

Chatham County Appearance Commission  
November 16, 2016  
Meeting Minutes — S. Jacobs, Secretary

In attendance for the meeting were:

William “Bill” Causey, Chair  
Shelly Jacobs  
Davis Andrews  
Dan Sundberg  
Grim Hobbs  
Saranne Wilson

Absent was: Mary DeAngelo

### **1st and only presentation:**

#### **Dennis and Star Fair, owners Chatham RV Park**

As stated by the owners, the intentional use of this RV park is for recreational RV campers, not for long term residential RV.

Some discussion was had about whether planting of a buffer was necessary on the left side of the property because of the heavily wooded nature of the neighboring property and that is a utility right of way owned by the US government. Commission members agreed that, yes planting a buffer was necessary and agreed to specifications in the plans.

The majority of discussion about the plans presented was the lack of attention in regards to creating a buffer on the back side of the property where it will be graded into the existing slope of the adjoining property owned by the Farmahs.

There was unanimous agreement by commission members that regardless of the fact that the property is sloped, wooded and currently seems to be unsuitable for development, that in accordance with county guidelines, a 20' buffer needs to be created after the grading. It was further agreed that two staggered rows one of Red

Cedar, the other of Nelly Stevens Holly, each planted 6' apart would be sufficient to create the proper buffer. The Fairs agreed to amend the plans accordingly.

The matter of signage was discussed and the Fairs understand that it must meet county guidelines and be submitted to Angela Birchett for approval.

The other item discussed was the need for a diversity of choices in the plantings speculated for the front entry side of the property. Plans called for 21-28 of certain species, the commission suggested use of no more than 5-8 of one type plant be used, and that many of the various plants chosen should be pollinator species. Ms. Jacobs said that she would provide an internet resource that the Fairs could use as a reference for choosing these plants.

It is:

<https://growingsmallfarms.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/BeePlants2015.pdf?fwd=no>

The Fairs agreed to all of the stated changes and agreed to use limited quantities as well as a variety of pollinators species.