

## MINUTES OF THE LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING 4-19-2016

The meeting was held at 7 pm in the Town Hall. Present were:

Committee members: Dedun Ingram and Craig Brooks, co-chairs; Pat Burda, Tom Collins, Kathy Flaxman, Rod Henderer, Eric Murtagh, Deborah Vollmer; and Kathy Strom, Council liaison.

Water Board: Doug Lohmeyer, Don McGlashan, and Mike Guhin.

Town Staff: Dave Walton

Town resident: Elaine Collins.

**Storm Water Management (SWM) Ordinance:** The State has returned comments.

Because the Town, rather than the County, will be responsible for sediment control in the proposed SWM ordinance, the Town must apply to the state for authority to enforce sediment control. The application for fiscal year 2018 (starting 7/1/2017) must be submitted by 10/1/2016.

Several changes suggested by the State were discussed. Most can be addressed with minor revisions. Some details should be moved from the ordinance itself to Executive Regulations. Dave Walton will take the lead on addressing these issues. Dave will also speak to Stewart Comstock at the State (who provided the comments on our draft) and will let the Town Manager and Town Attorney know what transpires in those conversations.

**Floating Zones:** Kathy Strom thanked Dedun and Stuart for speaking about Floating Zones at the recent Council meeting. She felt that both the Council and the members of the public who were present appreciated the information. Craig distributed copies of the talking points and maps as presented to the Council.

Committee members were asked to review the most recent draft of the committee report on floating zones and submit edits if needed. The report will be submitted to the new Council in June. There is a time sensitivity, because rezoning under the Bethesda Sector Plan will be done soon.

Rod asked whether our biggest concern shouldn't be the 4-H property. This single large parcel is currently zoned R-60, but because it fronts Connecticut Avenue, it would be eligible for a floating zone. Kathy Strom informed the committee that the Town had gotten the property designated as possible "open space" by the County. If it were to be put up for sale, the State, County and Town could utilize Open Space funds to acquire it. Pat will put together information on the current status of the property.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Following the Town election, the Committee will have a new Council liaison.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.