

The Dorchester County Board of Appeals met in regular session on Thursday, April 19, 2011 in Room 110 of the County Office Building at 7:00 PM. Present were Ed Howard, Vice-Chairman, Dwight Cromwell, Wendell Foxwell, Catherine McCulley, Chairperson, Walt Gunby, Attorney, Rodney Banks, Deputy Director of Planning, with Merris Hurley recording.

An introduction was made by Chairperson McCulley, explaining the procedures of this meeting to the audience. She then asked Mr. Banks to read the first case.

Case #2397 – Demetrius Davis

To request a variance to allow a parcel to be subdivided into two lots, each with less than the minimum square footage permitted under the Bulk Regs Table. Property located at 7012 and 7014 Beulah Road and currently contains 1.53 acres. AC, Agricultural Conservation Zoning District.

Demetrius Davis and Akisha Sampson, and any other person who would be testifying in this case, were sworn in.

Mr. Banks read the case and all pertinent information into the record.

Lakisha Sampson, 7014 Beulah Road, Hurlock, MD explained to the Board that they would rely on their written responses to the criteria would like to submit several photographs showing the houses on the property. Ms. Sampson explained that both houses are uniform to the area. Both houses have septic and well. The older home has been totally renovated. The applicants plan to sell the second lot that is being created.

Mr. Banks read agency comments into the record. The Department of Public Works had no comments. The Health Department had no objection. The Planning Commission made a favorable recommendation based on the owners did not create their own hardship.

No one spoke in favor of this request and no one was opposed.

Ms. McCulley announced the end of testimony and the Board began their deliberations.

At this time, each Board member explained his decisions regarding the criteria.

After all testimony, Ms. McCulley called for a motion regarding this case. Mr. Howard made a motion “to approve this request.” Seconded by Mr. Cromwell and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Foxwell to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Cromwell and unanimously carried.

With no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Cromwell to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Foxwell and unanimously carried. Time of adjournment: 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Rodney Banks  
Executive Secretary