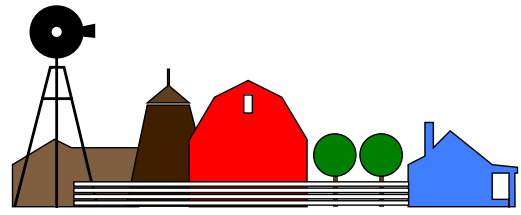


RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4th Tuesday of the month

6:00-7:30 PM Executive Office Building, Rockville

DGS Large conference room 9th Floor



Draft Minutes

Meeting of October 7th, 2014

Attendees:

DPS Staff coordinator: Brian Jeeves

M-NCPPC member: Leslie Saville

Voting Members present:

Christopher Marston

Angela Butler

Greg Deaver

Marc Miller

Jane Thompson

Absent:

Voting Members

Greg Glenn

Eric Spates

Guests:

None

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm.

Minutes

The September 3rd, 2014 minutes were approved with minor corrections.

Member Replacement

Brian informed the members that the Chief Executive has appointed the two prospective candidates to the committee pending approval by the county council which will happen on October 7th. These appointments will fill the positions being vacated by Eric Spates and Greg Glenn (Farmer/Ag Advisory Rep and Farmer Rep, respectively).

Rustic Roads Resource Manual

Brian informed the members that the Resource Manual is nearing its completion with regards to the first comments. The comments from Sarah Navid were located and the committee worked through the comments during this meeting editing, and inserting into the appropriate sections of the Manual. The goal is to have the Manual finished and re-circulated for a final round of comments in October thus having enough time to address any comments and get the document ready for publication in early 2015.

Biennial Report

Leslie informed the members that the Biennial Report is nearing its completion but it is in need of some final adjustments. A proposed map was presented to the committee for review and once this has been completed and the other adjustments have been made the document will be sent to print. The goal is to have the report finished and circulated before the end of the year.

Sugarland Lane

Leslie explained to the members that the Sugarland Lane development that the committee wrote a letter of recommendation on has come under scrutiny as there appears to be some confusion on if the whole length of the road is rustic or just a section of it is. This will be resolved by the agencies concerned and if the committee needs to revise the letter it will be done at the time the members are notified of the resolution.

Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair for 2015.

Marc nominated Christopher for the position of Chair effective January 2015, Christopher said that he was willing to serve in this role; the nomination was seconded by Jane carried by all. Greg suggested that the nomination for vice chair should be tabled for the next meeting as one of the new members might like to serve and we as a committee would like to start the practice of the vice chair to step up into the role of chair once that position is vacated.

Cell Panels on Utility poles

Brian informed the members that he spoke to Zoning and right of way regarding the panels on utility poles and that he was told that the need for a building permit was dependant on the size. Brian also explained that only the owner of the pole is able to apply for a permit to put anything on a utility pole in the right of way. Brian said if the committee had specific questions he would approach the appropriate sections of permitting services to get more specific answers.

MoCo Farm Bureau's Farm to Table Dinner

Christopher and Marc informed the members that the Montgomery County Farm to Table Dinner was held at the Seneca Ayr Farm (Charles Linthicum property) it was felt the night was a success with many attendees coming to our information table to inquire about rustic roads and there proximity to where they lived.It was suggested that some better signs and maps would have helped with the promotion of the rustic road program.

Presentations: - None

Public Awareness – None

Correspondence – None

New Business –

Preserving the Historic rustic road conference (Savannah, Georgia)

Christopher and Leslie informed the committee that they attended the Preserving the Historic Rustic road conference that was held in Savannah, Georgia last week. This conference is held every 2 years in a different location with people attending from all over the country. Christopher explained that while he was there he had spoken with a representative from Loudon County (VA) that has some of the same issues and challenges that we face. Their committee is doing well and they offered to give us a tour of their roads and it was suggested that we may want to consider partnering with the Loudon group. This would provide us with an opportunity to hear what has worked for strengthening public awareness about their program and see if there is anything we would be able to use.

Christopher will contact them to see if there are some dates that they could provide so that people could make themselves available.

Poplar Hill / Department of Transportation meeting.

Brian informed the members that DOT has agreed to meet with the Poplar Hill residents at the November meeting. Jane asked if some of the residents of West Harris Road could attend the meeting. Brian told everyone that this is an open meeting and any member of the public may attend. Leslie asked if Kyle Hanley from DOT could also attend as some of the residents have already been dealing with Kyle (a long discussion ensued). It was requested by the committee that we use the DGS large conference room to host this meeting as it is a larger room than the one we normally meet in.

December meeting.

The Committee has decided that they will hold a December meeting if necessary. They would wait until the November meeting was over and see what if anything needed to be discussed in December. Brian informed the members that we would revert back to the 4th Tuesday of every month starting in January 2015.

Master Plan of Highways assessment site visits.

Leslie informed the members that the Master Plan of Highway assessments is starting. She is going to be making site visits to the rustic roads within the County and was anyone interested in joining her to help with these. Jane asked for a list of times and dates of when these site visits would occur (a long discussion ensued) it was decided that a 2 week notice would be give of future times and dates to allow members to make time to help.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. The next Public RRAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November the 5th from 6:00 to 8:30 in Rockville.

MINUTES APPROVED: