

**MINUTES OF THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
CHESAPEAKE BUILDING \* LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND  
Monday, January 25, 2010**

Members present were Brandon Hayden, Chairman; Joe Meinert, Susan McNeill, Merl Evans, Martin Siebert, and Lawrence Chase. Shelby Guazzo was excused. Department of Land Use & Growth Management (LUGM) staff present were Derick Berlage, Director; Bob Bowles, Planner IV; and Jada Stuckert, Recording Secretary. Deputy County Attorney David Weiskopf was also present.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – The minutes of January 11, 2010 were approved as amended.

**DECISION**

**Amend CZO Chapter 75 Forest Conservation**

Mr. Bowles gave an overview of the text amendments stating the Planning Commission held a public hearing on January 11, 2010 and left the record open for written comments for 10 days. Mr. Bowles stated no additional comments were received.

Ms. McNeill asked if the language suggested by Mr. Meinert would be included in the recommendation to the County Commissioners. Mr. Bowles stated if approved by the Planning Commission yes the language would be forwarded in the resolution. Mr. Meinert stated his alternative language gives an alternative set of standards for forest conservation variance requests. Mr. Meinert stated this language essentially uses the state standards for variance requests. Ms. McNeill reaffirmed this language comes from the statute. Mr. Hayden asked if staff is in agreement with Mr. Meinert's amendments. Mr. Bowles stated yes.

***Mr. Meinert made a motion in the matter of the zoning text amendments, to bring the Ordinances into compliance with the Annotated Code of Maryland, Natural Resources Article, Title 5, Forests and Parks, Subtitle 16, Forest Conservation; and Code of Maryland Regulations, title 08, Department of Natural Resources, Subtitle 19, Forest Conservation, having accepted the staff report, and amendments as discussed and the testimony presented in the public hearing, the Planning Commission recommends approval to the Board of County Commissioners and further to authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution and Ms. McNeill seconded. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.***

**BRIEFING**

**Storm Water Management (SWM) Ordinance**

Mr. George Erichsen, Department of Public Works and Transportation Director gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Storm Water Management Ordinance amendments. *[Full PowerPoint presentation is on file at the Department of Land Use & Growth Management]*

**Wildewood PUD Update**

Mr. Shawn Day gave an overview of the Wildewood PUD including the 12/29/09 progress report, activity update schedule, sectional approvals, land use program, open space schedule, open space detail, and an the 12/29/09 updated map. *[The full Wildewood Planned Unit Development Annual Update is on file at the Department of Land Use & Growth Management]*

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Jada Stuckert  
Recording Secretary

Approved in open session:      February 8, 2010

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Brandon Hayden, Chairman