

## **In the matter before the Chatham County Planning Board concerning Sandy Pond Enterprises dba Dogwood Animal Hospital.**

1. The facility has been intermittently boarding dogs outside over the weekend and into the evening that bark constantly at these times. We request a condition that no dogs are left unattended or boarded outside after 5 and before 8 on weekdays and not at all on weekends.
2. The existing lighting impacts us greatly; we request that no additional exterior lighting be allowed except on the side of Vickers Road and in such a manner that the light and fixtures are not viewable on the north side of the building.
3. Landscape screening
  - a. The proposed planting of ligustrums on the north side between properties will have no screening effect because of the topography. These plants should be changed to 6'-8' Leyland cypress or Thuja Green Giant and be planted along the all the planned and existing structures on the north side. Over clearing which took place during the initial construction can be addressed with this same planting recommendation.
  - b. The existing plantings along the northern property line would best be 6'-8' Leyland cypress, Thuja Green Giant or standard Magnolias. These plants have better screening and survival characteristics.
  - c. This previous recommendation by the Appearance Committee should again be required for the new building: "2. When the Phase II kennel building is constructed, it is recommended that the north wall contain no windows, or windows with noise-absorbing glass shall be installed in order to protect the adjacent residential properties from noise emitted from the boarding kennel."
4. The connector easement that was outlined in their original permit is not indicated on the submitted site plans. In addition, since the easement may be paved at some point the impervious surface calculation should be included. If the future impervious surface of this area is not calculated you may be allowing a situation where the original requirement of the easement cannot be meet.

*Respectfully Submitted by M. Travis and Margaret T. Blake adjacent property Owners on this date 19 September 2011*