

**Chatham County Environmental Review Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** November 15, 2012

**Location:** Dunlap Classroom

**Committee Members Present:**

Jerry Cole	David Mattison	Vic D'Amato
Steve Meads	Mary Beth Koza	
Joanie McLean	Delonda Alexander	

**Also Present:** Dan LaMontagne, County Director of Environmental Quality

Joe Durst - Citizen

**Chairman D'Amato called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.**

**1. Introductions**

New ERC member, Mary Beth Koza was introduced. Joe Durst, citizen of Chatham County, introduced himself and stated that he was interested in the Committee's activities.

**2. Selection of the recording secretary for the meeting minutes**

Ms. Alexander agreed to keep the minutes.

**3. Approval of meeting minutes from August 16, 2012**

There were no comments on the draft minutes. It was moved by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mr. Mattison that the minutes be accepted. The motion was passed unanimously.

**4. Public Input**

There was no public input

**5. Introduction and Overview of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance**

Mr. LaMontagne presented a brief powerpoint presentation to the Committee highlighting key components of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

**6. Updates from County Staff**

Mr. LaMontagne stated that the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has a new staff person, Ms. Natalie Landry, to replace Mr. Chris Hopper to assist with erosion control, stream buffer work, etc.

The NC legislature had given local governments an additional two years to comply with state rules to protect Jordan Lake. These rules, which had been scheduled to go into effect this year,

had already been incorporated into the Chatham County Stormwater Ordinance. The Environmental Review Committee recommended that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners (BOC) not delay the Chatham County Storm Water Ordinance. The BOC opted not to delay the implementation of the rules at the August 20, 2012 meeting.

Mr. LaMontagne presented an example of an allowable use approved by the County Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regarding a paved cart path at Carolina Meadows to demonstrate the process. He also highlighted an on-going project, Westfall, to explain how the DEQ reviews conditional use permits and in this circumstance worked to ensure impervious cover percentages were maintained.

**7. Announcements and updates from ERC members.**

Mr. D'Amato inquired whether the DEQ was involved in the plans for S.T. Wooten on Mt. Gilead Church Rd. to expand. Mr. LaMontagne stated that those plans had been withdrawn so it was no longer an issue.

Mr. Cole brought up the recommendation that an ERC or Chatham County representative be involved in the State's committee studying fracking. Mr. LaMontagne said that he would follow up on the possibility of getting a representative on the committee.

**8. Adjournment**

Due to the holidays, the next meeting will be determined in the future, most likely in January 2013. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.