

Town Shandaken
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All Permit Applications:

All applications for your project must be returned on the original forms provided, and should be completed in full and submitted to the Shandaken Building Department at the above address. Failure to do so will only result in delay.

Application for a Logging Permit:

The primary applicant is the landowner. A secondary applicant, (logger/forester) may apply, but must show proof that he/she is making the application with authorization of the owner. The owner MUST sign the application. If not local, the owner must provide a notarized letter of authorization, to be submitted as part of the application package. Mailing address MUST be provided if it's different from the location address.

The logging permit fee is \$100.00. This fee is due when the Logging permit application is submitted. Checks can be made out to the Town of Shandaken.

Zoning codes are available on our Town website, www.Shandaken.us

Notice to Loggers:

There has been a lot of speculation regarding the Timber Harvesting Law (Local Law #3 of 1997) adopted June 11, 1997. This notice is to clarify and correct any misconception about this law for all of the loggers:

1. For small scale Timber Harvesting, up to 100,000 BF, a permit can be issued by the Zoning Enforcement officer. (Conditions under section 109-7 will be attached to this application.)
2. Up to 10,000 BF as it pertains to private landowners and their immediate families, no permit necessary when the timber is used for their own personal use, firewood etc.
3. For larger Commercial Timber Harvesting, over 100,000 BF, the landowner or his representative MUST apply to the Town Board for approval. This will involve a Public Hearing and a notice to all the adjacent landowners by the Town Board.

Permit Requirements

Small Scale Timber Harvesting

§109-7: Commercial and Noncommercial Forest Stand Improvement Standards.

1. Conservation Practices: The proposed operation shall not adversely affect drainage nor shall it contribute to soil erosion by water and wind.
2. Adjacent Property: Trees falling on adjacent properties as a result of an improvement operation shall immediately be returned to the permittee's property. No trees shall be cut within 25 ft. of a property line.
3. Management Practices: Loading areas shall be smoothed to remove all ruts and debris. Waste materials shall be buried or removed to a point out of sight of any public roads.
4. Hours of Operation: No harvesting, cutting, processing, hauling, stockpiling, or removal of timber, logs or wood shall take place between the hours of 7PM and 7AM, not at any time on Sundays or legal holidays.
5. Expiration and Extensions: The term of the permit shall be for one year. However, since forest stand improvement operations may be adversely affected or delayed by unusual circumstances of weather or other occurrences, an extension of one year shall be available upon: A) written request by landowner; and B) a public hearing; and C) a finding by the Town Board that all terms and conditions of this chapter have been complied with.
6. Standards: The Town Board shall recommend the following standards be invoked where necessary:
 - A. Top lopping or removal of debris within 50 (fifty) feet of any Town road, or leaving uncut screen along such roads;
 - B. Protection of water from debris;
 - C. Construction of water bars to prevent or reduce erosion.

§109-8: Prohibition Against Clear Cutting:

Except for Site Clearing for residential and commercial construction as provided in Section 109-4 (2) or for utility rights of way pursuant to the limitations in Section 109-4 (1), no clear cutting shall be permitted on any lands within the Town. Live trees less than 8" in diameter are not to be cut or removed during Commercial Timber Harvest, a Small Scale Timber Harvest or harvest for use by the owners immediate family.

Landowner:
Town:
Date:

County:

Species	# of Trees	DBH Range	MBF Volume
Ash	196	14-30"	21.55
Basswood	8	16-24"	.79
Birch	324	14-26"	21.78
Beech	0	None	0
Cherry	9	16-18	0.91
Hard Maple	328	14-28"	35.23
Soft Maple	45	14-26"	5.11
Red Oak	161	14-30"	28.26
Black Oak	0	None	0
Rock Oak	0	None	0
White Oak	0	None	0
Tulip	0	None	0
White Pine	11	14-32"	3.97
Hemlock	27	14-24"	3.14
Misc. Hdwd.	23	14-20	2.12
Totals:	1032		122.8 MBF
AC. Marked	76 Acres		
Tree/Acre	17		
MBF/Acre	1.62		

Application for Logging Permit

1. IDENTIFICATION OF APPLICANT:

APPLICANT OTHER THAN OWNER

Owner: Balsam Gleann LLC

Ian Ernst Long Timber Management

Address: 110 Cruickshank Road

440 Bernas Road

Big Indian, NY 12410

Cochecton, NY 12726

Signature: 

Phone: 703-568-8379

914-799-1814

Date: 11-19-2025 Interest of applicant, if other than owner Forester

Professional preparing site plan: Laura Eisenhardt

Address: 440 Bernas Road Cochecton, NY 12726 Phone: 518-319-2818

2. IDENTIFICATION OF SUBJECT PROPERTY:

Location: Cruickshank Road, Big Indian NY

Tax Map #: Section 12 Block: 1 Lot: 35 and 29.200

If Subdivision, give name: _____ Date Approved: _____

Lot Size (Acres): 226.8 and 92.7 Zoning District: Res 1

3. STATE EXISTING USE & OCCUPANCY OF PREMISES AND INTENDED USE AND OCCUPANCY OF PROPOSED LOT:

A. Existing use and occupancy Vacant Land

B. Intended use and occupancy Vacant Land

Name of Compensation Insurance and Disability Insurance
Carrier: TBD

Name of Policy: TBD

Name of Logger: TBD Phone: _____

Address: TBD

Is the site or a portion thereof in a floodplain zone? No

4. LOT INFORMATION

Lot Acres: 226.8 92.7

Lot Width: 3,100' 1,752'

Lot Depth: 3000'	2,500'
12.-1-29-35	12.-1-29.200

The undersigned, do hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, all my statements contained in this (these) application (s) are complete, accurate and true.

Signature: Ret J. L. Mc^{III}

Date: **November 19, 2025**

ATTACHMENT- PLOT PLAN

Section: 12 Block: 1 Lot: 35 and 29.200

Location of Lot: Very southern end of Cruickshank Road

NOTE: Plot plan must show the configuration of the lot (can be a sketch plan) showing all buildings on the parcel, giving the dimensions of each structure and, most importantly, reflect the setbacks of each structure from the property lines (front/rear/sides). SKETCH MUST BE DRAWN TO SCALE WITH SCALE INDICATED. Indicate name(s) of road(s) for identification purposes.

This project is contained on parcels all owned by Balsam Gleann LLC. Balsam Gleann LLC owns several adjoining parcels. The primary harvest will occur on parcel 12.-1-35 and to access the harvest the harvester will cross onto 12.-1-29.200. Please see the attached survey map of all parcels and the attached sketch map for details.

Submitted by:

Long Timber Management
Applicant

Balsam Gleann LLC
Owner

Date: _____

Project Description- Selective Timber Harvesting

Property Owner: Balsam Gleann LLC Town: Big Indian
Mailing Address: Po Box 269 County: Ulster
Property Location: Cruickshank Road, Big Indian NY Section: 12 Block: 1 Lot: 35 and 29.200
Total Acreage: 76 Acres Harvested: 76
Project Description: 122 MBF Selective Timber Harvest

Selective harvest of mature trees:

Trees are felled, limbed, and skidded to a loading area for sorting and loading onto trucks. All woods roads are leveled and graded upon completion, as is the loading area; which is seeded as well. Erosion prevention and sediment control measures to be used include, proper grading of roadways, installation of water bars, and seeding critical slopes and loading areas.

The NYS DEC Timber Harvesting Guidelines must be adhered to. Any required permits pertaining to stream crossings must be obtained and complied with. Operator must be a NYS DEC Cooperating Timber Harvester.

Sale Date: TBD Total # of Trees to be cut: 1032
Trees per acre: 17 +/- Total Board Foot Volume: 122.8 MBF

Landowner Authorization:

I/We designate _____, it's agents and employees to enter upon our parcel for the purpose of harvesting timber, as per above project description.

Baslam Gleann LLC

Owner

Date

Project Time Frame: TBD

Certification

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that all my statements contained in this application are complete, accurate, and true.

Loggers Signature

Date

Application Checklist for Timber Harvesting:

In accordance with the Shandaken Town Code §109-5: Commercial Timber Harvesting Procedures, a landowner seeking a Commercial Timber Harvesting Permit must provide the following information:

() Application for Logging Permit: Complete and return the original application in hardcopy. Be sure to include the location, lot numbers, name, address, and contact numbers for both landowner and logger, as required.

() Plot Plan: Be sure to provide additional information and signatures specified.

() Project Description: Logger's report contains the following information required by the Shandaken Town Code §109-5:

1. Total land area involved in cutting operation
2. Number of trees of each species to be cut
3. Range, in inches, of diameter of trees to be cut
4. Total board foot volume of each species to be cut
5. Total volume to be removed from cutting area
6. Average # of trees per acre to be removed
7. Average # of board feet per acre to be cut
8. For Christmas trees, fence posts, pilings and firewood, units per acre can be substituted for info #'s 2,4,5,& 7 above

() SEAF: Completed and signed Short Environmental Assessment Form that's provided.

() Certificate of Insurance: Liability and Worker's Compensation

() If requested: Performance bond as specified by the Town Board, which may request bond, cash deposit, or certified check payable to the Town of Shandaken

() Notarized Letter from Landowner: If applicable, authorizing the logger or other individual to perform the work and/or to act as his agent.

() Sketch Map: Showing boundaries of property, access roads, harvesting area(s), loading areas, etc.

() Landowner's Deed: Copy included with application.

() Fee: Logging Permit Fee of \$100.00, made payable to the Town of Shandaken

() Statement from Landowner: or authorized agent that each tree to be removed, has been designated by a professional Forester with paint or other means, at two points readily visible by the buyer.

The foregoing requirements are separate from and in addition to any other rules or permits which may be required of the applicant by the County of Ulster, City of New York or State of New York.

During the application process, please contact the Shandaken Building Dept. at (845) 688-5008 with any questions. Once deemed complete, if the application is for Commercial Timber Harvesting, then the application will be forwarded to the Town Clerk to schedule hearings before the Town Board. Town Clerk can be reached at (845) 688-5004 for any questions.