

Kent County Agricultural Advisory Commission Meeting Summary

The Kent County Agricultural Advisory Commission met on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, virtually with a live stream from the County Commissioners' Hearing Room at 400 High Street, Chestertown, Maryland, with the following members in attendance: Jennifer Debnam, Chair; W. Frank Barnes, Jr.; John "Buddy" Cahall; Sean Jones; Craig McSparran; and John Henry Myers, Jr. Also present were Rob Tracey, Community Planner; William Mackey, Director; and Brian Jones, Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m.

APPLICATIONS

#20-47 Zoning Text Amendment- AN ACT to amend the Kent County Land Use Ordinance by adding Subsection 10.8 to Article V, Section 1.2 to allow farm breweries as a permitted use in the Agricultural Zoning District "AZD"

Mr. Tracey gave a brief overview of the proposal, citing relevant issues, the applicable laws, and staff comments.

The Commission discussed and asked questions regarding the proposed Zoning Text Amendment.

The applicant Mr. James Alexander and Mr. Steve Edwards answered questions of the Commission and gave an overview of the proposal specific to Mr. Alexander's property.

After further discussion, Mr. Frank Barnes made a motion to send a favorable recommendation to the Kent County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Buddy Cahall seconded the motion, and a recorded vote was taken. The following members were in favor of the motion:

Jennifer Debnam, W. Frank Barnes, Jr., John "Buddy" Cahall, Sean Jones, John Henry Myers, Jr.

The following member abstained:

Mr. Craig McSparran

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Members of the Commission discussed agritourism and permitted uses.

ADJOURN

There being no further business for the good of the organization, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Jennifer Debnam

Jennifer Debnam, Chair

Brian Jones

Brian Jones, Clerk

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