

DISCUSSION		
Ira reviewed the housing subcommittee SWOT, vision and goals. Spirited discussion regarding the sharp language used to describe the problem with zoning ensued. The committee enthusiastically supported the subcommittee's work. Some additional demographic language will be added after consulting with Nan.		
ACTION ITEMS		
Additional demographic work	Ira Marks	5/4/2005

10 MINUTES KEEP FARMING REPORT MARY GAIL BIEBEL

DISCUSSION		
Mary Gail gave the overview of the Keep Farming work. Remarked one main idea, that keeping farm land in production will preserve open space, is the best way to achieve sustainable farms and open space. She will add local sustainability of agriculture to the goals statement. Discussion regarding monetary issues and the farming character of the town ensued. Mary Gail made the point that Chatham is an agricultural district.		
ACTION ITEMS		
None		

15 MINUTES NATURAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT ROY CARWILE

DISCUSSION Tabled		
ACTION ITEMS		
Completion of Vision and Goals	Roy Carwile	5/4/2005

10 MINUTES TOWN BOARD LIAISONS REPORT JEAN ROHDE/KARY JABLONKA

DISCUSSION		
Jean Rohde reported that the recent flooding showed immediate issues regarding zoning and planning. Many problems with driveways and land owner runoff redirection caused road destruction. Grant writing was discussed attempting to clarify the needs for the board. It was determined that as the Comprehensive Planning Steering Committee comes across possible grant items that a list would be maintained for future reference by a qualified grant writer.		
ACTION ITEMS		
Maintain on-going list of possible grant subjects	Bob Balcom	None

10 MINUTES OLD BUSINESS MIKE HART

DISCUSSION Old business was focused on subcommittee vision and goals reports.		
ACTION ITEMS		
None		

10 MINUTES NEW BUSINESS MIKE HART

DISCUSSION		
Alison Heaphy volunteered to complete a Preserve NY Grant. She reviewed the application with the steering committee requesting direction regarding the requirement for a consultant for the cultural study/inventory. Jackie DeRossi was suggested.		

