

The Clinton Town Board held their zoning revision meeting on this day in the Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Ray Oberly and Board Members Nancy Cunningham, Dean Michael and Michael Whitton. Chris Juliano was absent. There were two residents in the audience.

Supervisor Oberly called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Councilmember Michael’s Comments**

Dean Michael offer to Michael Whitton review Ian Shrank’s email from September 2019 on 250-71 to fix D#3 to Sound

**§ 250-72 Steep slopes.**

**Ian Shrank** wants to fix C2 what is routine forest management practices and after discussion we agreed to change to “in accordance with a forest management plan.

**Dean Michael** will include a definition for Forest Management Plans as found in the NYS DEC 480-a Forest Tax Law

*Forest management plans include maps, tables and written text that show the boundaries and size of the forest, what kinds and sizes of trees it contains and what needs to be done to produce and harvest forest crops. The map, which is part of the plan, will also show areas of the ownership not in forest cover, such as open fields, roads and lakes. Eligible tracts must be managed primarily for forest crop production, although other compatible uses, such as forest recreation and watershed management can be allowed. A plan identifies scheduled commercial harvests, noncommercial thinnings, road construction and other management practices. These practices are listed in a scheduled part of the plan that shows the work to be done each year. Initially, this schedule is for 15 years and will be updated every 5 years thereafter, as long as the owner seeks exemption. It must be followed for the next 10 consecutive years after obtaining annual exemption.*

*Because professional judgment is required to prepare a forest management plan, it must be prepared by a qualified forester. An owner may have the management plan prepared by a private forester, for a cost. The fee charged by private foresters can vary. A directory of private cooperating foresters is available from the Regional Foresters.*

*Failure to adhere to the annual commitment in the work schedule of the management plan will result in revocation of the certificate of approval by DEC, and the imposition of penalty or roll-back taxes by the county as provided in subdivisions 7(a) through 7(f) of the law.*

As found in <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5236.html#management>

**Ian Shrank** thinks C.5 should be changed to Sound AG Practices and in E wants moderately before **Russ Tompkins** should apply to all step slopes

**Ian Shrank** in F says we should not allow any extremely step slopes and wanted to know if blasting was allowed. Wanted to know if the permit dies if they don’t complete with a time frame.

**Russ Tompkins** C2 exempt activities concern that he wouldn’t be able to cut a live tree we agreed to add C6 to allow “The removal of live trees for personal use”

**Michael Whitton** to change all the Chairman to Chairpersons.

**§ 250-75 Temporary permits**

**Ian Shrank** Fix A to place of worship and at the bottom fix or other premises after the (or other premises) after the approval of the Zoning Administrator. In C remove (road side)

**Michael Whitton** Should capitalize Vendors, Solicitors, and Peddlers

**Ian** in D there are different rules that apply want to fix, delete or add to C

**Dean Michael** has some setback requirements not in C also doesn't want to delete something that would hurt farmers. Suggested Ian work on some language we can all agree on.

**§ 250-76 Two-family dwellings.**

**Russ Tompkins** Sec B doesn't think we should require double acreage and also B2

**Michael Whitton** thinks it makes sense to protect our water table.

**Chris Juliano** thinks the board of health is based on bedrooms not the number of houses.

**Russ** thinks AR3 and AR5 should be fixed

A full discussion about allowing in AR3 and AR5 a 2 family without double acreage.

**Dean** will look up definitions for 2 family

**Spoke about merging 250-78 with 250-65**

**Dean** Under F4f it talks about the creation of a lake or pond which is different

**Ray** the penalties are redundant

**Dean** we should remove fines from the law so it can be address elsewhere

**Russ** doesn't like a fine of "not less than"....

**Ian** said he will look at trying to merge the town

**§ 250-79 Yard Sales**

We discussed the number of day in which Russ suggested 4 times Ian says keep so we settled on 3.

We also changed G to deleted the last part of the sentence and add must comply with 250-70

**250-80 General provisions.**

**Ian** want to change as provided herein to within this chapter 250 and he also doesn't like part B as its confusing and will work on some changes for next time

Councilmember Michael said we will discussed the following sections at the next meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> of March at 7pm, **Sections to follow are § 250-81, 82, 83, 84, 86, 88, 95 and 96**

Video can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PF94-HtaLI>

**ADJOURNMENT**

MM Oberly, 2nd Michael that the Town Board adjourns the meeting. at 9:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dean Michael, Councilmember & Zoning Revision Chair