

BLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for July 12th, 2010

Members Present:

Henry Blessing, Meagan Bradshaw, Guy Boone, Stephen Kelley, Deborah Looney, Jerry Mercer, Elmer Chewning, John Dodson

Members Absent:

R. B. Anderson, Jim Baker, David Taylor

Others Present:

Joel K. Cagle, Planning Commission Secretary; Willie Howlett, Bland County Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 PM, Chairman Mercer called the meeting of the Bland County Planning Commission to order at the Bland County School Board Office; Bastian, Virginia. The Invocation was given by Chairman Mercer and allegiance was pledged to the flag of our country by everyone present.

ROLL CALL

Planning Commission Secretary Joel Cagle took the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Mercer invited a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 7th, 2010. Commissioner Looney made the motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 7th, 2010; Commissioner Kelley provided the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

-A public hearing was held to receive comments on the application from Robert Eaton requesting to have tax map 77A2-A-7 rezoned from Ag to Com, with a CUP to operate a Contractor Storage Yard. Mr. Eaton approached the Commission and informed them of his intent. He plans to operate a towing and recovery operation, install a set of scales to weigh trucks, provide an area to redistribute loads and store snow removal equipment.

Mr. Gary Naber addressed the Commission with his concerns about the proposed use. He stated that Mr. Eaton has approached him about his plans, and feels his biggest concern is the shared entrance and its maintenance.

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No more registered speakers present, the public hearing was closed by Chairman Mercer. After some discussion, a motion to recommend the CUP to be forwarded on to the Board of Supervisors with the following conditions:

- 1) An approved entrance permit shall be obtained through VDOT
- 2) Aesthetics shall be maintained with existing tree screening and outside storage limited to 30 days
- 3) If dust becomes a issue, it shall be addressed at that time through the Commission and Board of Supervisors

The motion was made by Commissioner Boone, and seconded by Commissioner Dodson, a unanimous vote was tendered by all present.

NEW BUSINESS

-Request for a Public Hearing from Cindy Stuart, representing Ronald Malmberg was made to obtain a CUP to have a Dwelling, accessory (existing) on Tax Map 91B2-4-C1, zoned Com.. Mrs. Stuart approached the Commission and explained that this is being done to bring the existing structure into compliance with the current Bland County Zoning. A motion was made by Commissioner Looney to hold a public hearing to receive comments at the August 2nd meeting, a second was provided by Commissioner Chewning; with a unanimous vote tendered by all present.

OLD BUSINESS

-The Beech Ridge Wind Farm tour was discussed. A proposed copy of Wind Energy CUP requirements was given to the Commission for their review and asked to provide feedback at the next meeting. It was also agreed that an opponent of Wind Energy would be invited to speak at the next meeting.

ITEMS TABLED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

None

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission at this time, Commissioner Dodson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Blessing provided the second, the motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joel K. Cagle- Secretary
Planning Commission
County of Bland