

AVERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
MONDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2009
MINUTES

Members Present: Cheryl Buchanan, Rachel Deal, Mike Lacey, Joe H. Perry, Larry Smith, Jack Wiseman Staff Present – Loretta Smith

Others Present: Jim Brooks, Bob Grasso, Tony Hunter, Joe Shoupe, Joel Whitley, Jack Wiseman

Chairman Lacey called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. It was noted that a quorum was present.

Consideration of the August 2009 minutes was submitted. With no changes noted, Joe H. Perry moved to approve. Rachel Deal seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Request for an Extension for Wilderness Trail

Bob Grasso spoke to this request and gave the Board a brief summary of where the project stands. Joe H. Perry moved to approve a one year extension and Rachel Deal seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Request for an Extension for Cranberry Ridge

Bob Grasso also spoke to this request. Joe H. Perry moved to approve a six month extension to put the process to February 2010. Rachel Deal seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Consideration of the Proposed Fire Protection Section of the Ordinance

The following items were voted on as per the review of the proposed fire protection ordinance:

Section 405 Streets:

a). Wording should read, “Have an additional setback between the point of the access control device and the entry gate. Location of the access control device should allow for sufficient distance from the gate to allow a vehicle which is denied access to safely turn around and exit onto a public road.” Cheryl Buchanan made a motion to reword and Joe H. Perry seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

b). Cheryl Buchanan moved to remove due to the vague nature of the wording. Rachel Deal seconded. The vote was Cheryl Buchanan, Rachel Deal, Larry Smith, Jack Wiseman for and Joe H. Perry against. The motion carried.

c). Cheryl Buchanan moved to approve as submitted. Joe H. Perry seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

d). Jack Wiseman moved to approve as submitted. Cheryl Buchanan seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

e). In section e) there is a reference to “the County” which leaves who this refers to as a vague reference. Cheryl Buchanan moved to clarify this to read: “ Emergency Access Personnel, Sheriff’s Department Personnel or other individuals on official county business”. Joe H. Perry seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Under definitions: Jack Wiseman moved to strike the definition for Land Development. Rachel Deal seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Means of Access: Cheryl Buchanan moved to strike “by emergency apparatus to structure”. Joe H. Perry seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Joe H. Perry moved to approve the definition for “Municipal-Type Water System.” Rachel Deal seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Joe H. Perry moved to approve the definition for “slope”. Cheryl Buchanan seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Jack Wiseman moved to approve the definition for “should”. Rachel Deal seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Chairman Lacey asked if there was any further business to discuss. Larry Smith asked about the width of bridges. The following wording was offered: “On private roads the width of the bridge shall be determined by the angle of approach as thus: < 30° shall require 14 feet in width, 31° to 60° shall require 16 feet in width and > 60° shall require 20 feet in width. Bridges shall accommodate 60,000 pounds of weight and be complete with guard rails.” Joe H. Perry moved to approve. Jack Wiseman seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Rachel Deal moved to send the proposed changes on to the Avery County Commissioners. Joe H. Perry seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

With no further business Cheryl Buchanan moved to adjourn. Larry Smith seconded. All were in agreement and the meeting came to an end.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Buchanan, Secretary to the Avery County Planning Board