

RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4th Thursday of the month

6:00-9:00 PM

Held on Zoom



Virtual Meeting February 25, 2021

Attendees:

MCDOT Staff Coordinator: Darcy Buckley
Linsey Bryant, Executive Administrative Aide
Lauren Campbell, M-NCPPC

Members Present:

Laura Van Etten, Chair
Dan Seamans
Bob Wilbur
Anne Davies

Members Absent:

Bob Tworkowski
Kamran Sadeghi
Leslie Saville, M-NCPPC (non-voting)

Guests:

Jane Thompson, RRAC Member Emeritus
Jared Carhart, Engineer, CAS Engineering (Kilmain)

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m.

Action Items:

Kilmain ETC Parcel – West Hunter Rd (Rustic), Wasche Rd (Rustic), and Whites Ferry Rd (non-Rustic)

Jared Carhart, Civil Engineer, explained the proposed subdivision development of nine lots, 3 acres per lot, on an overall 355 Acre property. Lots eight and nine are to be dedicated off West Hunter Rd. Wasche Road is not affected as it will be put into a Cat. 1 Forest Conservation Easement, and the section of Whites Ferry Road affected is not rustic. Driveway apron to be 26 feet due to the width of the West Hunter Road at 18'4". Tree mitigation will be provided on a one-for-one basis as there are plans to remove five to six trees. Fire and Rescue cistern easement will be located 30 to 40 feet back from the road. Motion to draft letter of support was approved unanimously. Language will be included stating that if the driveway apron size can be made smaller due to changes in requirements, that it will be reduced in size.

Sandy Spring Village, Concept Plan – 17810 Meeting House Rd (Rustic)

Concept plan submitted to renovate three office building into a senior retirement living facility. Motion was approved to draft letter of approval, as presented.

21721 Peach Tree Road (Rustic) – Driveway

Applicant requesting to add driveway entrance onto Peach Tree Rd. Committee has concerns about the intended use of the property and the need for a separate driveway entrance when there is already an existing shared driveway. Members scheduled site visit tomorrow, February 26, 2021 to meet with applicant for clarification.

23208 Peach Tree Road (Rustic) – Driveway

Applicant inquired about requirements for consideration of installing a separate driveway entrance to their property due to traffic concerns along the shared driveway adjacent to home. Committee thinks realignment of driveway would be better option rather than constructing new entrance. Members will attempt to schedule site visit tomorrow, as well.

Discussions:

Maryland Public Information Act Committee Training

Members were reminded of the need to complete the training. It was noted that the two open seats will be posted soon; the positions are for a farmer and a civic association representative from outside the Ag Reserve.

Information Items:

Tree Trimming Guidelines

Laura will finish RRAC revisions and circulate to the Committee for comments.

Mouth of Monocacy Bridge

Laura gave an update on the contractor work boring for soil samples. The Committee expressed disappointed in the coordination efforts regarding work the bridge.

Summary of Outstanding Projects with MCDOT

The Committee listed these ongoing efforts as:

A. Road Width

1. Sugarland Road edge and sheetflow drainage
2. Big Woods Road narrowing
3. Santini Road repaving -- need to recheck
4. West Old Baltimore Road -- stream side still washing out; berm trapping water on downhill side; rip-rap not preventing washout on Slidell side

B. Gravel Roads

1. River Road - maintenance and restoration plan, dust suppressant
2. West Harris Road - same at some future point

C. Trees along roads

1. Guidelines being finalized

D. One-Lane and other Protected Bridges

1. Identify all on RRs -- Excel spreadsheet
2. Add notes to Master Plan for all bridges of importance
3. Commitment from MCDOT to share information early

E. Brown Signs

1. Procurement of printer still in process; new equipment should be ready by April
2. Work with MCDOT to bring signage project

F. Outreach to new Dep. Director

G. Speeding

1. Investigate Speed Humps
2. John Riehl, MCDOT, possible guest

Adjourn

7:34 p.m.