

Planning & Zoning Committee

Planning Meeting

March 12, 2010

PRESENT: Supervisors Brennand, Diakoff, Egan, Thomson, Sievert. Jerry Bougie, Brian O'Rourke, Kathy Larson, Cary Rowe.

1. Minute Approval – February 1, 12, 19, & 24, 2010.

Motion by J. Sievert to approve minutes as presented. Seconded by C. Thomson. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Discussion and possible Committee action in regard to County involvement in the newly revised Chapter 91, State Farmland Preservation Program.

J. Bougie stated that various Towns have indicated some interest in having the new farmland preservation program available to them. He suggested to the Committee that the new farmland preservation program language be included in the county zoning ordinance re-write. This would most likely result in having one agricultural zoning classification until such time as the new farmland preservation plan, map, and ordinance would be adopted.

Motion by J. Sievert to include the new farmland preservation program language in the zoning ordinance re-write. Seconded by T. Egan. Motion carried 5-0.

No further testimony was given on this agenda item.

3. Update on State legislation related to delaying the Conversion fee for rezones out of Farmland Preservation Zoning.

J. Bougie discussed proposed Senate Bill 576 which would delay the requirement to pay a conversion fee (to the State) for having land rezoned out of a farmland preservation district, until such time as the governmental authority would adopt a new farmland preservation plan, map, and ordinance. This item was discussed at a previous Planning Meeting with the Committee passing a motion to forward this item to the Legislative Committee. The motion carried 5-0.

P. Brennand reiterated his desire to forward the Senate Bill to the Legislative Committee.

No further testimony was given on this agenda item.

4. Report on SB 507 – changes to County land information program.

J. Bougie explained the bill and the changes to the fees that will be required when filing documents with the Register of Deeds. The current fee schedule requires \$11 for the first page of an instrument and \$2 for each additional page. The new bill would change the fee to \$25 regardless of how many pages of the instrument. The bill also requires that any county board that has created a land information office must also create a land information council consisting of no less than seven members.

No further testimony was given on this agenda item.

Motion by J. Diakoff to adjourn. Seconded by J. Sievert. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 A.M.

Brian O'Rourke – Recording Secretary