

The Dorchester County Board of Appeals met in regular session on Thursday, October 25, 2012 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, Elizabeth Hill, Walt Gunby, Attorney, Steve Dodd, 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. Dodd to read the first case.

Case #2431 - Charles L. Biskach, Jr.

To request a variance to construct a farm equipment storage building within the front yard setback. Property located at 6372 Suicide Bridge Road and contains 2.08 acres. AC, Agricultural Conservation Zoning District.

Mrs. Biskach, and any other person who would be testifying in this case, were sworn in.

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

Susan Biskach, 6372 Suicide Bridge Road, Hurlock, Maryland explained to the Board that she would rely on her written responses to the criteria but would add that the building is to protect farm equipment and if it was constructed at 40', Mr. Biskach would have to go out into a field to put equipment inside the building.

Mr. Dodd read agency comments into the record. The Department of Public Works had no objection but stated that "it should be noted that the proposed construction will require preparation of a stormwater management plan and issuance of a stormwater permit." The Health Department had no objection. The Planning Commission had no objection.

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. Ms. Hill made a motion "to approve this request with the following stipulation: building must not be used for commercial purposes." Seconded by Mr. Foxwell and unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS: MARKEY

It was explained to the Board that Wayne Markey's Case #2390 in Circuit Court had been remanded back to the Planning Commission ordering the subdivision plat to be approved.

Mr. Dodd also told the Board that the administrative variance procedures had been approved by the Critical Area Commission and our office would be handling them through the Planning Commission.

NEW BUSINESS: TERM EXPIRATIONS

Mr. Howard's and Ms. McCulley's terms are going to expire in December and both stated that they would stay on if the Council so desired.

A motion was made by Mr. Foxwell to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2012 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Cromwell and unanimously carried.

With no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Foxwell to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Cromwell and unanimously carried. Time of adjournment: 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Dodd".

Steve Dodd
Executive Secretary