

RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4th Thursday of the month

6:00-9:00 PM

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AGENDA

May 28, 2020

Sign in and Introductions

6:00

Reminder of Procedures for Virtual Meetings

Review of Agenda and Approval of Minutes for April Meeting

Action Items:

- Conditional Use (Proposed) – Slaughterhouse: 18915 Barnesville Road, rustic – Discussion, Possible vote 6:10
- Conditional Use Minor Modification: Freeman Equestrian Facility, 14975 Sugarland Road, exceptional rustic – Discussion, Possible vote 6:30
- Driveway: Second Chance Wildlife Facility, 26400 Haines Road (rustic), Discussion to clarify position, possible vote. 6:45
- Tree Trimming Meeting - Discussion and Follow up, Possible vote 6:50
- Santini Road (rustic) Maintenance - Discussion and Follow up, Possible vote 7:20

Discussions

- RRAC Bylaws 7:40
- Annual Retreat: Discussion of interest in / options for holding virtually 7:50

Information Items

- Master Plan Update 8:00
- Open RRAC Position
- **Update on Outstanding Correspondence:**
 - Crown Castle Telecommunications Site Proposals
 - Barnesville Stormwater Support Letter
 - Schaeffer Road Bridge
 - Other

Adjourn

8:30

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Next General Meeting:

Thursday, June 25, 2020

2020 Events

June Heritage Days (Postponed)
July Farm Tours
Sept Poolesville Day
Oct Heritage Harvest, Ride for the Reserve
Fall Preserving the Historic Road Conference

2021 World Canals Conference, C&O Canal hosting

Follow ups and future agenda items

- Biennial report
- Planning Board 101
- RRAC brochure with Countryside Artisans (new suggestion)
- Clarify council lobbying restriction
- Rewrite code, regulations, write bylaws
- Realtor disclosure or education
- Fire Department requirements regarding widths, etc
- Roadside Tree Law, Forest Conservation Law, etc
- Narrow bridge funding - federal

2020 Meeting Schedule (the fourth Thursday of each month)

June 25
July 23 (tentative)
August 27
September 24
October 22
December 3

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Virtual Meeting May 28, 2020

Attendees:

MCDOT Staff Coordinator: Darcy Buckley
Linsey Bryant, Executive Administrative Assistant

Members Present:

Bob Tworkowski, Chair
Kamran Sadeghi
Dan Seamans
Laura Van Etten
Bob Wilbur
Leslie Saville, M-NCPPC (non-voting)

Members Absent:

Lonnie Luther
Todd Greenstone

Guests:

Jane Thompson, Member Emeritus
Steve Findlay - Barnesville Resident
Sam Prasada-Rao - Barnesville Resident
Woody Bailey - Barnesville Planning Commission
Lee Langstaff - Past President, Maryland Sheep Breeders Assoc

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Action Items:

Slaughterhouse: 18915 Barnesville Road - Rustic (Conditional Use)

Committee was asked to review a proposal for a slaughterhouse on Barnesville Road. The Planning Department held a prior meeting with the applicant, and at that time, no drawing nor description of plans were provided. The applicant was invited to attend the meeting but he did not attend. His written materials indicated that he would be slaughtering 2-3 sheep and goats per week. Lee Langstaff informed the Committee about the many permits and inspections that might be needed, ranging from the Maryland Dept. of Health to the USDA. It became clear that the written application was very short on facts. Saville explained that under AR Zoning, a commercial slaughterhouse would be required to be on a road classified arterial or higher. Barnesville Road is classified as a Rustic Road, which is a lower classification. The Committee reviewed whether the proposed location of the facility would interfere with the significant feature (Sugarloaf Mountain view) from Barnesville Road. Also, concerns were raised as to how the facility's operations would affect the road usage/volume. The Committee voted not to support the application given the road designation, as well as the lack of information regarding facility usage. The Committee is open to reviewing in the future if a formal application is provided.

Freeman Equestrian Facility: 14975 Sugarland Road - Exceptional Rustic (Conditional Use Minor Modification)

Proposed modifications to conditional use could potentially affect traffic on Sugarland Road. Motion approved to support the modification, as presented.

Second Chance Wildlife Facility: 26400 Haines Road – Rustic (Driveway Clarification)

Original request was made for the Committee to approve the removal of dead locust tree. Motion approved for the removal of dead tree.

Tree Trimming Meeting

Committee held a virtual meeting on May 14, 2020 led by Special Assistant to the County Executive Dale Tibbitts, and with MCDOT arborist Brett Linkletter, as well as Jeremy Criss (Office of Agriculture) and Bob Cissel (Montgomery Ag Producers). Purpose of the meeting was to strengthen the partnership between MCDOT and RRAC to address the issues raised by the farming community. The Committee agreed to provide Tibbitts and Linkletter with a list of roads that had tree canopies as protected significant features. Also noted, they requested MCDOT provide a plan for notification of tree trimming in advance so that if there are concerns, they can be addressed. In addition, the Committee will propose tree trimming guidelines.

Santini Road – Rustic (Maintenance)

MCDOT took measurements of Santini Road and developed a map to ensure the road is not widened, nor lengthened, beyond what was measured. A motion was made and approved to draft a letter of support for the maintenance plan, requesting that MCDOT ensure the width restrictions are adhered to and that the letter be shared with the contractor performing the project. Also to be noted in the letter was that RRAC views the communications as new model between MCDOT and RRAC, and a copy will be sent to Dale Tibbitts

West Willard Road – Poolesville Golf Course (Design)

Design plans were submitted for the driveway entrance to Poolesville Golf Course. Plans include cobblestone/granite curb and gutter. Also included were updated fencing and widening of the driveway apron and tree cutting. Motion was made and approved opposing the curb and gutter design, as well as the tree cutting. Committee recommends maintaining the entrance, i.e. trees and traffic patterns. It was noted that there is room for discussion as it pertains to upgrading the fencing and wall at the entrance.

Discussions:

RRAC Bylaws

- Members are drafting by-laws to address the RRAC election processes, vacancies, subcommittees, etc. The Committee will review and provide feedback accordingly. Possible vote to take place next meeting.

Annual Retreat

- No Updates

Informational Items:

Master Plan Update

RRAC

- The Master Plan update schedule was amended by County Council; road assessments will have the summer to be done and updates to basic policy information will have until the fall to take place. Maps will be provided to Committee members to conduct site visits ensuring the proposed Master Plan updated coincides with the Committee’s vision for Rustic Roads.

Open RRAC Position

- Position will be advertised next week.

Update on Outstanding Correspondence:

- **Crown Castle Telecommunications Site Proposals** – Letter to be drafted
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- **Barnesville Stormwater Support Letter** – No update.
- **Schaeffer Road Bridge** – Two letters are being drafted, one to MCDOT and one to County Council, copying County Executive. Letter to MCDOT notes the Committee's preference for rehabilitation rather than replacement and that the Committee is requesting the project not move forward until agreement is reached.

Adjourn

9:35 p.m.