

ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2017

At a meeting of the Accomack County Board of Zoning Appeals held on the 7th day of June 2017, in the Accomack County Administration Building Board Chambers, Room #104, in Accomac, Virginia.

1. CALL TO ORDER

MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

Board of Zoning Appeals Members Present:

Mrs. Elizabeth Kerns, Vice Chairwoman

Mr. Harvey A. Drewer, II

Mr. W. Richard Bull, Jr

Mr. Lynn P. Gayle

Board of Zoning Appeals Members Absent:

Mr. Robert L. Nock, Chairman

Others Present:

Mr. Rich Morrison, Director of Planning and Community Development

Ms. Jessica Taylor, Administrative Assistant

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

There being a quorum, Vice-Chair Mrs. Kerns called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Mr. Bull and seconded by Mr. Drewer, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted to adopt the agenda as presented.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mrs. Kerns opened the public comment period. No one signed or stood to speak; the public comment period was closed.

4. MINUTES

A. April 19, 2017

Mrs. Kerns requested a correction to format of the last sentence on the first page.

On a motion made by Mr. Gayle and seconded by Mr. Drewer, the Board of Zoning appeals voted to approve the April 19, 2017 minutes as amended.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Rick Hall - Short Rows LLC – Whittington Farm

Mr. Rick Hall was sworn in. He stated that he appeared before the BZA to represent his application to request four (4) variances for his property located at Tax Map # 79-2-1.

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The properties were identified as:

- A. Whittington #1** – 20328 Lankford Highway, Parksley, VA 23421
- B. Whittington #2** – 20136 Lankford Highway, Parksley, VA 23421
- C. Whittington #3** – 19482 Lankford Highway, Parksley, VA 23421

Mr. Hall reviewed his variance requests and the history of his property. He explained that the farm was originally three (3) separate lots; they were combined before his family purchased them. Previously, the homes were used at migrant camps, but Mr. Hall explained that there is no longer a need for them. At this point the homes have been vacant for three (3) summers and he would prefer to split them from the farmland.

After a brief discussion between the members and applicant related to the history of this property, the regularity of this situation on the Eastern Shore, and preservation of farm land the members agreed to approve all variance requests.

On a motion made by Mr. Gayle and seconded by Mr. Bull, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted to approve the following variance requests on the Whittington Farm, Tax Map # 79-2-1:

1. Whittington #1 – 20328 Lankford Highway, Parksley, VA 23421

- 1.1 A variance from Accomack County Code Section Sec. 106-55.(a), minimum lot size of five (5) acres to create a lot of 1.126 acres (49,056 square feet); a variance of 3.87 acres.**
- 1.2 A variance from the frontage regulations as required by Accomack County Code Section 106-57, which requires 150 feet of frontage to allow a frontage of 138 feet; a frontage variance of 12 feet.**

On a motion made by Mr. Drewer and seconded by Mr. Bull, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted to approve the following variance requests on the Whittington Farm, Tax Map # 79-2-1:

2. Whittington #2 – 20136 Lankford Highway, Parksley, VA 23421

A variance from Accomack County Code Section Sec. 106-55.(a), minimum lot size of five (5) acres to create a lot of .70 acres (30,522 square feet); a variance of 4.30 acres.

On a motion made by Mr. Gayle and seconded by Mr. Drewer, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted to approve the following variance requests on the Whittington Farm, Tax Map # 79-2-1:

3. Whittington #3 – 19482 Lankford Highway, Parksley, VA 23421

A variance from the frontage regulations as required by Accomack County Code Section 106-57, which requires 150 feet of frontage to create a lot of .69 acres (30,097 square feet); a variance of not lot frontage.

Mr. Morrison reminded Mr. Hall that he would need to record a subdivision plat once the survey of these properties was completed.

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6. OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Morrison informed the BZA of the following:

1. Mr. Gary Pusey, who was previously introduced at the Deputy Director of Zoning, gave his resignation in May and returned to his previous position in Somerset County.
2. Mrs. Laurie Thomas gave her resignation in May and is now the Town Manager of Tangier.
3. Mr. Morrison and Ms. Taylor have been and will continue to staff the BZA until further notice.

7. NEXT MEETING

Staff reported that no applications were received prior to the deadline for the June 21, 2017 meeting so the meeting has been canceled.

The next Board of Zoning Appeals meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Accomack County Board Chambers, Room 104, in Accomac.

8. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Gayle and seconded by Mr. Drewer, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kerns, Vice Chairwoman

Jessica Taylor, Administrative Assistant