



MINUTES

RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 19, 2009

Executive Office Building - Rockville

Members:

Cheryl Imperatore
Robert Goldberg
Kevin Foster
Eric Spates
Fred Lechluder
Jim Arnoult

Guests:

Marc Miller

Leslie Saville – MNCPPC
Sarah Navid - Staff

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Minutes – Bob proposed, Cheryl seconded approval of the February 3, 2009 minutes.

Meeting House Road – As a result of a proposed subdivision of the Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting property, the status of Meeting House Road, a rustic road, has become an issue; specifically whether a public right of way should be dedicated through the property. The Committee supported designating Meeting House Road south of the existing dedicated right of way as a private road with public access. The County Highway Services Section does not want to extend their maintenance beyond this limit and, as a rustic road, there are no improvements proposed. Jim pointed out that the limits of county maintenance on the State inventory currently extend into the Meeting House property and should be corrected.

Heitmueller Property (Beallsville Road) –As a result of our comments from last month, the developer has relocated the Lot 1 house as recommend, but the Lots 2 and 3 houses are clearly within the scenic view shed and should be located behind the ridgeline. Kevin “red-lined” the plan with the proposed locations and Sarah will send a copy to MNCPPC Development Review and the developer.

Stoney Creek Road Property – The Committee was OK with the two shared driveways proposed for four lots. They did not see a need to retain the brush type foliage along the

roadside with the exception of the cedars. The driveways should be staked and evaluated at preliminary plan stage.

MD 355 Sidewalk (Frederick Road) – Leslie provided information on a proposed County DOT project to construct sidewalks on both sides of MD 355 in the Hyattstown Historic District. This project will require retaining walls and curb and gutter due to the proximity and grade differential of the adjacent properties. The RRAC felt that the Historic Preservation Commission could oversee the project without specific RRAC input.

Batchellors Forest Site Plan – Sarah requested that the Committee consider an exception to a general design policy of not using curb and gutter at intersections on rustic roads, in the specific case of the new intersection of Old Vic Boulevard and Batchellors Forest Road. This intersection, which includes the driveway to Farquhar Middle School, is likely to have buses and heavy turning movements through the intersection and includes sidewalks and a bike path crossing to the school. The RRAC was agreeable to this request in order to prevent future maintenance and erosion problems on the corners and provide a greater measure of safety for pedestrians.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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