

Chatham County Appearance Commission
June 22, 2016
Meeting Minutes — S. Jacobs, Secretary

In attendance for the meeting were:

William “Bill” Causey, Chair
Shelly Jacobs
Davis Andrews
Grim Hobbs
Saranne Wilson
Mary DeAngelo
Angela Birchett – Planning staff

1st and only Presentation:

George Farrell, property owner, Farrell’s Lakeside, LLC

Plans call for construction of canopy covered boat storage and locking personal storage units.

There were no specifications for new plantings on the plan submitted. Technically the Farrell Family Trust owns the entire property and this business is located on a subdivision in an interior part of the property. The argument was made that there was no need for screening of the new structure due to the circumstances of the family ownership. This caused concern among the majority of Commission members.

It was decided that although the subdivided business property is currently owned by The Farrell Trust it could change hands in the future therefore the subdivision lines of the property do require screening according to Appearance Commission guidelines.

Commission members unanimously agreed that plantings were necessary along the 125.48’ West side boundary of the property that became a business subdivision some time ago. Mr. Farrell stated that he had already begun to plant Magnolias along this boundary of the property. The Committee requested and he agreed that the planting of Magnolias would be carried on along the remaining length of that

boundary. It was agreed that three (3) 10 or 15 gallon sized Magnolias would be planted.

It was also discussed that there were dead plants from prior plantings that need to be replaced. Mr. Farrell agreed to replace all dead plants as well.

Around the new structure it was agreed that 3-5 gallon Ligustrums would be planted 10' apart along the West, South, and East sides.

Note-there is one property on the East side, not owned by the Farrell Trust, its border is already fairly heavily wooded, however the required planting around the new structure would ensure limited visibility throughout the year.

At the time of the meeting there were no plans for lighting on the new structure. Mr. Farrell agreed that if there is to be lighting, he would submit lighting plans in accordance with county guidelines for approval.

There were no specifications for new signage on the plan submitted. Mr. Farrell agreed to submit future plans for signage according to county guidelines.