

Deep Creek Watershed Sign Committee Minutes February 25, 2019

I. Call to order

II. Attendance

The following members were present: Morgan France, Rob Michael, Jonathan Kessler, Jim Lascaris, Karen Myers, Robin Douglas (towns), Julie Mead and Bob Browning.

County Attorney Mike Getty, and Tony Doerr, chairman of the Planning Board were also present.

The following staff from the Garrett County Department of Planning & Land Management were present: Deborah Carpenter and Bruce Metz.

III. Old Business

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for 2-8-19 were approved.

IV. New Business

Definitions

Definitions of signs were revised, discussed and cross referenced with the sign chapter within the current Deep Creek Watershed Zoning Ordinance.

A meeting was scheduled with the County Administrator Kevin Null, County Attorney Mike Getty and Planning Director Deborah Carpenter.

V. Review of Action Items

1. Mr. Getty will do further work on redefining several of the categories.
2. **Off Premise** - Outdoor advertising signs / Billboards were voted to be considered illegal in the DC watershed zone.
3. 90 days was determined adequate time for removal and replacement of non-compliant / illegal signs.

Discussed and tabled for further consideration:

1. Sign height restrictions.
2. Permitted size of signage.

4. Should window signs be considered permanent or temporary?
5. Enforcement / fines / removal of illegal / non-compliant signs.
6. Quantity of signs per property vs. linear feet of road frontage.
7. Permitting / licensing of signs.
8. How should LED / LCD /Illuminated signs be handled.

VI. Next Meeting – February 27, 2019

VII. Adjournment

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Bruce Metz