

MINUTES OF THE LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING 5-24-2016

The meeting was called for 7 pm in the Town Hall. Present were Dedun Ingram and Craig Brooks, co-chairs; Pat Burda, Tom Collins, Kathy Flaxman, Rod Henderer, Eric Murtagh, and Deborah Vollmer. No liaison from the new Council was present.

Minutes of the April meeting: Were accepted without corrections.

Stormwater Ordinance: Dedun reported that Dave Walton has incorporated the changes discussed at the Committee's April meeting. He had spoken with Stewart Comstock at the MDE to clarify the changes they were requesting. The latest revision has not yet been returned to the State for review. We will try to get the Stormwater Ordinance on the July Council agenda, and ask for a public presentation in the fall.

Floating zones: Revisions to the Committee's report so it can be submitted to the Town Council for the June meeting were discussed. The LUC would like to make a presentation on floating zones as part of a more general information session on the Bethesda Sector Plan so that Town residents can be made aware of the potential impacts of floating zones on the Town and their views on them can be solicited. The Town will need to decide whether it wants to mitigate, limit, or block floating zone development before the Committee can develop specific recommendations. Also discussed was the Committee's discovery that the 4-H Center was not placed in the County's Open Space program as the Town thought it had been (apparently a County Council member pulled the proposal before it could be heard by the Council).

The meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Next meeting will be Thursday, June 16th.