

Caswell County Planning Board Meeting

June 27, 2018

Members Present:

Russell Johnston *Chairman*, Michael Poteat *Vice-Chairman*, Jason Daniel, Steven Harris, Don Swann, and Ron Richmond.

Members Absent:

Commissioner Bill Carter, James Shaffner, and Keith Blalock.

Mr. Johnston called the meeting to order at 1:00p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Daniel.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Swann made a motion to approve the May 22, 2018 minutes, seconded by Mr. Harris. The motion approved unanimously.

New Business

UDO Review: Article 9, Part 1 – Outdoor Storage Facilities

Ms. Denison handed out new updated copies of the UDO and asked the board if they had any questions on the new updated UDO.

Mr. Johnston questioned Ms. Denison if she had any changes that needed to be made to Article 9. Ms. Denison replied yes, that there are some changes that need to be made and that they are still in the process of making these changes. She has been in contact with the County Manager and the County Attorney about making these changes. Since things are being adopted with the Soil and Water Ordinance, the text in the Outdoor Storage Facility needed to be more specific. This will help define the difference between outdoor trash and a salvage yard and at the next meeting the County Manager and Environmental Health will help set things up with defining the difference.

Mr. Poteat questioned Ms. Denison if he needed to combine what was in the old UDO book into this book. Ms. Denison replied no, the only thing that will need to be added was future changes.

Planning Board Updates

Ms. Denison stated that there are a lot of things that will be going on at the July and August meeting. There is a potential for a major site plan review including a Special Non-Intensity Allocation permit like the water shed review that was completed in the past. Also there will be potential for a Hyco Lake Rezoning Map Amendment for a property in Leasburg NC; there will be another cell tower application and none of the cell phone towers that have been approved have started construction yet but one did apply for a building permit. The Distinguished Pistol has plans to expand. They will have to submit an amended site plan for the facility to expand, adding a skeet shooting range and a longer rifle range. The major subdivision that was approved last month may have to adjust their lot lines due to septic issues, because of the terrain. They may be coming before the board again to make changes.

Mr. Johnston questioned if there was any updates on the broadband for the county. Ms. Denison replied that she had spoken with the County Manager and the county is still in the process of testing it in different areas of the county to see how the performance was. Mr. Johnston questioned if it would be like the free Wi-Fi that is located at the Town Municipal building. Ms. Denison replied no, this would not be like public Wi-Fi. It would provide internet without running fiber to your house. The device is like a wireless router that will run off a main tower. There are some Local Government rules in legislation that only allows Local Government to precipitate only so much. Also the increase of cell towers in the area will help with internet service because a lot of people are using cellular devices as mobile hotspots.

The Comprehensive Transportation Plan has been finalized. This will help the board for future reference when going through the DOT process in trying to get projects funded.

Mr. Johnston questioned if Ms. Denison had received any information on the traffic count for Hwy 86. Ms. Denison replied they are normally a few years behind on getting those numbers.

Mr. Johnston questioned if the road construction on 86 was for the passing lanes. Ms. Denison replied no, it was normal road repair but they have completed a lot of the surveying for the passing lanes. Mr. Johnston questioned if that project was still on go. Ms. Denison replied yes.

Mr. Daniels questioned would the passing lanes only be from Yanceyville to the Virginia State line. Ms. Denison replied there are two phases with this project. One phase is the northern end of Hwy 86 and the second phase is the southern end of Hwy 86.

Ms. Denison stated that the biggest project being talked about is the Hwy 29 project which will effect Rockingham, Guildford and Caswell Counties. This major project would upgrade Hwy 29 to I-785, which could bring a lot of business to the area.

Adjournment

Mr. Harris made a motion to adjourn at 1:18p.m., seconded by Mr. Daniel.

The minutes above were prepared by the Administrative Assistant Ashley Kirby.