for the lack of newsletters for the April meeting—I will do better!
 ~ Kim Barbieri, Newsletter Ed.

Upcoming Meeting Dates for 2010
 August 4—✦Cancelled✦
 October 6—Half-day Seminar
 December 1—Holiday Meeting

Have an idea for a meeting topic? Know a great place we should see?
Let us know!
 We are always interested in hearing from our members regarding the ways we can help you be more effective and to grow professionally.
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