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**Bath County Planning Commission
Bath County Courthouse – Room 115
Monday, August 24, 2020 - 6:00 P.M.**

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman John Loeffler, Monroe Farmer, Cynthia Rudnick

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice-Chair Jason Miller, Lynn Ellen Black

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Mike Bollinger (press), Mike Lockaby (County Attorney), Debra McClane (Architectural Historian), Bill Jones (Preservation Bath)

STAFF PRESENT: Sherry Ryder

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Loeffler called the Bath County Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT—MATTERS UNRELATED TO THE AGENDA: None

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: None

STAFF REPORT

Sherry Ryder: Gave an overview.

Old Business:

- **Review Industrial Hemp draft ordinance.**

Sherry Ryder: Mr. Lockaby is here tonight. As we discuss this, he is here, for your input as to what you are looking for in your hemp processor and dealer ordinance. Some direction. Once he has something on what you envision, he can go from there.

Chairman Loeffler: Did you, Mr. Lockaby, have a chance to look at the Hemp Ordinance. On the first part, do you have any changes you thought we needed to make?

Mr. Lockaby: It's a new thing that people are trying to feel their way through, but if this is the direction you want to go, this is a perfectly legal way to get there.

The Board informed Mr. Lockaby that they needed information on what was legal to ask for, like business license fees, being informed when a crop was destroyed, for whatever the reason. The Board wanted to know what other localities were doing, so as to compare decisions.

- **Input on Industrial Hemp Processors and Industrial Hemp Dealers for draft ordinance.**

Chairman Loeffler informed Mr. Lockaby that they do not know what to do, due to there being little information out there to read and study about this. The problems of processing, smell and other things.

Mr. Lockaby offered and the board agreed it would be nice to have information on what other localities have come up with.

Chairman Loeffler agreed it would help.

Mr. Farmer would like to know how the other localities have dealt with odor/smell of the hemp processing.

Sherry Ryder: We have been invited to Joseph Murry's property, in the Williamsville area. I will get contact information out to you so you can contact him and set up a time to visit. Lynn Ellen Black and myself will try to go this week, because he wants to harvest.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (a) **Presentation – Heritage Tourism – Warm Springs and West Warm Springs – By Debra McClane.**

Bill Jones of Preservation Bath, stated how he wanted to keep each government entity informed on what was being done. They are trying to get public input for the Heritage Tourism project, asking for ideas of places and information/pictures for the signs through ads in the Recorder. He then introduced Debra McClane.

Debra McClane, architectural historian, helped to get the village of Warm Springs, and West Warm Springs on the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places.

When Preservation Bath received the grant, the heritage tourism project was formed and they started working together to come up with placing historic highway markers. A marker has already been approved for the Warm Springs (Jefferson) Pools and 2 more signs are up for approval, for the West Warm Springs area and Warm Springs village area near the Courthouse in September. VDOT

will install the signs, similar to those at the Dan Ingalls Overlook that include photos and information. They will be placed on public land and right-a-ways so they can be maintained. She passed out draft pictures of the proposed signs. Ms. McClane has also been in contact with David Mikula, who does the county's tourism marketing. They are working with him as well.

Sherry Ryder: We appreciate everything you all have done.

MINUTES:

Chairman Loeffler: We have the minutes for the July 27, 2020 meeting.

Mr. Farmer: I move we approve the minutes of July 27, 2020 minutes.

Cynthia Rudnick: Second.

VOTE: 3-0 approved.

ADJOURN

Mr. Farmer: I make a motion we adjourn.

Cynthia Rudnick: I second.

VOTE: 3-0 Meeting adjourned.



Chairman John Loeffler



Date