

**TOWN OF CHATHAM, ZONING IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 7, 2013 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm. Present were: Dave Everett, Jeff Lick, Aven Kerr, Henry Swartz, Donna Staron, and Tal Rappleyea.

The minutes for the July 17, 2013, meeting were approved on a motion by Donna Staron, seconded by Aven Kerr and carried.

The Committee then considered and analyzed possible definitions of clear cutting in connection with proposed Timbering Law. The Committee initially discussed utilizing the Maine definition with changes concerning the affected area to 5 acres and the omission of the reference to "growing stock". Following further discussion the Committee agreed to use the first sentence of the Adirondack definition and blend in the Basal Area and Residual Basal Area found in the Maine definition. It was further agreed that the proposed law would prohibit clearcutting in the event that the project met the definition, otherwise, the project could proceed following the application of the new law.

The Committee then returned its' attention to the Commercial Horse Boarding/Farming portion of the CAPP, in an effort to implement the recommendations of the CAPP and strike a balance with potential impacts on other nearby uses. It was agreed that the boarding of horses only, without any other service, such as riding lessons, paid rides or shows would be a permitted use in all zones, but that a Commercial Stable which is to be defined to cover all activities except the mere boarding of horses, shall be a permitted use with a Special Use Permit in all zones except each of the Hamlets, wherein it shall not be permitted.

A final review of the CAPP recommendations next followed. The Ag Data Statement provided in the CAPP is an excellent form and the Committee agreed that same should be adopted along with an addition on the Instructions portion to include the requirement of information of ALL farms within 500, not just those within a NYS defined AG District. The Committee also accepted the CAPP recommendation relating to Section 180-53, and 180-38, except the setback would remain at 100 feet. Also, current regulation of Farm Ponds as set forth in 180-35€ would remain as is. Finally, the Committee agreed to accept the CAPP recommendation on page 64 of the Plan by including Conservation Subdivisions as a consideration, but not mandatory. This completed the review and additions of the CAPP to the proposed new law and the Committee agreed to return to its review of the zoning law/new Comp Plan analysis.

On a motion by Donna Staron, seconded by Aven Kerr, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2013, at 6:30 pm at the Chatham Town Hall. The agenda will include a resumption of the review of the current zoning law with Comp Plan recommendations starting with Section 180-18 Two Single-Family units on one lot found at approximately page 65 of the working document.