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Camden County Planning Board
Record of Proceedings
March 17, 2004
7:00 PM
Senior Center Conference Room
Courthouse Complex

Chairman James Burnham called to order a meeting of the Camden County Planning Board with the following members present:

Chairman James Burnham
Vice Chairman Rodney Needham
Members Calvin Leary, Gladys Banks, Juanita Staples and Terri Griffin

The following members were absent: Robert Woodrow

Also present were David Parks, Permit Officer, and Ava Murgia, Clerk to the Board.

Chairman Burnham called for consideration of the agenda. There were no changes and no motion was made.

Chairman Burnham called for consideration of the February 18, 2004 Planning Board minutes. Leary made a motion to approve the minutes. Staples seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Chairman Burnham called for comments from the public. Eddie Hyman requested an amendment to the ordinance on paving a street in a subdivision. Mr. Hyman requested to allow time for the paving portion of the street to be bonded and allow for time for the street to compact before paving. Mr. Hyman stated one year is ample time to allow surface to bond. Mr. Hyman gave staff a copy of Pasquotank County Ordinance and described the building procedures of the street. Leary made a motion to direct staff to work with Mr. Hyman on an amendment. Banks seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

New Business

Item #1 Discussion on Moratorium – Chief Kenny Swinson, South Mills Fire Department

Kenny Swinson stated there are presently twenty volunteer fire fighters with 2 engines, a taker and brush truck and average 80-100 calls per year. They have gone from 28 fire fighters to 20. Tried to maintain volunteer membership and even had to get the preacher to joint just to pass the state fire inspection. Tanker is 25 years old and

rusted. Brush truck is 30 years old and given by Pasquotank. Engine in 11 years old and one 3 year old engine which is financed and due to fire tax can only afford one financed new fire truck. Fire station is not located where it is needed. Looking to find best land to build new fire station in the middle of the fire district. The hydrants will not supply enough water to fight fire for new development. County needs to raise the fire tax to 8 cents and then to 10 cents. Sooner or later firefighters will have to be paid in Camden County. County needs volunteer rescue squad. Cannot continue to build on the northern end of the county without taking into consideration emergency services, or worry how to put a fire out. 34% of calls are car accidents.

Item #2 Discussion on Permissible Uses Table

Board discussed the permissible uses table with staff. The recommendations were noted by staff and staff will bring a proposed amendment back to the board at a later date.

Item #3 Discussion on Moratorium Recommendations

Each member was asked to bring a recommendation to the April board meeting on the moratorium issues that have been discussed at the past few meetings.

Items from Board members and staff

Hearing none Chairman Burnham continued with the agenda.

Information

1) Board of Commissioners Minutes – Jan. 20, 2004 & Feb. 2, 2004

Consideration of Next Meeting Date April 21, 2004

The next Planning Board meeting will be held on April 21, 2004 at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment

Staples made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Banks seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 PM.

Approved: _____

Chairman

ATTEST:

Melissa Joines, Clerk to the Board