

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 April 16, 2007 at 7:30 PM.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Peter F. Copeland, Chairman
Elma A. Brown
James A. Bradshaw
Douglas A. Chesson
Thomas Daisey
Marie Sykes

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

David M. Holland, Vice-Chairman

OTHERS PRESENT

Robert L. Barnett, Director of Community Development (Secretary)
Richard E. Railey, Jr., County Attorney
Susan H. Wright, County Administration Executive Secretary

Chairman Copeland called the meeting to order.

Chairman Copeland sought approval of the minutes of the March 19, 2007 meeting. **Commissioner Chesson moved, seconded by Commissioner Sykes, to approve the minutes as presented. All were in favor.**

Chairman Copeland announced that the following item of old business needed to be considered:

The application of Sam E. Pope Jr., requesting a Special Use Exception, 18-482(8), "Temporary Use" of the Southampton County Zoning Ordinance. Said Special Use Exception is requested on property identified as Tax Map 70, Parcel 6 of the Southampton County Zoning Map and located at Southampton Parkway, Drewryville, Virginia, Drewryville Magisterial District.

Chairman Copeland noted that the applicant was absent from the last meeting. As a result, they voted to table the application and give the applicant another opportunity to appear in front of them.

Chairman Copeland asked Mr. Robert Barnett, Secretary, if he wished to speak to this application.

Secretary Barnett clarified that the property was located on the south side of Southampton Parkway at the intersection of Routes 58 and 303 (Three Creeks Road). As mentioned last month, this property was formerly used as VDOT's asphalt site. The applicant wished to place 4-6 temporary buildings on the property for retail sales of hams, vegetables, peanuts, etc. and for a mini information center for the Jamestown 2007 activities beginning in May 2007. The buildings would be built on skids and removed after the use. The use could be for a maximum of 24 months.

Mr. Damian Dwyer, attorney, addressed the BZA. He advised that he was present on behalf of his client, Mr. Sam E. Pope, Jr., owner/applicant. He apologized that a representative was not present last month. He stated that Mr. Barnett had summed up the request and he would be pleased to answer any questions.

Commissioner Daisey stated that they needed to ensure that there was an adequate entrance to the property off of Route 58. Mr. Dwyer clarified that they would utilize the entrance that already existed on Route 58, which was directly across from Three Creeks Road.

Mr. Dwyer clarified for Commissioner Chesson that the building and the property would be aesthetically-pleasing.

Commissioner Daisey advised that he had heard of several uses the applicant had in mind for the property. Mr. Dwyer clarified that the applicant was not certain what he wanted to do with the property permanently. He had many ideas and had not decided on anything. At this time, he wanted to temporarily use the property for the temporary use being requested tonight.

Chairman Copeland closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Chesson moved, seconded by Commissioner Sykes, to approve the application. All were in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Peter F. Copeland, Chairman

Robert L. Barnett, Secretary