

Town of Chatham
488 State Route 295
Chatham, New York 12037

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
on the proposed new zoning code
Tri-Village Fire House, County Route 13, Old Chatham, NY
June 6, 2018 at 6:00 PM

PRESENT

Supervisor Maria Lull, Councilwoman Landra Haber, Councilman Bob Balcom, Councilman John Wapner, Councilman Kevin Weldon

OTHERS PRESENT

Nan Stolzenburg, Town Planner, John Lyons, Land Use Attorney and many others

Supervisor Lull called the meeting to order at 6:05PM and led the pledge to the flag

INTRODUCTION OF TOWN BOARD

ORDER OF THE PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

- This Public Information Meeting is to introduce the Draft Zoning and Maps. The Draft Zoning Code and Maps and Power Point presentation will be on the Town website later this week for review.
- In July, the Town Board will hold a Public Hearing at which time the public will be able to ask further questions and make comments. The Town Board encourages emailed questions and answers as well.
- Tonight, the Town Board will accept questions and comments, however, not all will be able to be answered due to time constraints and the need to research and formulate full answers. All questions and comments should be directed to the Town Board or Town Planner and not directed towards other members of the public.
- Cards and pencils are available to write questions or comments on. We will collect the cards at the end of the meeting and will prepare an answer to each question in written form. The Town Planner and Town Attorney will compile the questions and provide detailed answers in writing prior to the July Public Hearing Meeting.

Supervisor Lull stated that the Comprehensive Plan process began around 2003 with more than 100 volunteers on various committees devoting countless hours to make this possible. Lull thanked all who contributed. Nan Stolzenburg came on in 2004.

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT

Lull read the following statement

The Chatham Town Board appreciates information received from the public during the Public Comment portion of each meeting, which often is very helpful in the governance of the Town. However, tonight is not intended to be a debate with the public or a question and answer period. Issues raised during the public comment may be addressed by the Board during its regular meeting or by the Supervisor between meetings as necessary. As a courtesy to the other members of the public, there is a 2 minute per person limitation on oral comments for each public comment period. The public is also encouraged to provide the Board with written comments or materials when the subject matter cannot be presented in this time frame. Of course, while the Board discourages any remarks which may be considered defamatory or stigmatizing, it will not restrict the content of the public comment.

Lull explained to the audience that they would take simple questions and defer policy questions until the public hearing . Questions can also be submitted via email.

PRESENTATION BY TOWN PLANNER (presentation is available at chathamnewyork.us)

Nan Stolzenburg covered; How we got here, the purpose of the zoning update, then review and update process.

After the Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2009 work began on updating the zoning code. The Comp. Plan sets the stage for the update. . In 2016 Stolzenburg began the zoning update process using the recommendations produced by the Zoning Implementation Committee's work. The ZIC document was the basis from which the new Comprehensive Plan Implementation Group (CPIG) would begin to build the new zoning code.

They worked on clarity, organization and made readability enhancement and, development standards to match the Comprehensive Plan.

The next steps are;

- *public hearing
- *review by Columbia County Planning Board
- *SEQRA
- *Changes if needed
- *Adoption

Meanwhile work will continue on subdivisions and the road committees recommendations.

There were a few questions from the audience.

- *Past PB member Donna Staron asked about density bonuses.
- *Wheelock Whitney asked about subdivisions and why it was a separate process.
- *Cindy Bobseine asked if there are commercial zones identified in the Comp. Plan.

Stolzenburg encouraged everyone to review the Plan and zoning update and bring questions to the Public Hearing. This is a balancing act between

On a motion by Councilman Weldon, second by Councilman Wapner and carried the meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by, Beth Anne Rippel, RMC, Town Clerk