

Monday, December 2, 2013 Planning Commission Public Hearing

Members present: Phil Gray, Willie Smith, Linda Rpmans, Mark Snyder, ZA Kristen Leahy,

Citizens: John Mackin, Linda Shatney, Erika Karp, June Cook (reporter Hardwick Gazette), Clive Gray, Lee Wright, Ken Johnston, Rusty Newhouse, MacNeil, Linda and Rick Ely, Andy Kehler

Phil opened meeting, started with introductions, 7:05

Most changes have been in the shoreline buffer zone

The other four districts haven't had many changes:

Waivers, boundary line adjustments

Rusty – p 4 100 ft buffer, selective cutting, of healthy trees, how is it enforced? ZA will hear from neighbors. “Shall” is the verb being used. It should be “may,” so one can leave the trees alone.

John Mackin, existing by laws are from 2009, no enforcement in that time. Cutter must now prove that it was necessary.

People come and tell the ZA and prove the trees needed to be cut.

We have taken out the matrix calculation we wanted to put in because of the comments at the public meetings.

We will urge people to maintain their trees, only cutting the bad ones.

Ken suggested to put the matrix back in since it allows for some cutting, now can't cut anything unless diseased. Don't have to use matrix.

Clear cut, need to replant . Now 25.00/tree fine. Must be higher.

Selectboard problem.

Rusty Newhouse – suggested language that if your are going to cut more than a certain percentage of any of the trees 4” or bigger, need a permit. Needs to have a time limit.

This new by law adds the enforcement to what we have right now. The onus to prove that trees need to be cut is on the owner. Need to replant and pay the fine.

Lee Wright – parking mentioned. Currently there should be adequate off-street parking.

Andy Kehler- what is allowable for alteration to berm?

No alteration allowed.

Water quality hasn't gotten worse –

Most changes aren't different there is just more clarification.

Linda Ely - Will the state law supersede the Greensboro by-law?

Rusty Newhouse – thank us for reconsidering the original proposal – the State is trying really hard to have stricter laws

Phil asked: Any comments on the waiver provisions, other districts, agribusiness is encouraged?

Signs 6 square feet.

Snyder – this is a living document, we'll keep working on it.

Lake – silting, algal blooms, no control of agriculture

Contractors need to keep stuff out of the lakes

Willie - Three problems, projects which need to be dealt with by committees, not by by- laws – historic nature of the lake cottages, silting at stream outlets, algal bloom

Phil adjourned the meeting at 8:05.

After the meeting meeting of just the planning commission and the ZA

Approved October 28<sup>th</sup> minutes

Timing: Planning commission need to meet to make changes

NVDA changes, Rick Ely's suggestions, Phil changes

Other changes

December 5 - Select Board needs to get the by-law

December 4 6:30 – meet here to go over changes.

Adjourned: 8:30.