



MINUTES
RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
March 23, 2010
Executive Office Building – Rockville

Members:

Bob Goldberg	Leslie Saville - MNCPPC
Fred Lechluder	Sarah Navid - Staff
Eric Spates	
Greg Deaver	
Marc Miller	

Absent:

Kevin Foster
Robin Ziek

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Minutes – The January 26, 2010 minutes were approved with minor modifications.

Wildcat Road - T Mobile Cell Tower Letter – The draft letter to the Hearing Examiner regarding the upcoming special exception hearing (June 3) was reviewed and approved with minor modifications. The committee discussed whether a tower with internal antennae was as effective as one with external antennae. Leslie believed that they were as effective but were more expensive.

Scenic Vistas - The cell tower discussion lead to a discussion of scenic views. Bob and Marc felt that scenic views and esthetics are an important aspect of rustic roads that the committee should comment on. Fred felt this was a grey area and questioned whether the committee was overstepping its bounds in making recommendations. A separate meeting or discussion of this topic was suggested.

Master Plan of Highways (MPOH) – Members reported in on their inventories of the rustic roads, for which there are currently no descriptions. Most of these are in the Potomac area. The general consensus was that many of these roads no longer appear to meet the rustic criteria and should be considered for de-listing and in some cases roadway improvements. However, rather than take on this large task as part of the MPOH project, which was not part of its original scope, the committee will make a statement that many of these rustic roads outside the Ag Reserve do not appear to meet the requirements for rustic designation.

Cattail Road Property – This development consists of a 116 acre site with one child lot proposed with the remainder of the property for the existing home. The only issue for the RRAC was access. The committee recommended that the driveway width be consistent with the width of the road. However, the Fire Marshall now requires a 20 foot wide driveway for shared access, in addition to a staging area near the road. The driveway width issue needs to be discussed further with the Fire Marshal.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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