

Chatham County Environmental Review Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 12, 2013

Location: Dunlap Classroom

Committee Members Present:

Vic D'Amato	David Mattison
Bob Soots	Mary Beth Koza
Jerry Cole	Joan McLean
Delonda Alexander	Nanishka Albaladejo

Also Present: Dan LaMontagne, County Director of Environmental Quality
Allison Weakley, NC DENR Natural Heritage Program
Phil Wintermute, Chatham County Citizen

Vice-Chairman Cole called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. At approximately 6:45pm, Chairman D'Amato arrived and assumed chairmanship of the meeting.

1. Introductions

Introductions of all ERAC members were made, including new member Ms. Nanishka Albaladejo, as well as Ms. Allison Weakley of the NC DENR Natural Heritage Program and Mr. Phil Wintermute, citizen of Chatham County.

2. Selection of the recording secretary for the meeting minutes

Mr. Mattison agreed to take the minutes.

3. Approval of meeting minutes from August 8, 2013

Ms. McLean had a minor grammatical comment on the minutes of the meeting of August 8, 2013. The correction was noted by Mr. LaMontagne and, following a motion by Mr. Soots, seconded by Ms. Koza, the minutes of the meeting of August 8, 2013 were approved unanimously.

4. Public Input

There was no public input.

5. Presentation of Chatham Conservation Plan – Allison Weakley

Ms. Weakley made a presentation of the Comprehensive Conservation Plan for Chatham County. She discussed the history of the Chatham Conservation Partnership which was formed in 2006, the Chatham Conservation Partnership mission statement, the purpose of the Comprehensive Conservation Plan for Chatham County which was written in 2011, the goals of the Comprehensive Conservation Plan, as well as a thorough overview of the Comprehensive Conservation Plan and its contents.

6. Updates from County Staff

Mr. La Montagne reviewed the recent meeting of the Board of Commissioners and also provided an update to recent legislation of the NC General Assembly in the definition of “built-upon” land as to not include covering with gravel. It appears that formal clarification on this issue will not be forthcoming until the end of 2013.

7. Announcements and updates from ERAC members

Mr. D’Amato provided an update to his meeting with the Board of Commissioners regarding the annual report of the ERAC. Mr. D’Amato noted that the BOC was pleased with Mr. Cole’s observation and participation on the Mining and Energy Commission meetings. Mr. D’Amato did note that the BOC was clear that the Chatham Park development is under Pittsboro jurisdiction and that the ERAC should not offer an opinion unless requested by the BOC. Lastly, Mr. D’Amato indicated that Ms. Sally Kost of the BOC requested that the ERAC gather and provide to the BOC information regarding a proposed aeration system for Jordan Lake.

8. Time and place of next meeting.

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9. Adjournment

At 8:30 Mr. Soots made a motion for adjournment and was seconded by Ms. Koza.