

## MINUTES OF THE LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING 7-26-2016

The meeting was called for the Town Hall at 7 pm but was moved into the Town office where the air conditioning was functioning. Present were Craig Brooks and Dedun Ingram, co-chairs; Tom Collins, Kathy Flaxman, Eric Murtagh, Deborah Vollmer; and Barney Rush, Council liaison.

**Stormwater Ordinance update:** Dedun reported that the presentation she and Craig made at the July Town Council meeting was well received. The Town Council approved sending the revised draft ordinance to the State for another review and application by the Town for a State sediment control license. The staff will send the draft ordinance to the State once the formatting is cleaned up. The Town has applied for the Sediment Control license and Dave Walton has let Mr. Comstock at the State know that the revised draft ordinance is coming. If the State approves the draft ordinance before the Town Council's September meeting, it can be introduced at that meeting and then a public work session can be scheduled. We need to find out whether the ordinance has to be adopted before the Town can get the associated Sediment Control license.

**New business: Curb cuts.** The Town is proposing revisions to its curb cut regulations. The reason for this is the anticipated new development along the Town's borders related to the Bethesda Sector Plan; however, the ordinance revisions would apply to all Town streets. The Town believes that its existing regulations need to be strengthened, so that the Town can better control traffic flow onto the Town's narrow residential streets and thereby protect the health and safety of Town residents. The Town and its residents are also concerned that further increases in motor vehicle traffic on Town streets will result in increased noise and to congestion due to the limited carrying capacity of Town streets.

As requested by the Town Council, the Committee reviewed proposed ordinance revisions developed in March and introduced in April by the previous Council. The proposed ordinance revisions were tabled at the May Council meeting by the new Council pending further study. The Committee discussed the proposed revisions and was in agreement that:

- The proposed revisions were straight-forward and generally applicable to all properties in the Town.
- Wording regarding appeals should be modified, so that if the Town Manager's decision to approve installation of a curb cut was appealed, the Town Council could decide to revoke that approval. The current wording only provides for appeals of the Town Manager's denial of a curb cut.
- The wording of 4.9(b)(1)d was thought to be confusing. Members were asked to attempt to reword this section in a clearer format.

The expectation is that the revised ordinance will be reintroduced by the Council in September or October.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.