

MACON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

May 4, 2006 Continuation from April 18, 2006

A continuation meeting of the Macon County Planning Board was held on May 4th, 2006 at Southwestern Community College Classroom 102 in Franklin. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

CALL TO ORDER:

Planning Board members present were Ronnie Beale, Larry Stenger, Lamar Sprinkle, Jimmy Goodman, Evelyn Owens, Mike Decker, Susan Ervin Charlie Leatherman - Commissioner Liaison (arrived at 4:50 pm), County Planner Stacy Guffey and Planning Assistant Gregory Hunt, members of the press and members of the general public, Rick Wooten – NC Geological Survey, Jack Morgan – Chief Building Inspector, Josh Pope – Mapping, Barry Patterson – Environmental Health Director, Josh Ward – Soil and Erosion Control

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Beale opened the continuation meeting with a discussion on the work of the Steep Slope Committee and the desire was to only hear positive comments and discussions. Beale announced the Steep Slope Committee is alive and well and that it would now be comprised of the Planning Board only. Beale also stated that there would be no negative comments or discussions allowed on Steep Slope issues. Guffey covered points from the Steep Slope Subcommittee's previous meeting.

Guffey introduced the guest speakers.

Rick Wooten spoke on steep slope issues and presented a PowerPoint presentation on landslide hazards and landslide mapping in NC.

Josh Pope presented slope data of 36% and higher using a map and data.

Jack Morgan presented a chart showing slope measurement and talked about steep slope developing and problems with such development. Morgan stated that there were more problems with individuals than developers.

Josh Ward discussed road development and widths that should be considered.

Leatherman stated the Commissioners agreed to have a presentation on June 5th not final work. Leatherman also reminded the Board that Health and Safety is the main concern of Commissioners and that is what the Board was charged to work on.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Two (2) members of the general public spoke on their support and concern to Planning and any new regulations and in particular the proposed Subdivision Regulations Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Beale discussed with Board vacancies and if any Board members have recommendations to Commissioners. Beale then asked the Board again if it would be okay if the Board would become the Steep Slope Committee. Beale also reminded the Board members to look at the White County, Georgia Resolution to gather information for discussion on the steep slope issue.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting to be continued May 11, 2006

Ronnie Beale - Chairman

Stacy Guffey - Clerk/Secretary to the Board