

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Chatham County Environmental Review Advisory Committee (ERAC)**  
**October 10, 2019 6:30 p.m. (6:33 start)**  
**Performance Building Conference Room**

**Present:**

**Staff:** Rachael Thorn, Watershed Protection Supervisor

**Members Present:** Mary Beth Koza, Jeanette Ragland, Terry Schmidt, Terri Tyson, Ray Bode, Heather Holley, Jeannie Ambrose

**Absent:** Madison Ponder, Elaine Chiosso, Farrell Moose, Sarah Justice

**Guests:** T. Sharon Garbutt, Diana Hales, Angela Birchett CC-Planner, Jason Sullivan CC Planning Director

1. Selection of the recording secretary for the meeting minutes – Mary Beth Koza
  
2. Approval of meeting minutes from August 8, 2019
  - a. Minor typos corrected
  - b. Approval: JR motioned to approve, and TS seconded. Approved.
  
3. Public Input - no public input
4. Adjourned as ERAC

**Convene as Chatham County Watershed Review Board (WRB)**

**Watershed Protection Ordinance Text Amendment**

Jason Sullivan, Planning Director and Angela Birchett, Planner II, presented text amendment request application submitted by Ernest Clemons. (see attached handouts)

Mr. Sullivan presented the attached Chatham County Watershed Review Board agenda notes, Watershed Protection Map, the Text Amendment Request and the specific sections of the Watershed Protection ordinance. This text application was requested to ensure that the Watershed and Zoning ordinances language matches and provides increased flexibility for this specific location.

The specific request adds the following language to Section 302.D.1.e.: “Retail Stores and personal services shops similar to those listed dealing in direct consumer and personal services.”

The Watershed committee asked for specific clarity of the issue considering the existing language allows *Current uses: computer sales and services, internet service providers, art and craft sales, clothing sales, fishing equipment sales, sale, rental and service of water sports equipment, and consultation services such as financial, marriage, personal and any other type of*

*individual or group counseling.* Questions were appropriately answered with no concerns expressed.

- a. Approval: JR motioned to approve, and TS seconded. All Approved.
- b. 6:51 pm adjourned.

**5. Reopened the Chatham County Environmental Review Advisory Committee**

**6. Committee reviewed the Annual Review document provided comments see attached.**

- a. Approval: JR motioned to approve, and MBK seconded. Approved.

**7. Updates from Country Staff County:** See attachment from Rachael.

**8. Public Input**

1. T. Sharon Garbutt discussed how the low to ground solar panels work and is there potential concerns to the vegetation. A good discussion of the solutions and issues.

**9. Announcements and updates from ERAC members:**

**Information from TS on pipeline installation**

**Diana Hales discussed:**

- The closed coal ash cells at the Charah run facility in Moncure and the potential issues associated with long term maintenance.
- EPA Impaired Waterways 303D list. What can the county do? Conservation and grants
- Identify a 303D waterway for protection in the county may be a future item for the ERAC

**10. Adjournment:** JD motioned to adjourn, HH seconded. Meeting concluded at 7:45 pm

***Next meeting: November 14, 2019; 6:30 pm at Performance Building Conference Room***