



MINUTES
RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
December 9, 2009
Executive Office Building – Rockville

Members:

Robin Ziek
Marc Miller
Robert Goldberg
Jim Arnoult
Kevin Foster

Leslie Saville - MNCPPC
Sarah Navid - Staff

Guest: Larry Cole, Highway Coordinator – MNCPPC

Absent:

Eric Spates
Fred Lechluder

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Minutes – The October 27, 2009 minutes were approved.

Master Plan of Highways– Larry discussed the scope and tentative schedule for the update of the Master Plan of Highways. The last comprehensive plan was approved in 1955. The new plan will be a comprehensive update to include all the various approved and adopted plans in the intervening years and will align the plan with the new road code. This update will specifically address the rustic roads program and will include the new roads that the RRAC has recommended (Allnutt Lane, Bentley Road and Mt. Carmel Cemetery Road) as well as others that may be proposed by the Committee. The plan will also include descriptions and significant features for the 30 plus rustic roads that have been added under the Potomac and other Master Plans and update the status of roads as applicable.

Larry anticipated the Plan will go to the Planning Board in September 2010 and community meetings will be held in February. The RRAC will need to assist in this effort by providing preliminary road descriptions and identifying significant features, as well as any recommendations for new roads to be added to the program.

At the January meeting, the Committee will discuss how this work should be accomplished.

South Glen Road – The Committee discussed the request by a resident to DOT for a streetlight on South Glen Road. DOT had denied the request because the road is exceptional rustic. DOT found no evidence of a safety problem on the road. The

Committee was of the opinion that installation of a streetlight was not desirable and that the resident should be advised that she could install a private light or reflectors at the end
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of her driveway. Also the pavement markings/edgelines on South Glen Road should be checked to see if they are adequate. The Committee asked to see the original incoming letter to DOT.

T Mobile Cell Towers – Marc had been out to look at each of the five sites and reported that basically the proposed towers are just too close to the roads. The Committee was concerned about the potential high impact of the towers on the rural scenery. Other members will try to visit the sites before the next meeting, but in the meantime a letter will be drafted stating the Committee's generic concerns.

Video of the Month – Leslie suggested posting a monthly video of a rustic road on the website and will do a demo. Marc suggested these should cover the four seasons.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

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