

WILPC Meeting December 15, 2020

Attending Members: Tomas Hainich, Burrow Hill, Grace Johnson, Melinda Kelley, Bertha Middleton, Sheila Middleton, Mike Regan, Jennie Rivers, Robert Seidel, Chris Sosnowski, & Aaron White

The Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Burrow Hill at 7:05 PM

The Meeting minutes will not be approved until the next in person meeting of the Wadmalaw Island Land Planning Committee.

Committee Nominees & Elections:

Leaving Members: Mike Regan, Robert Seidel, & Chris Sosnowski

Nominees: David Bennett, Scott Gilmore, Sarah Regan, Dennis Vane

- John Taylor was reelected as Chairman
 - o John will be temporarily stepping back as Committee Chairman but will retain his position upon his return from sabbatical.
- Burrow Hill was reelected as Vice-Chair
 - o Burrow will temporarily fill in for John Taylor until his return.
- Grace Johnson was reelected as Secretary.
- David Bennett, Scott Gilmore, Sarah Regan, and Dennis Vane were elected to the Wadmalaw Island Land Planning Committee. Congratulations!

Committee Reports:

Melinda Kelley, Zoning:

- Bolt Treehouse property
 - o The County certified and filed the contempt ruling that was ordered by the BZA.
 - There is an appeal that is currently in the court, filed by the Bolts.
 - The Bolts are currently waiting on a court hearing and Judge's order regarding the contempt.
 - o They recently had an OCRM buffer variance that went before the BZA.
 - The variance was approved, and the Bolts are allowed to keep part of the road/driveway in the OCRM buffer.
 - o The tree houses are currently for sale.
- Point Farm Mitigation Bank
 - o A letter was written to the County Council regarding the mitigation bank.
 - The permit is still pending Corps of Engineers approval.
 - County Council has proposed to enter into an agreement with Point Farm/American Timber Company that bought the property in order to purchase conservation/mitigation credits.
 - o This would be one of the biggest salt marsh mitigation banks in South Carolina.
- Whistling Alligator Road
 - o An OCRM permit was issued 5 years ago to build a bridge.
 - o The bridge is 15 ft. in width and has not been built.

- The property is zoned as AGR and the two islands combined total seven (7) acres.
- The ZLDR road standard ordinance requires 20 ft. for bridges unless a prior easement/bridge has been approved and constructed.
- The property owner is listed as Clifton Baldwin, an out-of-state property owner.
- We have asked the County to flag this property if a subdivision plat is submitted, so that we can be made aware of any proposed development.

Mike Regan, Environmental:

- Sand Mine
 - The status of the sand mine is still inconclusive.
 - Public comment has been extended until February 2021.
 - A specific date will be announced.
 - There are questions regarding the status of the mine.
 - Where in the process of establishing the mine are they?
 - What is the statute for the application to be removed?
 - For how long will the application be held open?
 - By state law, a public hearing is required. This will not occur until the draft mining permit has been issued.
- Solar Farm Update
 - We intend to inform Duke Energy Renewables of our opposition to the project and why the committee and the community oppose the project.
 - A letter was drafted by Mike and Melinda to send out to Duke Energy Renewables.
 - This letter will be going to the county BZA, Duke Energy Renewables, and the Anchorage HOA, and will be posted on our website and Facebook page.

Robert Siedell, Communication:

- Newsletter
 - The deadline for submission for the next Wadmalaw Island Newsletter is January 11, 2021.

Aaron White, Education:

- Virtual Learning
 - Approximately 75% of students are attending in person classed, while roughly 25% are participating in virtual learning.
 - The School Improvement Council and the PTA have been meeting virtual to discuss further.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace Johnson

Secretary

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