

MINUTES
Town of Farmville Planning Commission Meeting
Held at THE TOWN HALL
Town Managers Conference Room
Farmville, Virginia
Tuesday May 19, 2009 12:00 p.m.

Members Present: Andy Andrews, Pam Butler, Lloyd McKay, Edward Gordon, Gerry Spates, and Sam Wilson Jr.

Members not present: Ted Cunningham

Staff Present: Cindy Morris, Town Planner, Megan Douglas, Administrative Assistant

Approval of minutes:

The meeting began at 12:05 p.m., with Ms. Morris asking the Planning Commission Members for approval of the minutes from the December 17, 2008 meeting. Dr. Gordon made the motion seconded by Mr. McKay to approve the minutes. The vote carried unanimously. Discussion was brought up by Mr. Wilson about Dr. Janie Irons and the withdrawal of the conditional use permit (CUP) to operate a bed and breakfast at 313 First Avenue. Dr. Irons requested that her CUP be withdrawn due to her financial institution not approving the loan for operating a business. It was confirmed that Dr. Irons did purchase the house and is currently remodeling it with future intentions of later operating a bed and breakfast. Before she is allowed to operate her bed and breakfast, she must submit another conditional use permit for approval.

Rezoning/zoning amendment and conditional use permit current fee structure and locality comparison:

During the meeting on December 17, 2008 meeting, the Planning Commission asked for a comparison of fees from other localities for rezoning/zoning amendment and conditional use permit fees. The comparison sheet was attached to the Planning Commissions agenda packet and compared to similar sized localities. In May of 2008 the Planning Commission voted to recommend an increase for these applications fees from \$250.00 to \$500.00 beginning July, 1 2008. Town Council adopted this fee charge. On March 11, 2009, Town Council voted to waive the CUP of \$500.00 for six months due the economy. All Planning Commission Members thought that \$500.00 would be a suitable fee for covering the costs associated with the applications. Ms. Butler made the motion to leave the conditional Use Permit (CUP) fee at \$500.00, and apply the fee when Council reinstates it in six months. Dr. Gordon seconded that motion with all other Members voting "aye".

64th Certified Planning Commissioners Program:

The 64th Certified Planning Commissioners Program will be hosted by the Town of Farmville and will be held at the South Street Conference Center. The opening session scheduled dates for the program are Thursday- Friday June 18-19, 2009 and closing session will be held on Thursday-Friday August 27-28, 2009. Ms. Morris informed the Planning Commission that a registration form is included in their packet if interested. Ms. Morris spoke highly of the program and gave some detail on what to expect from the program. Ms. Morris stated that Town participants in the program will receive a

break on the fee. Mr. Spates said that the Town will pay the cost for any Town representative interested in participating in the program.

Zoning Ordinance Analysis Review by Michael Chandler:

The Zoning Ordinance Review by Michael Chandler is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Town Manager's Conference Room. Ms. Morris reminded the Planning Commission that the analysis would be sent to them prior to the scheduled meeting for review.

Approval of Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Planning Commission proposed Dates:

The proposed dates for the upcoming year are attached in the Planning Commission agenda packet. The proposed dates will follow the scheduled dates for 2008-2009. The Planning Commission will continue to hold regular bi-monthly meetings at 12:00 p.m. in the Town Manager's Conference Room. Ms. Morris reminded the Planning Commissioners that special meetings could be scheduled when needed. Dr. Gordon inquired on how often the Planning Commission should meet. Mr. Spates replied that the Planning Commission is required to meet at least once a year. Mr. Wilson made the motion, a second by Mr. McKay, to approve the scheduled dates for fiscal year 2009-2010. All other Planning Commission Members voting in favor of the motion.

Other Discussion:

Discussion came up about Prince Edward County holding their Public Hearing tonight Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. about the Luck Stone Rock Quarry. Luck Stone is proposing to locate a quarry on the West side of Farmville near the Mottley Lake. Dr. Gordon commented, saying "everyone he has talked with is against it". Mr. Wilson questioned the allowed distance of the rock quarry from the Mottley Lake Property. The Town has several concerns about the rock quarry being near Mottley Lake Property, which is the Town's second source of water.

On motion by Dr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. McKay, with all other members in favor, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Andy Andrews, Chairman

Gerald J. Spates, Secretary