

## **RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month

6:00-9:00 PM

Held on Microsoft Zoom



### **Virtual Meeting December 3, 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  
Anne Davies  
Leslie Saville, M-NCPPC (non-voting)

#### **Guests:**

Jane Thompson, Member Emeritus  
Carrie Sanders, Interim Division Chief, Up-County Planning, M-NCPPC  
Dhaval Patel, Vanmar Associates, Project Engineer – Wilson Delay Lot 1  
Lauren Campbell, Sr. Transportation Planner, Up-County, M-NCPPC

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

#### **Action Items:**

##### **Meeting Minutes: October 2020**

Postponed approval of October 2020 minutes; members need additional time to review and make edits.

##### **Wilson Delay Lot 1, West Hunter Road (rustic): Proposed Driveway**

Committee discussed options to trim cedar trees instead of removing them if site distance guidelines are achievable. Members questioned who would be responsible for regular maintenance if trees were not removed; MCDOT responsible if site distance is affected. Motion was made to draft letter of support for both options (trim and removal), allowing the applicant to proceed with application; approved. If removal occurred, replacement trees would be planted elsewhere.

##### **Mouth of Monocacy Bridge – Deck Replacement**

There are three proposals for deck replacement; preferred option is to replace wooden deck with another wood deck. Committee agrees with the proposed preferred option. T-3 barrier recommended for protection over CSX tracks. Members questioned whether the chain fence could be altered with other options such as boards or more aesthetically appealing fencing. Motion made to draft letter supporting the option to replace in-kind with wooden deck and reiterate disapproval of any widening on the approach.

## **New Chair Nominations**

Bob Tworkowski's term as chair ends at the end of 2020. A vote will take place at the next meeting.

## **Approve Meeting Dates for 2021**

Meetings will continue to take place the fourth Thursday of each month; no meeting in November (make-up in December). Meeting dates for 2021 approved.

## **Stringtown Road – Daycare Center Site Access**

M-NCPPC received concept plan for site access along Stringtown Road to enter parking lot of new Daycare facility; requesting committee's opinion prior to preliminary plan submittal. The Committee approved abandoning as rustic the small portion of Stringtown Road where it meets Piedmont Road after Leslie Saville showed photos of the widened and over-improved segment of the road.

## **Discussions:**

### **Proposed Correspondence**

Draft letter of commendation to Director Chris Conklin, MCDOT, relaying their appreciation for Darcy's involvement with the Rustic Roads Advisory Committee. Motion approved.

Draft letter of commendation to Gwen Wright, Director of Montgomery Planning Department, relaying thanks for Leslie Saville's participation and guidance on the Rustic Roads Advisory Committee. Motion approved.

### **Meeting with MCDOT, Tim Cupples: Takeaway**

Committee appreciates meeting and looks forward to further conversations. Request copies of slideshow presentation. Part two meeting to be scheduled.

## **Informational Items:**

### **Master Plan Update**

Planning received nominations for Bucklodge Road/Barnesville Road to be included as Rustic Roads on the Master Plan – site visit suggested; concern about high volume of traffic. Seneca Road was also nominated to be designated rustic.

Carrie Sanders expressed support for roads to be proposed as Rustic at any time rather than waiting for a Master Plan, which can take ten years. The Committee voiced strong support for this.

### **New Template**

Suggestion made to edit size of awards logos at bottom of Rustic Road Advisory Committee letterhead.

### **Martinsburg Road Bridge**

Bridge is deteriorating; questions about possible consideration for repairs to superstructure.

### **Big Woods Road**

Millings along roadway will be removed and replaced with sod in the Spring.

### **Glen Road**

Committee to schedule visit with MCDOT engineers to discuss options for repairs to this 1930s bridge over Piney Branch (located east of Glenstone and the road is exceptional rustic there). See 2002 Potomac Subregion Master Plan. The bridge is 19' 11" wide now; MDOT has suggested widening to 22'.

### **River Road**

Property owner agrees to support gravel road surface if dust mitigation and roadside repairs will occur. Request meeting with MCDOT.

### **Adjourn**

**8:20 p.m.**