



County of Prince Edward
Planning Commission
Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: January 21, 2014
Item No.: 8
Department: Planning Commission
Staff Contact: W.W. Bartlett
Issue: REVIEW OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTION

Summary:

The Board of Supervisors concurred with the Planning Commission’s recommendation to approve a special use permit for both cell tower requests.

The Board also approved the request to operate a retail sales/convenience store use at 18 County Shop Rd. The Board approved all the conditions recommended by the Planning Commission. In addition they added two more – (1) No operations were to occur 280 feet beyond the existing split rail fence. This was done to avoid activity in the rear of the property were little to no natural buffer existed between the property and the property on the southern border. (2) The Farm Stand/Farmers Market use could only operate from 1 April – 1 November. This was done to allow the foliage on the natural buffer to leaf-out to increase the buffering effect. The applicant agreed to both conditions. The applicant also volunteered to revise the plot plan to eliminate the southernmost line of parking and Farm Stand pole buildings and remove the proposed new retail space, which has already been removed from the property.

The Board approved the amendment to the zoning ordinance concerning the requirement of cell tower companies to provide space on the cell towers for the county’s emergency services equipment. The new language to Section 3-100.13 (C) 11 is as follows:

“ 11. Local Government Access – Owners of towers shall provide the County Co-location opportunities without compensation as a community benefit to improve radio communications for County departments and emergency services, provided it does not conflict with the co-location requirements of this section.”

This language is used by Halifax County and closely resembles that in Mecklenburg County and was recommended by Verizon. It was felt it would be best to place specific requirements during the special use process and be placed in the contract. This was done because each cell tower and the County’s needs associated with that cell tower will be unique to the site and tower.

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