

TOWN OF CHATHAM, ZONING IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2014 MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm with a quorum present. Present were: Henry Swartz, Donna Staron, Jeff Lick, Bob Walker and Don Hegeman. And guest Don Meltz.

This meeting agenda was primarily set to complete work on the Ridge line Overlap map, and Don Meltz was present with a new set of updated maps for the committee's review. This set has eliminated all the ridge lines previously eliminated by the Committee as "not high priority" and therefore not to be included as a part of the Overlay map. In addition Don has now redrawn the zones around each ridge line with an 1/8th mile (660 feet) boundary. He also added color coding for steep slopes (greater than 25%). He noted that the redrawn boundaries seemed to achieve the committee's goals, and in most cases the steep slopes were now encompassed by the 1/8th mile boundary. The committee agreed with his assessment.

Don also noted a small number of ridge lines that had not previously been categorized by the Committee. During discussion the following decisions were made. Ridge line numbers to be included: 26, 27, 30, 32, 48, 58, 61. Ridge lines to be excluded: 28, 62. Ridge lines to be revisited by Committee members: 25, 46, 47. Decisions on these last few will be provided to Don to finalize the map. Don Meltz left at 7:15.

The Committee then discussed several other topics that need to be researched and/or defined including Camps and Rental Properties. Rental Properties, it was noted, fall into two categories, long-term (annual rentals), and weekly or other short term vacation rentals. Issues include safety, inspection, and whether rentals are a commercial enterprise. Recent attention and publicity to internet rentals (AirBnB) in NYC and Copake was cited.

Motion by Henry Swartz, seconded by Donna Staron, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for October 15 at 6:30 pm at the Chatham Town Hall.

Minutes By: Jeff Lick