

January 17, 2006

At a regular meeting of the Southampton County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) held in the Board Room of the Southampton County Office Center at 26022 Administration Center Drive, Courtland, Virginia on **January 17, 2006**, at 7:30 PM.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Douglas A. Chesson, Chairman

Elma A. Brown

Peter F. Copeland

Thomas Daisey

David M. Holland

Marie Sykes

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

James Bradshaw, Vice-Chairman

OTHERS PRESENT

Robert L. Barnett, Director of Community Development (Secretary)

Susan H. Wright, County Administration Executive Secretary

Chairman Chesson called the meeting to order then turned the meeting over to Mr. Robert Barnett, Secretary, to dispense with organizational matters (election of officers).

Commissioner Brown made a motion for the officers to remain the same. (Douglas Chesson would remain as Chairman, James Bradshaw as Vice-Chairman, Robert Barnett as Secretary, and Susan Wright as Assistant Secretary. Commissioner Sykes seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Secretary Barnett turned the meeting back over to Chairman Chesson.

Commissioner Brown advised that she heard on the outside that the applicants (Lindbergh and Shirl Boone), who were the subjects of the January 18, 2005 public hearing, had submitted a letter to the BZA asking the BZA to hear their application again.

Chairman Chesson advised that he did receive a letter and he responded to the applicants. He encouraged them to go through the appeals process. He stated that he valued the BZA's time and he thought one time hearing an application was adequate.

Secretary Barnett informed that a copy of the letter was also given to Mr. Richard Railey, County Attorney. Attorney Railey advised that the only thing that could happen was for the applicants to appeal to the courts.

Commissioner Brown advised that her opinion was that if a request was made to the BZA, the BZA should have been notified and everyone on the BZA should have had a say so.

Secretary Barnett advised that Attorney Railey represented the BZA in legal matters.

Commissioner Brown advised that Attorney Railey was not the BZA.

Commissioner Chesson stated that he appreciated Commissioner Brown's opinion.

Chairman Chesson advised that they needed to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2005 meeting. Commissioner Brown pointed out that those minutes indicated that the June 21, 2004 minutes also needed to be approved. Susan Wright, Assistant Secretary, advised that she would forward each member a copy of the June 21, 2004 minutes so they could be approved at the next meeting.

Chairman Chesson advised that since it had been noted that the June 21, 2004 minutes needed to be approved, it was appropriate to go ahead and approve the January 18, 2005 minutes.

Commissioner Copeland made a motion to approve the January 18, 2005 minutes. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion. All were in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Douglas A. Chesson, Chairman

Robert L. Barnett, Secretary