

## RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

7:00-9:00 PM



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### Meeting Notes - Virtual Meeting January 22, 2026

#### Attendees:

#### Members:

Sandy Heiler  
Aren Johnson  
Tom Linthicum  
Jamey Pratt, non-voting  
Richard Thoms  
Billy Willard

**MCDOT Staff Coordinator:** Chris Van Alstyne

**MCDOT Management and Budget Specialist I:** Tawanda Johnson

Florence Dwyer, Montgomery Planning  
Josh Maisel, for Bobby Jamison  
Bernie Mihm, Guest  
John Stuart, Guest  
Laura Van Etten, Member Emeritus

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

#### Action Items

##### **Approval of Agenda**

The committee members approved the revised agenda, which includes the discussion of 17220 Elmer School Road, administrative subdivision plan 620260010.

##### **Approval of Minutes of December 11, 2025, Meeting**

Committee members approved the minutes.

#### Discussion Items

##### **17220 Elmer School Road (Admin Sub. Plan 620260010)**

Josh Maisel, on behalf of the property owner, presented the project's plans. Apart from the construction of a new house, nothing on the property will change. No trees will be cut down, and there will be no improvements to the property. The existing driveway will remain gravel with no plans to repave. The committee voted to approve the plan as submitted.

##### **Meeting Schedule for 2026**

The committee approved the 2026 dates as presented: January 22, February 26, March 26, May 28, June 25, August 27, September 24, October 22, and December 10. There will be no meeting in April, July, or November.

### **Call for Nominations for RRAC Chair for a 1-year term**

The committee voted to extend the term for Tom Linthicum as chair until the end of July 2026, at which time a new chair may be nominated. Further discussion from the previous meeting suggests the need for a Vice-Chair in the Chair's absence.

### **Vice-Chair Position**

Nominations for the Vice Chair position will be made at the next meeting. The duties and responsibilities will be discussed as well.

### **Letter for Funding Maintenance of Rustic Roads**

The Committee will draft a letter requesting additional funding and support for maintenance of priority rustic roads to be sent to the County Executive.

### **Items for Future Meetings**

- Rules of the Vice-Chair in the by-laws are to be reviewed by the committee. Chris to send around for the committee's review and revision.
- Continued discussion on how agricultural equipment travels on the County's infrastructure.
- As budget discussions ramp up, RRAC will discuss the maintenance of Rustic Roads and compile a list of priorities. The committee voted to approve a draft letter to the county executive requesting an increase in the budget for maintaining Rustic Roads, and they will provide a priority list for those operating agricultural equipment.

### **Planning Updates**

Currently, no updates.

- Mentioned Kingstead and Kings Valley Roads regarding a new pumping station. Will discuss further when the plans come to RRAC later.
- More applications are coming down the pipeline for solar farms.
- Potential mandatory referral for the Mouth of Monocacy bridge soon.

### **MCDOT Updates & Status of Action Items**

- Elena Shuvalov has resigned from her role on the committee. The position for at-large position will be advertised for applications.
- Chris discussed the Committee Evaluation and Review Board's findings regarding boards, commissions, and committees.

### **Confirm the date of the next meeting**

The next meeting date is Thursday, February 26.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.