

# **HENRY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**August 13, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Henry County Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Henry County Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Paul Setliff with Richard Reynolds, Stuart Bowman, Glenwood Vaughn, and Dee West present with Jeff Prillaman absent. Recording Secretary, Wanda Setliff, and Director of Planning, Zoning, and Inspection Lee Clark were also in attendance.

The minutes of the July 9, 2025 meeting were reviewed by Paul Setliff. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Richard Reynolds, seconded by Dee West, and followed by a unanimous vote with one absent.

### **R-25-11 John D. Horsley and Claudia G. English**

The property is located at 1317 The Great Road, in the Blackberry District. The property is shown on Tax Map 39.3(18)/4,5 and a portion of 39.3/353. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 7-acres from Suburban Residential District S-R to Agricultural District A-1. The applicant wishes to market the property for the potential to keep agricultural animals.

The public hearing opened at 6:05.

Paul Setliff asked if anyone wished to speak on behalf or in opposition to this application and no one came forward.

Lee Clark read the applicant's letter to the board.

To whom it may concern:

I'm requesting a rezoning for all of our property located at 1317 The Great Road, Fieldale, VA 24089. My mother, Virginia W. Horsley, passed away on September 7, 2024, and left my sister, Claudia G. English, and I my parent's home and property. We've listed the property for sale with a realtor, and there are several people interested in purchasing the property. Currently, only one tract of the land is zoned agricultural, but it is not

conducive to animal use. The people interested in purchasing the property are only interested if they can have agricultural animals on the flatter part of the property which is currently zoned suburban residential. My realtor has assured me that we could easily sell the property if the Board would allow us to change the zoning of all our property to agricultural. After the rezoning, the property use would be agricultural and residential which is consistent with neighboring properties around 1317 The Great Road, Fieldale, VA 24089. Please let me know if you will need any additional information for this request, and thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

John D. Horsley

The public hearing closed at 6:08.

Paul Setliff asked if there were any discussion from the Board.

Stuart Bowman asked Mr. Clark whether there had been any negative feedback from the public, and Mr. Clark replied, "No."

Richard Reynolds made a motion to request the Board of Supervisors approve the zoning change, and Dee West seconded the motion. It was followed by unanimous approval with one absent.

#### **R-25-12 Roger and Deborah Wheatley**

The property is located in the north east corner of the intersection of Riverside Drive and Governor Stanley Highway, in the Blackberry District. The property is shown on Tax Map 15.8/163A. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 3.725-acres from Commercial District B-1 to Agricultural District A-1. The applicant wishes to rezone the property, and apply for the required Special Use Permit, to allow for the development of a RV park.

The public hearing opened at 6:13.

Paul Setliff asked if anyone wished to speak on behalf or in opposition to this application with no one coming forward.

The public hearing closed at 6:14.



Stuart Bowman asked Mr. Clark if the property was above the flood plain, and Mr. Clark replied, "Yes."

Dee West made a motion to request the Board of Supervisors approve the zoning change, and Richard Reynolds seconded the motion. It was followed by unanimous approval with one absent.

### **R-25-13 Whitney Sligh**

The property is located at 1850 Daniels Creek Road, in the Collinsville District. The property is shown on Tax Map 29.7(60)/6. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of this lot, containing a residence, from Suburban Residential District S-R to Office and Professional District B-3. The applicant wishes to rezone the property, and apply for the required Special Use Permit, to offer a transitional living opportunity for young adults aging out of the foster system.

The public hearing opened at 6:20.

Whitney Sligh spoke on her own behalf, explaining that she is the owner and founder of Futures to Success. She also works at Henry County-Martinsville Department of Social Services in the foster care unit, where she is very familiar with the needs of foster youth. Whitney expressed her desire to transition her home to support youth who are aging out of foster care. She witnesses daily the challenges these young people face when they age out and wish to remain in the area, noting that the closest facility available is in Roanoke.

Paul Setliff asked how this will be funded financially. Whitney Sligh responded that when a child is placed, it is through the Department of Social Services.

Stuart Bowman asked how many children do you plan to have. I'm starting with two and may expand to three in the future, as the home has three bedrooms.

Paul Setliff inquired if someone would be living there. Whitney Sligh replied, "No, we will have staff present during the day from 8 AM to 5 PM."

Stuart Bowman then asked if there would be no one there after 5 PM. Whitney Sligh confirmed, "Yes, we will have 24/7 on-call staff available if needed."

Paul Setliff asked if anyone wished to speak on behalf or in opposition to this

application and no one came forward.

The public hearing closed at 6:24.

Stuart Bowman made a motion to request the Board of Supervisors approve the zoning change, and Dee West seconded the motion. It was followed by a unanimous approval with one absent.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25.

  
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Lee Clark