

**TOWN OF CHATHAM PLANNING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

**March 9, 2010
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Members Present:

Donna Staron, Deputy Chair
Dorothy Mackerer
Tony Ooms
Marilyn Cohen
Paul McCreary, Eng.
Tal Rapplelea, Atty.

Members Absent:

John Hanna
Bill Bulick

Public Present:

Rita Lavery
Jerry Mohr
Garry Smith
Jenny Buckman
Nancy Cuddihy

The March 9, 2010 Planning Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Deputy Chairman Donna Staron. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Tony Ooms moved and Deputy Chairman Staron seconded to approve minutes from the February 9, 2010 meeting. This carried.

Rita Lavery
Site Plan Review
Home Occupation Permit Request – Rt. 66 Malden Bridge
PUBLIC HEARING

Rita Lavery reiterated the proposed plan to have cooking classes at her Malden Bridge home. She stated that there would be a maximum of six overnight guests for no more than four nights per week. Mrs. Lavery also said she plans on possibly having a non-illuminated 2ft X 2ft sign on her property. There will be no lighting other than for the pathway.

Tony Ooms moved and Dorothy Mackerer seconded to open the public hearing.

Garry Smith, one of Lavery's neighbors, stated that the concerns he had about guests possibly wandering the grounds onto his property were alleviated by Mrs. Lavery. Mr. Smith stated that the Lavery's are good neighbors and that he has no objections to the project.

Tony Ooms moved and Dorothy Mackerer seconded to close the public hearing.

The Short Form SEQRA application, which shows no significant adverse effects to the following: air quality, surface or groundwater quality or quantity, noise levels, existing traffic patterns, solid waste production or disposal, potential for erosion, drainage or flooding problems was reviewed. Also, there are no aesthetic, agricultural, archaeological, historic, or other natural or cultural resources or community or neighborhood character concerns. There are no significant effects to vegetation or fauna, fish, shellfish or wildlife species, significant habitats or threatened or long or short-term effects identified. Since this is the case, Marilyn Cohen moved that there is no significant adverse environmental impact with this project, and should be accepted. This was seconded by Tony Ooms. This carried unanimously.

Marilyn Cohen moved to accept the project which will allow the applicant to conduct cooking classes and to have up to six overnight guests for up to four nights a week. Dorothy Mackerer seconded. This carried unanimously.

Marilyn Cohen moved and Deputy Chairman Staron seconded the motion to close the meeting. The meeting ended at 7:14 pm.

Donna Staron, Deputy Chairman

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Wessot, Dep. Clerk