

BLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for March 1st, 2010

Members Present:

Jim Baker, Meagan Bradshaw, Guy Boone, Henry Blessing, John Dodson, Stephen Kelley, Deborah Looney, Jerry Mercer, David Taylor

Members Absent:

R.B. Anderson, Elmer Chewning

Others Present:

Joel K. Cagle, Planning Commission Secretary; Willie Howlett, Bland County Administrator; Paul Cassell, Bland County Attorney; Nick Asbury, Seddon District, Bland County Board of Supervisor; Audra Repass, Bland County Project Manager

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 January 4th, 2010. Commissioner Kelley made the motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 4th, 2010; Commissioner Taylor provided the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

-Mr. Ronald Dalton of Sibley Communications, LLC approached the Planning Commission to requesting a public hearing on his application requesting a Conditional Use Permit on Tax Map No.: 11-A-3, to erect a 120' self-supporting communication tower; a permitted use with a CUP, number (42). The property is located in the Rocky Gap District on top of East River Mountain, accessed off of State Route 598 near the West Virginia/Virginia Line.

Mr. Dalton explained his proposed use. After a brief question and answer period, Chairman Mercer invited a motion to hold a public hearing. A motion to hold a public hearing was made by Vice-Chairman Baker, a second was provided by Commissioner Boone, and the motion passed unanimously.

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-Proposed definition change for Cottage Industry was presented. After some discussion it was decided to accept the definition as presented and hold a public hearing to receive public comment on it. A motion was made by Commissioner Dodson to hold a public hearing on the proposed definition change for Cottage Industry; a second was provided by Commissioner Looney and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

-The Commission discussed the proposed section for the existing zoning chapter to address wind energy. It was stated that a tour of a facility would need to be scheduled as soon as possible. It was also stated that the Commission would like to invite interested parties in the industry, both pro and con, to the next meeting.

SECRETARY INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

-The Commission was informed of the approved CUP for Morefield Holding, LLC.

ITEMS TABLED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission at this time, Vice-Chairman Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Dodson provided the second, the motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joel K. Cagle- Secretary
Planning Commission
County of Bland