

Scottsville Planning Commission

Regular Meeting
Monday, May 3, 2004, 7:00 p.m.
Victory Hall
401 Valley Street
Scottsville, Virginia

Members:
Susan Carol Browning
Richard Hansen
Steven G. Meeks, *Chair*
Robert C. Mellow

Minutes

1. Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Establish a quorum – All members were present. Also in attendance were Town Administrator Barry Clark, Town Clerk Amy Moyer, Larry Barnett, Jewel King, Angela Kreider, Collison Royer, and Charles Hall.
3. Review of minutes from April 5, 2004 meeting – A consensus was reached that the minutes adequately reflect discussion of all proposed revisions to the sign ordinance. Upon a motion by Mr. Mellow, seconded by Mr. Hansen, the minutes were approved as written.
4. Discussion of real estate sign ordinance

Mr. Meeks related concerns from a councilmember that the proposed real estate sign ordinance was not thoroughly reviewed. Commission members examined additional documentation from the Government Services Committee. Mr. Mellow remarked that the exhibit showed a Fluvanna County location over which the Town of Scottsville has no jurisdiction; he asserted that any complaints generated from this display were misdirected. Mr. Mellow further commented that there is no real estate sign problem within the town, as not a large number of properties are advertised or sold.

Mr. Hansen asked whether many of the points are already in the current ordinance. Mr. Meeks read the pertinent sections of the zoning ordinance (4.14.4.k and 4.14.4.b) and agreed that problems regarding directional signs are dealt with in the current ordinance. Ms. Browning commented that her opinion is unchanged since the prior discussion and that the Lake Monticello homeowners' association is not a relevant comparison to Scottsville. Mr. Mellow noted that the Government Services Committee might be anticipating a future proliferation of real estate signs related to the townhouses and Hurt property developments.

Mr. Mellow motioned that, in view of having reviewed the additional material and the revisions proposed originally, the recommendation stand that the existing sign ordinance be confirmed, with the time limit for removal extended from two days to seven days. Mr. Hansen seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.

5. New Business – Mr. Meeks encouraged new members to attend training sessions offered by VCPA.
6. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.