

**Fluvanna County
Agricultural Forestal Districts Advisory Committee
Minutes**

*Tuesday February 16, 2010
2:00 p.m.*

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andrew M. "Mel" Sheridan, Commissioner of Revenue
David Haney
Laura Lee
Kent Loving
Deborah Murdock
R. Easton Loving

STAFF PRESENT: Donald W. Weaver, BOS Representative
Darren Coffey, Planning Director
Steve Tugwell, Planner

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Darren Coffey, Planning Director called the Agricultural Forestal Committee meeting of February 16, 2010 to order at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Coffey began the first meeting of the year by introducing Mr. Steve Tugwell, the new planner, and informed the committee that Mr. Browning had passed away in December. Nominations for the position of Chairman were requested. Mrs. Deborah Murdock nominated Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Easton Loving. Mr. Sheridan was **elected** with a vote of six (6) to zero (0). Chairman Sheridan requested nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman. Mr. Easton Loving nominated Mr. Kent Loving as Vice-Chairman, Mr. Kent Loving declined the nomination and subsequently nominated Mr. Easton Loving, seconded by Mr. Haney. Mr. Easton Loving was **elected** with a vote of six (6) to zero (0). Chairman Sheridan requested nominations for the position of Secretary. Mr. Kent Loving nominated Mr. Coffey, seconded by Mr. Easton Loving. Mr. Coffey was **elected** with a vote of six (6) to zero (0).

APPROVED MINUTES:

A motion by Mr. Easton Loving and seconded by Mrs. Murdock to **approve** the October 6th, 2009 minutes, as amended, by a vote of six (6) to zero (0).

AFD 09-02 Granite Hills Agricultural Forestal District – Request to withdraw Tax Map Parcels 43-A-19 and 43-A-19B, totaling 139.06 acres, from the Granite Hills Agricultural Forestal District. The two parcels are located on Route 606 (Hells Bend Road) approximately 0.78 miles south of Route 608 (Wilmington Road). The properties are located in the Columbia Election District and are within the Rural Preservation Planning Area.

Mr. Darren Coffey, Planning Director, presented this request to withdraw two parcels from the Granite Hills Agricultural Forestal District to place property into a conservation easement.

Mr. Joseph Powers was present and spoke as owner of this request.

Advisory Committee Discussion: The committee discussed the interpretation of when an owner of Agricultural Forestal property dies, along with discussing the increase of the withdrawal application fee from \$100 to \$300 or whatever is deemed appropriate to cover processing costs. The committee had no significant concerns about Mr. Powers' withdrawal request.

The Agricultural Forestal Advisory Committee made the following motion:

MOTION:

Mr. Easton Loving moved to **recommend approval** of the proposed withdrawal request AFD 09:02 of approximately 139.06 (consisting of Tax Map Parcels 43-A-19 and 43-A-19B) from the Granite Hills Agricultural Forestal District to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

Ms. Murdock seconded. The motion carried with a vote of five (5) to zero (0) to one (1).

AYES: Haney, Lee, Murdock, E. Loving, Sheridan NAYES: none. ABSTAINED: K. Loving, due to a perceived conflict.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Sheridan mentioned there are three at large vacancies on the committee, please think about anyone that would be interested and let Mr. Coffey know.

The committee requested a map showing the updated Agricultural Forestal districts along with the conversation easements in the county at the next meeting.

The committee asked staff for clarification of Section 3.1-13 (D) of the County of Fluvanna County code with regard to similar future withdrawal applications, and also to ask the Board of Supervisors to consider a fee increase for withdrawal applications.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Easton Loving, seconded by Mrs. Murdock, Chairman Sheridan adjourned the Agricultural Forestal District Advisory Committee meeting of February 16th, 2010 at 2:35 p.m.

APPROVED