

1 **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF**
2 **HENRICO COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN THE**
3 **HENRICO COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, ON THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2004, AT**
4 **9:00 A.M., NOTICE HAVING BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE RICHMOND TIMES-**
5 **DISPATCH ON MAY 6 AND MAY 13, 2004.**
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Members Present: R. A. Wright, Chairman
James W. Nunnally, Vice-Chairman
Elizabeth G. Dwyer, Esq., CPC
Richard Kirkland
Gene L. McKinney, C.P.C., C.B.Z.A.

Also Present: Dave O'Kelly, Assist. Director of Planning
Benjamin Blankinship, Secretary
Lee J. Tyson, County Planner
Priscilla M. Parker, Recording Secretary

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8 Mr. Wright - I call the meeting of the County of Henrico Board of Zoning
9 Appeals to order. Would you stand for the **Pledge of Allegiance**. Mr. Secretary would
10 you read the rules for our meeting.
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12 Mr. Blankinship - Good morning, Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board, ladies
13 and gentlemen. The rules for this meeting are as follows. As Secretary, I will call each
14 case. Then at that time the applicant should come down to the podium. I will then ask
15 all those who intend to speak, in favor or in opposition to the case, to stand and be
16 sworn in. The applicants will then present their testimony. After the applicant has
17 finished, anyone else who intends to speak will be given the opportunity. After
18 everyone has spoken, the applicant, and only the applicant, will be given the opportunity
19 for rebuttal. After hearing the case, and asking questions, the Board will take the matter
20 under advisement. They will make all of their decisions at the end of the meeting. If
21 you wish to know their decision on a specific case, you can either stay until the end of
22 the meeting, or you can call the Planning Office later this afternoon, or you can check
23 the Planning Office website. This meeting is being tape recorded, so we will ask
24 everyone to speak directly into the microphone on the podium, and to state your name,
25 and please spell your last name for the record. And finally, out in the foyer, there are
26 two binders that contain the staff report for each case, including the conditions that have
27 been recommended by the staff.
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29 Mr. Wright- Are there any deferrals or withdrawals?
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31 Mr. Blankinship- Yes, sir. On the 9 o'clock agenda, UP-4-2004, the Country
32 Club of Virginia is still working on an alternative; also, UP-11-2004, the second case,
33 Shows by Jutta, requested a deferral until June. They want to submit some additional
34 information.

35 Mr. Wright- Do I hear a motion on UP-4-2004?

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37 Ms. Dwyer- Is that a motion to defer for one month?

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39 Mr. Blankinship- Yes.

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41 **UP-4-2004** **COUNTRY CLUB OF VIRGINIA** requests a conditional use
42 permit pursuant to Section 24-12(b) of Chapter 24 of the
43 County Code to add a maintenance building and parking
44 area at 710 S Gaskins Road (Parcel 735-733-6834), zoned
45 R-0, One-family Residence District (Tuckahoe).

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47 Upon a motion by Ms. Dwyer, seconded by Mr. McKinney, the Board **deferred**
48 application **UP-4-2004** for a conditional use permit to add a maintenance building at 710
49 S. Gaskins Road (Parcel 735-733-6834). The case was deferred until June 24, 2004

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51 Affirmative: Wright, Kirkland, McKinney, Nunnally, Dwyer 5

52 Negative: 0

53 Abstain: 0

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55 Mr. Wright- How about UP-11?

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57 **UP-11-2004** **SHOWS BY JUTTA** requests a temporary conditional use
58 permit pursuant to Section 24-116(c)(1) of Chapter 24 of the
59 County Code to hold a carnival at 10101 Brook Road (Parcel
60 785-771-0111), zoned B-3, Business District (Fairfield).

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62 Upon a motion by Mr. Kirkland, seconded by Mr. Nunnally, the Board **deferred**
63 application **UP-11-2004** for a conditional use permit to hold a carnival at 10101 Brook
64 Road (Parcel 785-771-0111). The case was deferred until June 24, 2004

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66 Affirmative: Wright, Kirkland, McKinney, Nunnally, Dwyer 5

67 Negative: 0

68 Abstain: 0

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70 Mr. Wright- Please call the first case.

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72 **A-42-2004** **STEPHEN MCDANIEL** requests a variance from Section 24-
73 94 of Chapter 24 of the County Code to build a sunroom and
74 ramp at 2805 Maplewood Road (Hermitage Park) (Parcel
75 777-746-7298), zoned R-4, One-family Residence District
76 (Brookland). The front yard setback is not met. The applicant
77 has 23 feet front yard setback, where the Code requires 35
78 feet front yard setback. The applicant requests a variance of
79 12 feet front yard setback.

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81 Mr. Wright- Is there anyone else here who desires to speak with
82 reference to this case? Please raise your right hand and be sworn.
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84 Mr. Blankinship- Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the
85 whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?
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87 Mr. Gerald Lindsey- I do. I was here last time and my client didn't show up, and
88 he's not here again. I can't really answer the questions you have at this time.
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90 Mr. Wright- What's his problem? Does he just not want to come?
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92 Mr. Lindsey- To be honest, I don't know. I was told he was going to try
93 and be here. He's not here and I didn't want to just not show up.
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95 Mr. Wright- When did you talk to him last?
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97 Mr. Lindsey- Our sales representative spoke with him yesterday.
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99 Mr. Wright- And he said he'd be here?
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101 Mr. Lindsey- My understanding was that he would **try** to be here. I don't
102 know exactly what that means.
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104 Mr. Wright- Would you like to request it to the next meeting and give you
105 one more chance to try and get him here?
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107 Mr. Lindsey- Yes, sir, I believe so.
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109 on a motion by Mr. Kirkland, seconded by Mr. McKinney, the Board **deferred**
110 application **A-42-2004** for variance to construct a sunroom and ramp at 2805
111 Maplewood Road (Tax Parcel 777-746-7298), from the May 27, 2004 meeting to the
112 June 24, 2004 meeting.
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114 Affirmative: Dwyer, Kirkland, McKinney, Nunnaly, Wright 5
115 Negative: 0
116 Absent: 0
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118 **A-48-2004** **CHERYL L. MARTIN** requests a variance from Section 24-
119 94 of Chapter 24 of the County Code to enclose the existing
120 deck at 12304 Bridgehead Place (Kimberwicke) (Parcel
121 735-776-8914), zoned R-3C, One-family Residence District
122 (Conditional) (Three Chopt). The rear yard setback is not
123 met. The applicant has 37 feet rear yard setback, where the
124 Code requires 40 feet rear yard setback. The applicant
125 requests a variance of 3 feet rear yard setback.
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127 Mr. Wright- Is there anyone else here who desires to speak with
128 reference to this case? Please raise your right hand and be sworn.

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130 Mr. Blankinship- Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the
131 whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

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133 Ms. Cheryl Martin- I do. I have an existing deck on the rear of my house that
134 was built with the house, and I'd like to enclose it to make a glass enclosure. I've
135 received conditional approval from our HOA pending that I have variance approval and
136 that the permits go through. That's what I'm here to do. I need 40 feet and I only have
137 37 to the rear lot line.

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139 Mr. Wright- When was your house constructed?

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141 Ms. Martin- In 2000.

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143 Mr. Wright- What's to the rear of your property?

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145 Ms. Martin- I'm up against other residences in another neighborhood.
146 There's a 6 foot fence.

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148 Mr. Wright- Any questions from members of the Board? Anyone here in
149 opposition to this case? Hearing none that concludes the case.

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151 After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Mr. Nunnally, seconded by Mr.
152 McKinney, the Board **approved** application **A-48-2004** for variance to enclose the
153 existing deck at 12304 Bridgehead Place (Tax Parcel 735-776-8914). The approval is
154 subject to the following conditions:

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156 Affirmative: Dwyer, Kirkland, McKinney, Nunnaly, Wright 5
157 Negative: 0
158 Absent: 0

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160 1. The new construction shall match the existing dwelling as nearly as practical.
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162 2. The property shall be developed in substantial conformance with the plan filed
163 with the application. No substantial changes or additions to the layout may be
164 made without the approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

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166 The Board approved the request as it found from the evidence presented that approving
167 the permit would not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property nor would
168 materially impair the purpose of the zoning regulations.

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170 **A-49-2004** **MARC AND CONNIE D. PETOCK** request a variance from
171 Section 24-94 of Chapter 24 of the County Code to build a
172 screened porch on the existing deck at 12300 Rennick Place
173 (Renwick at Wyndham) (Parcel 738-780-1852), zoned R-

174 4C, One-family Residence District (Conditional) (Three
175 Chopt). The rear yard setback is not met. The applicants
176 have 30 feet rear yard setback, where the Code requires 35
177 feet rear yard setback. The applicants request a variance of
178 5 feet rear yard setback.
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180 Mr. Wright- Is there anyone else here who desires to speak with
181 reference to this case? Please raise your right hand and be sworn.
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183 Mr. Blankinship- Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the
184 whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?
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186 Mr. Marc Petock- I do. We've lived in this house since 1995, in Renwick at
187 Wyndham, and we have an existing deck that we'd like to enclose a portion of. We
188 have met with the Wyndham HOA and it has been approved. It will be built to code, and
189 in addition we have a buffer from the neighbor behind us of existing bushes that are
190 about 10 feet tall. In all honesty, no one will be able to see that we've even covered the
191 deck. That's what we're asking. We need a 5 foot variance.
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193 Mr. Wright- It will not be visible from the property to the rear?
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195 Mr. Petock- Or from the street...that's correct, sir.
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197 Mr. Nunnally- It'll be the same size as the screened porch, right?
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199 Mr. Petock- It'll just cover the existing deck.
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201 Mr. Wright- Any further questions from members of the Board? Anyone
202 in opposition to this case? Hearing none, that concludes the case.
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204 After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Mr. Nunnally, seconded by Mr.
205 McKinney, the Board **approved** application **A-49-2004** for variance to construct a
206 screened porch at 12300 Rennnick Place (Tax Parcel 738-780-1852). The approval is
207 subject to the following conditions:
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209 Affirmative:	Dwyer, Kirkland, McKinney, Nunnaly, Wright	5
210 Negative:		0
211 Absent:		0

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213 1. The new construction shall match the existing dwelling as nearly as practical.
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215 2. The property shall be developed in substantial conformance with the plan filed
216 with the application. No substantial changes or additions to the layout may be made
217 without the approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals.
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219 The Board approved the request as it found from the evidence presented that approving
220 the permit would not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property nor would

221 materially impair the purpose of the zoning regulations.

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223 **A-50-2004**

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CHESTER AND STELLA TRZASKI request a variance from Sections 24-94 and 24-95(j)(1) of Chapter 24 of the County Code to build an addition at 10901 New Harvard Court (New Harvard at Wyndham) (Parcel 742-781-1033), zoned R-3C, One-family Residence District (Conditional) (Three Chopt). The rear yard setback and setback for a deck are not met. The applicants have 28 feet rear yard setback and 25 feet setback for a deck, where the Code requires 40 feet rear yard setback and 30 feet setback for a deck. The applicants request a variance of 12 feet rear yard setback and 5 feet setback for a deck.

235 Mr. Wright-

236 reference to this case? Please raise your right hand and be sworn.

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238 Mr. Blankinship-

239 Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

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241 Mr. Chester Trzaski-

242 I do. I'm here to request a zoning variance to put an addition on our house, in the form of an extension of the kitchen. It'll just about cover the existing deck. We do not meet the rear yard setback requirement. That's about it.

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245 Mr. Wright-

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What size is this addition?

It is approximately 12 x 18 feet.

And that's larger than the existing deck?

No. The expansion would come out to the edge of the deck as it is right now.

And then you propose to have another deck?

The deck would only partially be covered. It would take up no more space than it presently does.

What's located to the rear of your property?

A golf course fairway.

An open area?

Yes. There are trees along the fairway.

267 Ms. Dwyer- So the existing deck doesn't meet the Code as far as
268 setback?

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270 Mr. Trzaski- Yes, that's true. We moved into the house in 1992 and that
271 set back was pointed out as requiring a variance at the time we moved in. We were
272 denied a CO. But then we got the CO and what was done, I don't know.

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274 Mr. Wright- Any other questions from members of the Board? Anyone in
275 opposition to this request? Hearing none, that concludes the case.

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277 After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Mr. Nunnally, seconded by Mr.
278 McKinney, the Board **approved** application **A-50-2004** for variance to construct an
279 addition at 10901 New Harvard Court (Tax Parcel 742-781-1033). The approval is
280 subject to the following conditions:

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282 Affirmative: Dwyer, Kirkland, McKinney, Nunnally, Wright 5
283 Negative: 0
284 Absent: 0

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286 1. The new construction shall match the existing dwelling as nearly as practical.
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288 2. The property shall be developed in substantial conformance with the plan filed
289 with the application. No substantial changes or additions to the layout may be made
290 without the approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

291
292 The Board approved the request as it found from the evidence presented that approving
293 the permit would not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property nor would
294 materially impair the purpose of the zoning regulations.

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296 **A-51-2004** **MARGARET NUNN** requests a variance from Section 24-9
297 of Chapter 24 of the County Code to build a one-family
298 dwelling at 3001 Old Memorial Drive (Parcel 841-707-2869
299 (part)), zoned A-1, Agricultural District (Varina). The public
300 street frontage requirement is not met. The applicant has 0
301 feet public street frontage, where the Code requires 50 feet
302 public street frontage. The applicant requests a variance of
303 50 feet public street frontage.

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305 Mr. Wright- Is there anyone else here who desires to speak with
306 reference to this case? Please raise your right hand and be sworn.

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308 Mr. Blankinship- Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the
309 whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

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311 Ms. Brenda Feria- I do. I'm Margaret Nunn and I have power of attorney for
312 her. She is in a nursing home and we're selling her property. We'd like to have

313 permission to build a house on 3 acres are behind my mother's house. She has a
314 house at present on the road, probably about 50 feet off the road. As it is, we can't use
315 the acreage due to the configuration of it – it is long and skinny.

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317 What I'm proposing is to put an easement beside the house to access the property in
318 the back and build a house.

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320 Mr. Wright- What's the size of the lot you propose to create?

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322 Ms. Feria- 3 acres.

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324 Mr. Nunnally- Who will this house be built for?

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326 Ms. Feria- We were going to just sell it with the hopes that we could sell
327 it as a buildable lot. It does perc for another house.

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329 Mr. Blankinship- So you don't intend to build a house?

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331 Ms. Feria- No, I'm not. I want to be able to build it or represent it as a
332 buildable lot. It would give her more money, as she's in a nursing home.

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334 Ms. Dwyer- Would you be able to dedicate a 50 foot section of the front
335 lot and include that as part of the front lot to meet the road frontage requirement?

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337 Ms. Feria- Could it be 25 feet?

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339 Ms. Blankinship- If she did cut off 50 feet, then the front lot wouldn't meet the
340 lot width requirement.

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342 Ms. Feria- I was thinking more like 25 feet maximum.

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344 Mr. Blankinship- The easement could be 25 feet, but she's suggesting an
345 actual transfer of ownership.

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347 Ms. Dwyer- So what is the requirement of the frontage for the front lot?

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349 Mr. Blankinship- The frontage requirement is 50 feet, but the width
350 requirement is 100 feet.

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352 Ms. Dwyer- She only has 162 feet.

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354 Mr. Wright- You can grant an easement over it without granting title to it.
355 Have you read the conditions which have been proposed for this case?

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357 Ms. Feria- No, I haven't seen them.

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359 Mr. Wright- You should take a look at those, because if this is approved,
360 you'll be held to them. One of the conditions is that you prove that you have legal
361 access when you apply for your building permit.

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363 Mr. Blankinship- Mr. Chairman, we also got a call from Public Utilities asking
364 that we also put in the utility easement language, so if you see something that looks
365 different, that's why.

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367 Ms. Feria- I don't believe I have any comment.

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369 Mr. Wright- Any further questions from members of the Board? Anyone
370 here in opposition to this request? Hearing none, that concludes the case.

371
372 After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Mr. Nunnally, seconded by Mr.
373 McKinney, the Board **approved** application **A-51-2004** for variance to construct a one
374 family dwelling at 3001 Old Memorial Drive (Tax Parcel 841-707-2869 (part of)). The
375 approval is subject to the following conditions:

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377 Affirmative: Dwyer, Kirkland, McKinney, Nunnaly, Wright 5
378 Negative: 0
379 Absent: 0

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381 1. This variance applies only to the public street frontage requirement. All other
382 applicable regulations of the County Code shall remain in force.

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384 2. Approval of this request does not imply that a building permit will be issued.
385 Building permit approval is contingent on Health Department requirements, including,
386 but not limited to, soil evaluation for a septic drainfield and reserve area, and approval
387 of a well location.

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389 3. The applicant shall present proof with the building permit application that a legal
390 access to the property has been obtained.

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392 4. The applicant shall present proof with the building permit application that a
393 recorded utility easement to serve the parcel has been recorded.

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395 The Board approved the request as it found from the evidence presented that approving
396 the permit would not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property nor would
397 materially impair the purpose of the zoning regulations.

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399 **A-52-2004** **HENRY GLAZEBROOK, JR.** requests a variance from
400 Section 24-10 of Chapter 24 of the County Code to keep
401 show chickens at 1418 Cole Boulevard (Longdale) (Parcel
402 781-763-7868), zoned R-4, One-family Residence District
403 (Fairfield). The agricultural distance requirement is not met.
404 The applicant proposes an agricultural use 20 feet from the

405 property line, where the Code requires 400 feet from the
406 property line. The applicant requests a variance of 380 feet
407 from the agricultural distance requirement.
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409 Mr. Wright- Is there anyone else here who desires to speak with
410 reference to this case? Will everyone rise so we can swear everyone at the same time.
411 Please raise your right hands and be sworn.
412
413 Mr. Blankinship- Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the
414 whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?
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416 Mr. Henry Glazebrook, Jr.- I want to keep some show chickens.
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418 Mr. Wright- How many chickens do you propose to keep?
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420 Mr. Glazebrook- I'd like to keep 20.
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422 Mr. Wright- How many do you have right now?
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424 Mr. Glazebrook- I've got 15.
425
426 Mr. Wright- Why do you need 20?
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428 Mr. Glazebrook- They're show chickens. I put them in the State Fair and
429 show them.
430
431 Mr. Wright- What type of accommodations do you have to care for these
432 chickens?
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434 Mr. Glazebrook- I keep them in cages. I've got pictures here.
435
436 Mr. Wright- We'll need to see those. Please submit them.
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438 Mr. McKinney- Mr. Glazebrook, do you also raise pigeons?
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440 Mr. Glazebrook- My dad does.
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442 Mr. McKinney- How many does he have?
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444 Mr. Glazebrook- 70
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446 Mr. McKinney- 70? And you got a variance to keep these pigeons?
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448 Mr. Glazebrook- Yes, my dad does.
449
450 Mr. Glazebrook- 75.

451 Ms. Dwyer- Do you have any other livestock?
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453 Mr. Glazebrook- No.
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455 Mr. McKinney- Something in the paper said you have 200 pigeons? Is that
456 correct?
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458 Mr. Glazebrook- *unintelligible*...several dozen.
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460 Mr. McKinney- These are small chickens, aren't they?
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462 Mr. Glazebrook- Yes.
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464 Mr. McKinney- About half the size of a regular chicken?
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466 Mr. Glazebrook- Yeah, bantams are what they are.
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468 Mr. Kirkland- The cages that are on the table in the photos, is that just for
469 show purposes? I assume you keep them in a shed?
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471 Mr. Glazebrook- I keep them right in those cages.
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473 Mr. Kirkland- Out on the table like that?
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475 Mr. Glazebrook- No, in the cages in the left picture.
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477 Mr. McKinney- Do these chickens crow in the morning?
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479 Mr. Glazebrook- A little bit.
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481 Mr. McKinney- What time do they start?
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483 Mr. Glazebrook-- About 5:00 a.m.
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485 Mr. Wright- Describe how you take care of these chickens in so far as
486 this coop is concerned. How often do you clean it?
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488 Mr. Glazebrook- I clean it once a week.
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490 Mr. Kirkland- What do you do with the manure?
491
492 Mr. Glazebrook- I haul it up the country. I have some land up the country and
493 I take it up there.
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495 Mr. McKinney- Mr. Blankinship, could you pull up on the screen where it
496 outlines on the screen the addresses. Mr. Glazebrook, what is all that in your
497 backyard?
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499 Mr. Glazebrook- It is my dad's cages and stuff.
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501 Mr. McKinney- How many do you have?
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503 Mr. Glazebrook- Probably 7 or 8 cages. I've got a greenhouse right there,
504 too.
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506 Mr. Blankinship- Mr. McKinney, when we went to photograph the site no on
507 was home. We didn't try to get into the backyard to try and take photos.
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509 Mr. McKinney- It looks like a lot of out buildings in the rear. Some of them
510 look like they're right on the line.
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512 Mr. Glazebrook- There's sheds out there.
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514 Mr. McKinney- What's that right there?
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516 Mr. Glazebrook- That's my dad's pigeon loft
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518 Mr. McKinney- It looks like it is right on the line.
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520 Mr. Glazebrook- It is probably 10 feet from the line.
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522 Mr. McKinney- Is your neighbor here?
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524 Mr. Glazebrook- Not that one.
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526 Ms. Dwyer- How many buildings are dedicated to the chickens/
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528 Mr. Glazebrook- Just 3.
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530 Ms. Dwyer- How many for the pigeons?
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532 Mr. Glazebrook- My dad could better answer that question.
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534 Mr. McKinney- The place you have in the country – how far away is that?
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536 Mr. Glazebrook- 20 miles. It is in Caroline County.
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538 Mr. McKinney- How often do you go up there?
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540 Mr. Glazebrook- Not very much.

541 Mr. McKinney- Is it raw land?
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543 Mr. Glazebrook- It's just woods.
544
545 Mr. Kirkland- You must go once a week, because you just said you take
546 manure up there once a week.
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548 Mr. McKinney- How often do you have to service these chickens? Feed
549 them, water them?
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551 Mr. Glazebrook- Everyday.
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553 Mr. Kirkland- Mr. Blankinship, what is the square footage of this lot?
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555 Mr. Blankinship- About a quarter of an acre – closer to a third of an acre.
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557 Mr. Wright- Mr. Glazebrook, you understand that the problem here is
558 that we have an ordinance that says any of your buildings or coops must be 400 feet
559 from the line?
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561 Mr. Glazebrook- I'm trying to get the permit – I've got 22 signatures from my
562 neighbors.
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564 Mr. Wright- Yes, but what you're asking us to do is amend the County
565 ordinance. You're either 400 feet from the line or you're not. I take it that this was
566 designed by the Board of Supervisors to protect residential areas from this type of thing.
567 This, in effect, is more of a farming operation...a type of farming operation.
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569 Mr. Glazebrook- They're show chickens – I show them at the State Fair.
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571 Mr. Wright- Our investigation shows that there are 17 houses that are
572 within 400 feet of the chicken coop.
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574 Mr. Glazebrook- Yes, and I have 22 signatures here.
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576 Mr. Wright- You can have 1,000 signatures, and that doesn't help us
577 with the Ordinance.
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579 Mr. Glazebrook- I'm also certified to test chickens in the State of Virginia.
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581 Mr. McKinney- Mr. Glazebrook, what do you have to do to get this
582 certification from the State?
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584 Mr. Glazebrook- You have to take a class.
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586 Mr. McKinney- Do you have to take a test?

587 Mr. Glazebrook- Yes. You have to look at videos all day long.
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589 Mr. McKinney- This petition that you have us – I don't see on here where it
590 says that these people are in favor or against your operation.
591
592 Mr. Glazebrook- The stuff at the top is what I wrote.
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594 Mr. McKinney- I see that.
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596 Mr. Glazebrook- Everybody read that and signed it.
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598 Mr. Wright- This property is owned by your father, right?
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600 Mr. Glazebrook- That's right.
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602 Mr. Wright- So, you're applying through your father to keep these
603 chickens, right? Mr. Blankinship, shouldn't the applicant be the father?
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605 Mr. Blankinship- We list the father as the owner, and we often list the person
606 who actually submits the application as the person to speak at the hearing.
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608 Mr. Wright- Who would the permit be issued to?
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610 Mr. Blankinship- The variance would run with the land and that is owned by
611 the father.
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613 Mr. Wright- Any further questions from members of the Board at this
614 moment? Mr. Glazebrook, you please have a seat and we're going to hear from those
615 that may be in opposition to this. Do you have someone else to speak on behalf? I'm
616 sorry. You were sworn?
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618 Mr. Henry Glazebrook, Jr.- My name is Henry "Bobby" Glazebrook, Jr. I've been living
619 at this location for 37 years. I've had chickens at this location for 30 or more, and when
620 my son got 8 years old he got interested in them and I let him take them over. He got
621 me interested again, and we both joined the Virginia Poultry Breeders Association. We
622 got the State certification to check chickens. We just went to Warsaw last year and
623 checked chickens for the 4-H members – over 70 chickens so they could enter them in
624 the fair.
625
626 We just enjoy putting them in shows and showing them. He did have some larger
627 chickens last year, but he got rid of them. He's got the small ones now. They don't
628 make as much noise as the big ones. We want to be able to keep 15 or 20 to show in
629 the Fair.
630
631 Mr. Wright- The ordinance permits 3.
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633 Mr. Glazebrook- That's what I was told, that chickens were classed as pets.
634 Why don't dogs have to be 400 feet from the property line?
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636 Mr. Wright- You can have 3 dogs. You don't have to be 400 feet if you
637 only have 3.
638
639 Mr. Glazebrook- But why do you have chickens 400 feet ...
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641 Mr. Wright- Because if you only have 3 chickens you don't have to be
642 400 feet from the line.
643
644 Mr. McKinney- If you keep a kennel for the dogs, you have to be 400 feet.
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646 Mr. Glazebrook- You mean I can keep 3 chickens and not be 400 feet?
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648 Mr. Wright- You can keep 3 chickens with no problem at that location.
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650 Mr. Glazebrook- So I can get 3 rooster – the biggest I can find...
651
652 Mr. Wright- You can do it.
653
654 Mr. McKinney- I don't know if he can or not. Mr. Blankinship, if he's got the
655 pigeons can he have the chickens?
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657 Mr. Blankinship- They'd have to be treated as pets.
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659 Mr. Glazebrook- Well, the pigeons are not his pets. Nothing was ever said at
660 the hearing about that...about pets.
661
662 Mr. Wright- That's a separate ordinance
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664 Mr. McKinney- Mr. Glazebrook, we understand your dilemma, but the
665 Ordinance doesn't allow it. I know you've done it for a long time, and probably never
666 had any complaints until now. It is the same as someone who goes out and breaks the
667 law for years and years and then they get caught. It is the same situation. Someone
668 has reported you because they don't like the chickens; and, when the County
669 investigated they found out that you weren't in agreement with what the Ordinance
670 says.
671
672 Mr. Glazebrook- But I've lived there 37 years, and you're going to let
673 someone move in there and try to run everything? That's not right.
674
675 Mr. Wright- If you've been in violation of the Ordinance for 37 years, that
676 doesn't make it right.
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678 Mr. Glazebrook- But nobody told me it was a violation.

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680 Mr. Wright- Did you read the Ordinance? You should have knowledge of
681 the Ordinances of the County.
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683 Mr. Glazebrook- I just don't think it's right.
684
685 Mr. Wright- OK, sir. Anything further? Anyone else desire to speak for
686 the application? Now we'll hear from the opposition.
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688 Mr. Grady Wilder- I live at 1414 Cole Boulevard. I'm just now becoming
689 familiar with the Ordinance. I wasn't aware of it when I purchased the house. The
690 problems I have with the chicken is that our garage, that sits on the right hand corner of
691 the property, has several snakes. I can't directly attribute that to the chickens, but I
692 have to assume that that's part of the problem. Also, we have a fly problem in our
693 house. We have flies in our refrigerator. We have flies in our windowsills. I'm not
694 talking about 1 or 2 flies; I'm talking about 15 or 20 on a daily basis. That bothers my
695 fiancé and me. And also the noise. It isn't something that's outrageous, but is
696 something that is there and something that is bothersome.
697
698 I think the Glazebrooks are very nice people. I'm not here to say that they aren't. I'm
699 here to state the things that make me upset. That's all I have to say.
700
701 Mr. Kirkland- Mr. Wilder, when did you move to the residence?
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703 Mr. Wilder- We moved in August of last year.
704
705 Mr. McKinney- When did you discover the snakes?
706
707 Mr. Wilder- The prior owner of the house told us about the snakes in the
708 garage. I've only seen one. I was putting my lawnmower back and it fell out of the
709 ceiling ... it was a 5 foot long black snake, which I killed. I've found numerous snake
710 skins, up to 6 feet long. I haven't seen any this year, so I don't know if they're there or
711 not.
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713 Mr. McKinney- Have you tried to get rid of them?
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715 Mr. Wilder- I don't go in there. I put my lawnmower in there and that's
716 about it.
717
718 Mr. McKinney- Do the chickens crow in the morning? Do they wake you
719 up?
720
721 Mr. Wilder- Absolutely. They don't bother me, but they bother my fiancé
722 and then she bothers me.
723
724 Mr. McKinney- What time does this start?

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726 Mr. Wilder- She says about 4:30 a.m. , but I'm asleep. We work
727 different schedules – I work around noon and she's a nurse so she goes in around 3:00
728 p.m. and gets off at 11:00 p.m.
729
730 Mr. Wright- Anyone else desire to speak in opposition?
731
732 Ms. Louise Wilder- My name is Louise Wilder. I'm the property owner. My big
733 concern is the same as his – the smell, the snakes, and the flies.
734
735 Mr. Blankinship- You're the owner of 1414 Cold Blvd?
736
737 Ms. Wilder- I am, and I rent to my son.
738
739 Mr. Wright- How long have you owned the property?
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741 Ms. Wilder- Since July 2003. And I did know it was a snake problem
742 because when the man moved, he was a friend of mine, he informed me that there was
743 a snake problem in the garage.
744
745 Mr. Wright- Have you ever tried to take some action to get rid of the
746 snakes?
747
748 Ms. Wilder- No.
749
750 Mr. Wright- There must be someone who's qualified to do that...not me,
751 but somebody.
752
753 Ms. Wilder- I don't go in there either. It is the emptiest garage in the
754 neighborhood.
755
756 Mr. McKinney- Do you think the flies are coming from the chickens?
757
758 Ms. Wilder- Oh, I would say so – well, it smells.
759
760 Mr. McKinney- How about the pigeons?
761
762 Ms. Wilder- I don't have any idea.
763
764 Mr. Kirkland- Are there flies in the yard when you go outside?
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766 Ms. Wilder- There are just lots of flies.
767
768 Mr. Kirkland- All the time...summer, fall?
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770 Ms. Wilder- It is usually worse this time of year. They start and get
771 worse. I know that in my house in Ashland, I haven't seen the first one this year. But
772 I've seen lots of flies in that location already. It must have something to do with it.
773
774 Ms. Dwyer- Can you talk to us about the smell?
775
776 Ms. Wilder- It is a bad smell.
777
778 Ms. Dwyer- All the time?
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780 Ms. Wilder- Most of the time...it isn't pleasant.
781
782 Mr. Wright- OK, is there anything else?
783
784 Ms. Wilder- They don't just crow in the morning. We assumed they did.
785 She can tell you more about when they crow.
786
787 Mr. Wright- Anyone else desire to speak?
788
789 Mr. Wilder- Can I say just one more thing? So the pigeons are
790 separate?
791
792 Mr. Wright- Yes.
793
794 Mr. Wilder- So what's the Ordinance on the pigeons? The flies are my
795 main problem. If it is coming from the pigeons, what steps do I have to take?
796
797 Mr. McKinney- He has a permit for the pigeons. For 75.
798
799 Mr. Wright- They're supposed to keep the roost clean.
800
801 Mr. McKinney- Do you have the minutes on that Mr. Blankinship?
802
803 Mr. Blankinship- Yes. One of the conditions – "the pigeon lofts shall be kept
804 in a clean, sanitary condition at all times and shall not be permitted to come a nuisance
805 to the surrounding properties." The other is about the "no more than 75 birds at one
806 time."
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808 Mr. Wright- If the pigeon lofts are not kept clean, then they're in violation
809 of the permit.
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811 Mr. McKinney- Have they become a nuisance?
812
813 Mr. Wilder- I don't know much about agriculture and flies, I just know we
814 have flies and they're coming from there, I assume.
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816 Mr. McKinney- Mr. Wilder, do you know the people at 1415?
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818 Mr. Wilder- No, I don't.
819
820 Mr. McKinney- How about 1417?
821
822 Mr. Wilder- I've spoken to them on several occasions.
823
824 Mr. McKinney- Because he's got signatures here that these people don't
825 have any problem with it. I wonder if they have a fly problem?
826
827 Mr. Wilder- I don't know, but they don't live right next door, I do.
828
829 Mr. McKinney- Well, someone's got to live on the other side.
830
831 Mr. Wilder- If you want to come by the house, feel free.
832
833 Mr. Wright- Anyone else desire to speak? Now we'll hear the rebuttal
834 from the applicant. Mr. Glazebrook you can respond to what they've said.
835
836 Mr. Glazebrook- They might get the flies in their house because they don't
837 have any screen doors on the house and they leave the door wide open. The snakes,
838 they don't come over to my area for the eggs, because I get the eggs up everyday. The
839 snakes have been there for years.
840
841 The people behind me, they have a swimming pool, and they signed the note. It did
842 smell a little last year because I got carried away with the chickens, but I got rid of them
843 and I'm not going to have them again. I've just got a few bantams that I want to take to
844 the shows.
845
846 Mr. McKinney- Do you have any flies?
847
848 Mr. Glazebrook- No, I don't have any flies.
849
850 Mr. McKinney- You say there are no screens on the adjacent properties?
851
852 Ms. Dwyer- Do you have any **[unintelligible]** permits for the chickens?
853
854 Mr. Glazebrook- No.
855
856 Mr. Wright- Anything else? Someone else wants to speak?
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858 Ms. Edith Glazebrook- We don't have flies in the house. We have them outside, but
859 they're not inside our house. We have screens. We have brand new windows on our
860 house. When they bought that piece of property they told the previous owner they didn't
861 mind the chickens. The chickens were fine.

862 My husband and son love those animals...I work all day long. My husband is home all
863 day long now because he's on disability. My son is at home during the day – he works
864 at night. He doesn't run around, he doesn't drink, he doesn't smoke. He doesn't have
865 a girlfriend because he doesn't want one. But that's none of my business or their
866 business either. They wake us up at 3:00 a.m. out in the yard running around the
867 house. They make as much noise as the chickens do. They're a bunch a drunks over
868 there at 3:00 a.m. , and I want that stopped.
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870 Mr. Wright- That doesn't come before us, all you have to do is talk to the
871 police. Thank you very much...that concludes the case.
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873 After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Mr. McKinney, seconded by Mr.
874 Kirkland, the Board **denied** application **A-52-2004** for variance to keep chickens at 1418
875 Cole Boulevard (Tax Parcel 781-763-7868).
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877 Affirmative:	Dwyer, Kirkland, McKinney, Nunnaly, Wright	5
878 Negative:		0
879 Absent:		0

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881 The Board denied the request as it found from the evidence presented that approving
882 the permit would be of substantial detriment to adjacent property and would materially
883 impair the purpose of the zoning regulations.
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885 **A-53-2004** **JEFF AND CARLA SAMFORD** request a variance from
886 Section 24-94 of Chapter 24 of the County Code to build a
887 screened porch on the existing deck at 6104 Inkberry Place
888 (Shady Ridge) (Parcel 744-778-2531), zoned R-3C, One-
889 family Residence District (Conditional) (Three Chopt). The
890 rear yard setback is not met. The applicants have 37 feet
891 rear yard setback, where the Code requires 40 feet rear yard
892 setback. The applicants request a variance of 3 feet rear
893 yard setback.
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895 Mr. Wright- Is there anyone else here who desires to speak with
896 reference to this case? Please raise your right hand and be sworn.
897

898 Mr. Blankinship- Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the
899 whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?
900

901 Mr. Jeff Samford- I do. I have some pictures here as well.
902

903 We moved in the house in November of 2000. We attempted to have a screened porch
904 put in the back of the deck, and we were too late getting to the construction crew. The
905 reason we want to do this is because we have a BMP in the back and it is an eyesore
906 and mosquito haven. We can't go out back from 4:00 until dark. We have two children
907 and they get eaten up by mosquitoes. We have approval from the HOA. The County

908 has come out to the BMP and advised the HOA that they need to do something
909 because of the mosquito larvae, but we're having a tough time getting the funds raised
910 to do the project.

911
912 Mr. Wright- I think that since that is within your subdivision, I suspect
913 your HOA is responsible for doing something.

914
915 Mr. Samford- Individually, we buy mosquito donuts. But it doesn't seem to
916 do a whole lot. The existing deck runs the length of the house, and what we're trying to
917 do is take about half the deck and enclose it. It won't stick out any further in terms of
918 width.

919
920 Mr. Wright- Any questions from members of the Board? Anyone in
921 opposition? That concludes the case.

922
923 After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr.
924 McKinney, the Board **approved** application **A-53-2004** for variance to construct a
925 screened porch at 6104 Inkberry Place (Tax Parcel 744-778-2531). The approval is
926 subject to the following conditions:

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928 Affirmative: Dwyer, Kirkland, McKinney, Nunnaly, Wright 5
929 Negative: 0
930 Absent: 0

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932 1. The new construction shall match the existing dwelling as nearly as practical.
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934 2. The property shall be developed in substantial conformance with the plan filed
935 with the application. No substantial changes or additions to the layout may be made
936 without the approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

937
938 The Board approved the request as it found from the evidence presented that approving
939 the permit would not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property nor would
940 materially impair the purpose of the zoning regulations.

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942 **A-54-2004** **ROBERT W. VESELY** requests a variance from Section 24-
943 9 of Chapter 24 of the County Code to build a one-family
944 dwelling at 3000 Chiles Road (Greenwood Acres) (Parcel
945 773-775-9002), zoned A-1, Agricultural District (Brookland).
946 The public street frontage requirement is not met. The
947 applicant has 0 feet public street frontage, where the Code
948 requires 50 feet public street frontage. The applicant
949 requests a variance of 50 feet public street frontage.

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951 Mr. Wright- Is there anyone else here who desires to speak with
952 reference to this case? Please raise your right hand and be sworn.

953

954 Mr. Blankinship- Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the
955 whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

956
957 Mr. Robert Vesely- I do. I bought this property in 1990. My hopes were that
958 water and sewer would be run on Chiles Road, and that I could give some land to each
959 daughter to build a house on. There's no water and sewer and I've got a drainage are
960 on the west side. The only way to do it to permit both daughters to build there is to
961 eliminate the road frontage and split the lot.

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963 Mr. Wright- How would you access this property?

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965 Mr. Vesely- When I spoke with the County folks about what was
966 required, I was under the assumption that there was 100 foot of road frontage required.
967 When I got your staff report I found 50' – if I took 50' off the west side of the property
968 that abuts my line I could redraw this to have 50' access that back property. If that's all
969 that's required.

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971 Mr. Blankinship- That would get you around the road frontage requirement,
972 but you'd still need 150 feet of lot width measured at the setback line.

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974 Mr. Wright- You'll still need a variance.

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976 Mr. Blankinship- You could divide it side by side and go straight back.

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978 Mr. Vesely- Except, when you look at what I submitted, west of the creek
979 is the lowest part of the property – it is more a drainage area. Yesterday, there was no
980 water in it, today there probably is.

981
982 Mr. Wright- So that's a creek that runs through the property?

983
984 Mr. Vesely- I'd call it a 6" deep drainage. I cut it with my lawnmower, at
985 times.

986
987 Mr. Blankinship- So why would that prohibit you from dividing the property
988 that way?

989
990 Mr. Vesely- Just west of that, if I draw it so that there's 150' of frontage, I
991 would have a lot of problems with sewage.

992
993 Mr. Blankinship- Could you get an engineered system? They do different
994 kinds.

995
996 Mr. Vesely- I'm probably looking at an alternative system the way it is
997 drawn now. I can't image what the cost would be to have a sewage treatment system
998 installed there?

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1000 Mr. Blankinship- Have you had a perc test done?
1001
1002 Mr. Vesely- I had the County coming out in the snow this winter, and I
1003 was there for about 20 holes. It looks like we're right on the border of a standard
1004 system. I'll probably need a pump.
1005
1006 Ms. Dwyer- The way the drainage area looks on your plat, it looks like it
1007 more nearly bisects the property than it does on the photo.
1008
1009 Mr. Vesely- I agree.
1010
1011 Ms. Dwyer- If it were more in the middle, it would make more sense to
1012 divide it.
1013
1014 Mr. Vesely- When the surveyor comes out the property lines are what's
1015 important. They just probably drew the creek in where they thought it was.
1016
1017 There was a map that I presented with my request. Anything west of the drainage is
1018 very low.
1019
1020 Mr. Wright- What do you propose to do to access the lot in the rear?
1021 Something along the east property line?
1022
1023 Mr. Vesely- No, sir. It will be best if it is along the west. I couldn't waste
1024 any potential drainfield area on the east side. So I'll probably come in on the west and
1025 build a bridge over the drainage area.
1026
1027 Mr. Wright- Have you read the suggested conditions?
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1029 Mr. Vesely- Yes, sir.
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1031 Mr. Wright- I just wanted to make sure.
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1033 Mr. Vesely- Oh, I've got a lot of hurdles to get over to make this work.
1034
1035 Mr. Wright- Any questions from members of the Board? Anyone in
1036 opposition to this request? Hearing none, that concludes the case.
1037
1038 After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Mr. Kirkland, seconded by Mr.
1039 McKinney, the Board **approved** application **A-54-2004** for variance to construct a one
1040 family dwelling at 3000 Chiles Road (Tax Parcel 773-775-9002). The approval is
1041 subject to the following conditions:
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1043 Affirmative: Dwyer, Kirkland, McKinney, Nunnaly, Wright 5
1044 Negative: 0
1045 Absent: 0

- 1046
1047 1. This variance applies only to the public street frontage requirement. All other
1048 applicable regulations of the County Code shall remain in force.
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1050 2. At the time of building permit application, the applicant shall submit the
1051 necessary information to the Department of Public Works to ensure compliance with the
1052 requirements of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act and the code requirements for
1053 water quality standards.
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1055 3. Approval of this request does not imply that a building permit will be issued.
1056 Building permit approval is contingent on Health Department requirements, including,
1057 but not limited to, soil evaluation for a septic drainfield and reserve area, and approval
1058 of a well location.
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1060 4. The applicant shall present proof with the building permit application that a legal
1061 access to the property has been obtained.
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1063 5. The applicant shall present proof with the building permit application that a public
1064 utility easement has been recorded for the properties.
1065
1066 6. The applicant shall apply for, and receive, Planning Commission approval for the
1067 proposed lot division within one (1) year of this approval.
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1069 The Board approved the request as it found from the evidence presented that approving
1070 the permit would not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property nor would
1071 materially impair the purpose of the zoning regulations.
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1073 **A-55-2004**

BOBBY AND PHYLLIS POORE request a variance from
Sections 24-95(c)(4) and (1) of Chapter 24 of the County
Code to build a covered front porch at 7109 Walford Avenue
(Fort Hill) (Parcel 764-744-0521), zoned R-3, One-family
Residence District (Three Chopt). The front yard setback
and minimum side yard setback are not met. The applicants
have 32 feet front yard setback and 5 feet minimum side
yard setback, where the Code requires 35 feet front yard
setback and 7 feet minimum side yard setback. The
applicants request a variance of 3 feet front yard setback
and 2 feet minimum side yard setback.

1085 Mr. Wright- Where are they?
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1087 Mr. Blankinship- Mr. Chairman, this was a case that involved a building line
1088 on the plat, and the staff report mentions the need for a vacation of the building line.
1089 We were asked by the Administration to send those requests to the Board of
1090 Supervisors before they were heard by the BZA – to handle the vacation request first.
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1092 There was a Board meeting this week that they were hoping to be heard at, but they
1093 didn't make it onto the agenda. I believe it is necessary for the BZA to defer this case
1094 until that vacation can be addressed.

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1096 On a motion by Mr. Kirkland, seconded by Mr. McKinney, the Board **deferred**
1097 application **A-55-2004** for variance to construct a covered porch at 7109 Walford
1098 Avenue (Tax Parcel 764-744-0521), from the May 27, 2004 meeting to the June 24,
1099 2004 meeting.

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1101 Affirmative: Dwyer, Kirkland, McKinney, Nunnaly, Wright 5

1102 Negative: 0

1103 Absent: 0

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1105 **A-56-2004** **MURLE L. VAUGHAN, JR.** requests a variance from
1106 Section 24-94 of Chapter 24 of the County Code to build an
1107 addition at 10815 Westek Drive (Cross Keys) (Parcel 747-
1108 755-4091), zoned R-3, One-family Residence District (Three
1109 Chopt). The rear yard setback is not met. The applicant has
1110 27 feet rear yard setback, where the Code requires 40 feet
1111 rear yard setback. The applicant requests a variance of 13
1112 feet rear yard setback.

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1114 Mr. Wright- Is there anyone else here who desires to speak with
1115 reference to this case? Please raise your right hand and be sworn.

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1117 Mr. Blankinship- Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the
1118 whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

1119

1120 Mr. Murle L. Vaughan, Jr.- I do. My wife and I are proposing to add a first floor master
1121 bedroom on the back of the house. We were originally going to put the addition on the
1122 middle of the house, but my wife changed her mind. We plan to move the addition over
1123 to the end of the house and not encroach into the rear yard. We won't go out any
1124 further than originally proposed. After that, we plan on putting a new screened porch
1125 and deck.

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1127 Mr. Wright- Was that on the original application, Mr. Blankinship?

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1129 Mr. Blankinship- No, sir.

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1131 Mr. Wright- Then what you're coming up with is something different than
1132 what was originally proposed, is that right?

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1134 Mr. Vaughan- Yes, sir.

1135

1136 Mr. Wright- How does that effect the notice?

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1138 Mr. Blankinship- It sounds like we're changing the application.
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1140 Mr. Wright- I don't see how we can hear it if you've changed it from what
1141 you originally proposed.
1142
1143 Mr. Vaughan- Yes, sir.
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1145 Mr. Wright- I'd like to defer it 'til next month.
1146
1147 On a motion by Mr. McKinney, seconded by Mr. Kirkland, the Board **deferred**
1148 application **A-56-2004** for variance to construct an addition at 10815 Westek Drive (Tax
1149 Parcel 747-755-4091), from the May 27, 2004 meeting to the June 24, 2004 meeting.
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1151 Affirmative: Dwyer, Kirkland, McKinney, Nunnally, Wright 5
1152 Negative: 0
1153 Absent: 0
1154
1155 **UP-13-2004 VULCAN CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, L. P.** requests a
1156 conditional use permit pursuant to Sections 24-103 and 24-
1157 52(d) of Chapter 24 of the County Code to extract materials
1158 from the earth at 4721 Curles Neck Road (Parcel 836-667-
1159 5251), zoned A-1, Agricultural District (Varina).
1160
1161 Mr. Wright- Is there anyone else here who desires to speak with
1162 reference to this case? Please raise your right hand and be sworn.
1163
1164 Mr. Blankinship- Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the
1165 whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?
1166
1167 Mr. Monty Lewis- I do. I'm with Lewis and Associates, representing the
1168 applicant.
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1170 Strawberry West is a site we've had previous approval on and we've done some
1171 excavation. Some is still under agricultural use. This is for a renewal of that.
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1173 We also have a determination from the Corps and DEQ that we can disturb the
1174 wetlands that were previously in the middle of this area. The Corps ruled that these are
1175 not jurisdictional wetlands, so they have nothing to do with them. DEQ's permit to
1176 disturb the wetlands is coming.
1177
1178 The area you see cross-hatched is the area that has been worked in.
1179
1180 Mr. Nunnally- This is the identical operation that's been going on for years?
1181
1182 Mr. Lewis- Yes, sir.
1183

1184 Mr. Nunnally- You don't use the public roads, do you?
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1186 Mr. Lewis- No, sir. I would like to bring out one condition that we'd like
1187 to remove – that's condition number 11. This condition is standard, but because it is an
1188 active agricultural farm, the condition doesn't allow us to farm the area efficiently. We'd
1189 like it removed.
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1191 Mr. Wright- You don't use those gates?
1192
1193 Mr. Lewis- Not at all – all the material goes to barges at the river.
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1195 Mr. Wright- Is that condition used when you use those gates for access?
1196
1197 Mr. Blankinship- It is a standard condition for extraction sites, but I don't know
1198 if it has ever been on Curles Neck before.
1199
1200 Mr. Lewis- It hasn't been on any of the other sites. It did turn up in a
1201 staff report before, but the Board removed it.
1202
1203 Ms. Dwyer- Is this gravel?
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1205 Mr. Lewis- Sand and gravel.
1206
1207 Mr. Wright- Anything further? Anyone here in opposition? Hearing
1208 none, that concludes the case.
1209
1210 After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Ms. Dwyer, seconded by Mr.
1211 Kirkland, the Board **approved** application **UP-13-2004** for a permit to extract materials
1212 from the earth at 4721 Curles Neck Road (Tax Parcel 836-667-5251). The approval is
1213 subject to the following conditions:
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1215 Affirmative: Dwyer, Kirkland, McKinney, Nunnaly, Wright 5
1216 Negative: 0
1217 Absent: 0
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1219 1. This use permit is subject to all requirements of Section 24-103 of Chapter 24 of
1220 the County Code.
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1222 2. Before beginning any work, the applicant shall provide a financial guaranty in an
1223 amount of \$2,000 per acre for each acre of land to be disturbed, for a total of \$274,820,
1224 guaranteeing that the land will be restored to a reasonably level and drainable condition.
1225 This permit does not become valid until the financial guaranty has been approved by the
1226 County Attorney. The financial guaranty may provide for termination after 90 days
1227 notice in writing to the County. In the event of termination, this permit shall be void, and
1228 work incident thereto shall cease. Within the next 90 days the applicant shall restore
1229 the land as provided for under the conditions of this use permit. Termination of such

1230 financial guaranty shall not relieve the applicant from its obligation to indemnify the
1231 County of Henrico for any breach of the conditions of this use permit. If this condition is
1232 not satisfied within 90 days of approval, the use permit shall be void.
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1234 3. Before beginning any work, the applicant shall submit erosion control plans to the
1235 Department of Public Works for review and approval. Throughout the life of the
1236 operation, the applicant shall continuously satisfy the Department of Public Works that
1237 erosion control procedures are properly maintained, and shall furnish plans and bonds
1238 that the department deems necessary. The applicant shall provide certification from a
1239 licensed professional engineer that dams, embankments and sediment control
1240 structures meet the approved design criteria as set forth by the State. If this condition is
1241 not satisfied within 90 days of approval, the use permit shall be void.
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1243 4. Before beginning any work, the applicant shall obtain a mine license from the
1244 Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy. If this condition is not satisfied
1245 within 90 days of approval, the use permit shall be void.
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1247 5. Before beginning any work, the areas approved for mining under this permit shall
1248 be delineated on the ground by five-foot-high metal posts at least five inches in diameter
1249 and painted in alternate one foot stripes of red and white. These posts shall be so
1250 located as to clearly define the area in which the mining is permitted. They shall be
1251 located, and their location certified, by a certified land surveyor. If this condition is not
1252 satisfied within 90 days of approval, the use permit shall be void.
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1254 6. In the event that the Board's approval of this use permit is appealed, all
1255 conditions requiring action within 90 days will be deemed satisfied if the required actions
1256 are taken within 90 days of final action on the appeal.
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1258 7. The applicant shall comply with the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act and all
1259 state and local regulations administered under such act applicable to the property, and
1260 shall furnish to the Planning Office copies of all reports required by such act or
1261 regulations.
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1263 8. Hours of operation shall be from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. when Daylight Savings
1264 Time is in effect, and from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at all other times.
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1266 9. No operations of any kind are to be conducted at the site on Sundays or national
1267 holidays.
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1269 10. All materials shall be shipped over the applicant's rights of way to the James
1270 River as outlined on the map filed with the application.
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1274 12. The applicant shall post and maintain a sign at the entrance to the mining site
1275 stating the name of the operator, the use permit number, the mine license number, and

1276 the telephone number of the operator. The sign shall be 12 square feet in area and the
1277 letters shall be three inches high.

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1279 13. All roads used in connection with this use permit shall be effectively treated with
1280 calcium chloride or other wetting agents to eliminate any dust nuisance.

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1282 14. The applicant shall maintain the property, fences, and roads in a safe and secure
1283 condition indefinitely, or convert the property to some other safe use.

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1285 15. If, in the course of its preliminary investigation or operations, the applicant
1286 discovers evidence of cultural or historical resources, or an endangered species, or a
1287 significant habitat, it shall notify appropriate authorities and provide them with an
1288 opportunity to investigate the site. The applicant shall report the results of any such
1289 investigation to the Planning Office.

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1291 16. If water wells located on surrounding properties are adversely affected, and the
1292 extraction operations on this site are suspected as the cause, the effected property
1293 owners may present to the Board evidence that the extraction operation is a contributing
1294 factor. After a hearing by the Board, this use permit may be revoked or suspended, and
1295 the operator may be required to correct the problem.

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1297 17. Open and vertical excavations having a depth of 10 feet or more, for a period of
1298 more than 30 days, shall be effectively sloped to a 2:1 slope or flatter to protect the
1299 public safety.

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1301 18. Topsoil shall not be removed from any part of the property outside of the area in
1302 which mining is authorized. Sufficient topsoil shall be stockpiled on the property for
1303 respreading in a layer with five inches of minimum depth. All topsoil shall be stockpiled
1304 within the authorized mining area and provided with adequate erosion control
1305 protection. If the site does not yield sufficient topsoil, additional topsoil shall be brought
1306 to the site to provide the required five-inch layer of cover. All topsoil shall be treated
1307 with a mixture of seed, fertilizer, and lime as recommended by the County after soil
1308 tests have been provided to the County.

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1310 19. No offsite-generated materials shall be deposited on the mining site without prior
1311 written approval of the Director of Planning. To obtain such approval, the operator shall
1312 submit a request stating the origin, nature and quantity of material to be deposited, and
1313 certifying that no contaminated or hazardous material will be included. The material to
1314 be deposited on the site shall be limited to imperishable materials such as stone, bricks,
1315 tile, sand, gravel, soil, asphalt, concrete and like materials, and shall not include any
1316 hazardous materials as defined by the Virginia Hazardous Waste Management
1317 Regulations.

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1319 20. A superintendent, who shall be personally familiar with all the terms and
1320 conditions of Section 24-103 of Chapter 24 of the County Code, as well as the terms
1321 and conditions of this use permit, shall be present at the beginning and conclusion of

1322 operations each work day to see that all the conditions of the Code and this use permit
1323 are observed.

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1325 21. A progress report shall be submitted to the Board on June 30, 2005. This
1326 progress report must contain information concerning how much property has been
1327 mined to date of the report, the amount of land left to be mined, how much rehabilitation
1328 has been performed, when and how the remaining amount of land will be rehabilitated,
1329 and any other pertinent information about the operation that would be helpful to the
1330 Board.

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1332 22. Excavation shall be discontinued by June 30, 2006, and restoration
1333 accomplished by not later than June 30, 2007, unless a new permit is granted by the
1334 Board of Zoning Appeals.

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1336 23. The rehabilitation of the property shall take place simultaneously with the mining
1337 process. Rehabilitation shall not be considered completed until the mined area is
1338 covered completely with permanent vegetation.

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1340 24. All drainage and erosion and sediment control measures shall conform to the
1341 standards and specifications of the Mineral Mining Manual Drainage Handbook. Any
1342 drainage structures in place prior to October 14, 1992 and which do not conform to the
1343 Mineral Mining Manual Drainage Handbook may remain in place until such time as any
1344 reconstruction is required at which time said structures shall be brought into
1345 conformance with the Mineral Mining Manual Drainage Handbook.

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1347 25. Failure to comply with any of the foregoing conditions shall automatically void this
1348 permit.

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1350 The Board approved the request as it found from the evidence presented that approving
1351 the permit would not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property nor would
1352 materially impair the purpose of the zoning regulations.

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1354 Mr. Wright- The Board will take a 10-minute recess until we hear the
1355 10:00 a.m. docket.

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1357 ***The Board reconvened-***

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1359 Mr. Wright- Mr. Secretary, are there any deferrals?

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1361 Mr. Blankinship- Yes, sir. The last case.

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1363 Mr. Wright- Is there anyone here in opposition to the deferral?

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1365 Mr. Andy Condlin- Mr. Wright, I'd like to request a 90 day deferral, as this is tied
1366 to a zoning case. Staff is encouraging us to do the zoning first, and if we get the
1367 requested zoning we may not even need the variance.

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A-60-2004

JOSEPH P. MARCHETTI, JR. requests a variance from Section 24-94 of Chapter 24 of the County Code to allow the existing building to remain at 3301 Church Road (Parcel 746-757-7922), zoned A-1, Agricultural District (Three Chopt). The minimum side yard setback is not met. The applicant has 7 feet minimum side yard setback, where the Code requires 20 feet minimum side yard setback. The applicant requests a variance of 13 feet minimum side yard setback.

On a motion by Mr. McKinney, seconded by Mr. Nunnally, the Board **deferred** application **A-60-2004** for variance to allow the existing building to remain at 3301 Church Road (Tax Parcel 746-757-7922), from the May 27, 2004 meeting to the August 26, 2004 meeting.

Affirmative:	Dwyer, Kirkland, McKinney, Nunnally, Wright	5
Negative:		0
Absent:		0

Mr. Wright- Mr. Secretary, would you read the rules for anyone new.

Mr. Blankinship - Good morning, Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board, ladies and gentlemen. The rules for this meeting are as follows. As Secretary, I will call each case. Then at that time the applicant should come down to the podium. I will then ask all those who intend to speak, in favor or in opposition to the case, to stand and be sworn in. The applicants will then present their testimony. After the applicant has finished, anyone else who intends to speak will be given the opportunity. After everyone has spoken, the applicant, and only the applicant, will be given the opportunity for rebuttal. After hearing the case, and asking questions, the Board will take the matter under advisement. They will make all of their decisions at the end of the meeting. If you wish to know their decision on a specific case, you can either stay until the end of the meeting, or you can call the Planning Office later this afternoon, or you can check the Planning Office website. This meeting is being tape recorded, so we will ask everyone to speak directly into the microphone on the podium, and to state your name, and please spell your last name for the record. And finally, out in the foyer, there are two binders that contain the staff report for each case, including the conditions that have been recommended by the staff.

A-57-2004

THIRU G. SRIRAM requests a variance from Section 24-94 of Chapter 24 of the County Code to build a garage and front porch at 5621 Eagle Lake Drive (Elinor Springs) (Parcel 756-768-7439), zoned R-3C, One-family Residence District (Conditional) (Brookland). The front yard setback and rear yard setback are not met. The applicant has 34 feet front yard setback and 25 feet rear yard setback, where the Code

1414 requires 40 feet front yard setback and 40 feet rear yard
1415 setback. The applicant requests a variance of 6 feet front
1416 yard setback and 15 feet rear yard setback.
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1418 Mr. Wright- Is there anyone else here who desires to speak with
1419 reference to this case? Please raise your right hand and be sworn.
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1421 Mr. Blankinship- Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the
1422 whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?
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1424 Mr. Thiru Sriram- I do. We built this house in 2002, and at that time we were
1425 not aware of the limitations of the lot. We asked the builder about the addition of a
1426 garage and he said that upon completion of the house we could apply to the County for
1427 a variance and build the garage.
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1429 The shape of our lot is somewhat odd. The plat shows that there is a severe limitation
1430 for me to meet the County requirements for the garage. We have consulted our
1431 neighbors, and one has given us a letter of support.
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1433 We have quite a bit of land on the right side of the house and when we add the garage it
1434 will give fullness to the neighborhood and make it look nice.
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1436 Mr. Wright- It looks like you have an odd shaped lot. Will the porch
1437 extend across the entire front of the house?
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1439 Mr. Sriram- I have contacted one builder and asked for suggestions.
1440 That is one thing I'm thinking of – adding a porch in line with the front of the garage.
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1442 Mr. Wright- Does the garage also violate the front yard setback, or just
1443 the porch?
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1445 Mr. Blankinship- It isn't clear on the drawings.
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1447 Mr. Sriram- I believe I need 5 feet variance on the front.
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1449 Mr. Wright- You need 40 feet setback from the cul-de-sac. It looks like
1450 the garage will violate it.
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1452 Mr. Kirkland- Mr. Blankinship, did they get a variance to build this house?
1453 It says they got a variance in 2003 and the house was built in 2002? Did they wait
1454 around a year?
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1456 Mr. Wright- Where did you see that?
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1458 Mr. Kirkland- On page 2 of 3. We've already given them a variance to
1459 build the house.

1460 Mr. Sriram- The builder may have requested the variance because the
1461 house was not meeting the rear setback. We did get a utility easement behind our
1462 house vacated last year.
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1464 Mr. Kirkland- So they vacated a utility easement behind the house.
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1466 Mr. Wright- What is to the rear of your property?
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1468 Mr. Sriram- The proposed new Springfield Road is supposed to come
1469 there.
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1471 Mr. Wright- So this won't impact any houses?
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1473 Mr. Sriram- No.
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1475 Ms. Dwyer- Some of the numbers don't seem to fit. According to the
1476 plat, there's 34.7 foot distance between the corner of your house and the property line.
1477 The other drawing says the corner of the garage will be 35 feet. It looks like from your
1478 drawing that the garage will be closer, which would make the setback less than 34 feet,
1479 and not more.
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1481 Mr. Sriram- Let me explain this. I fall short by approximately 15 feet, of
1482 the required 40 rear yard setback if I add the garage.
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1484 Ms. Dwyer- So that would be 25 feet? Oh, that's a "25" and not a "35?"
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1486 Mr. Sriram- Yes. I'd like to add that once I get the variance, there will not
1487 be a substantial alteration and everything will match. If I should choose not to build the
1488 porch, is that a substantial alteration? Do I need to come back?
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1490 Mr. Blankinship- I'd say that if it is approved, and you choose not to build it,
1491 that's fine.
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1493 Mr. Dwyer- Mr. Secretary, how do you measure the distance from the
1494 garage to the cul-de-sac, given the angle? It is not clear to me that a variance is
1495 needed for the garage.
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1497 Mr. Blankinship- Nearest corner of the garage to the nearest point of the
1498 street.
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1500 Mr. Wright- I think it is just the corner that's the problem.
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1502 Mr. Blankinship- It may be just the front porch.
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1504 Mr. Wright- Anyone else here to speak? Any opposition? Hearing none,
1505 that concludes the case.

1506 After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Mr. Kirkland, seconded by Mr.
1507 McKinney, the Board **approved** application **A-57-2004** for variance to construct a front
1508 porch and garage at 5621 Eagle Lake Drive (Tax Parcel 756-768-7439). The approval
1509 is subject to the following conditions:

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1511 Affirmative: Dwyer, Kirkland, McKinney, Nunnaly, Wright 5
1512 Negative: 0
1513 Absent: 0

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1515 1. The new construction shall match the existing dwelling as nearly as practical.
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1517 2. The property shall be developed in substantial conformance with the plan filed
1518 with the application. No substantial changes or additions to the layout may be made
1519 without the approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

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1521 The Board approved the request as it found from the evidence presented that approving
1522 the permit would not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property nor would
1523 materially impair the purpose of the zoning regulations.

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1525 **A-58-2004** **DONALD TALLEY** requests a variance from Section 24-9 of
1526 Chapter 24 of the County Code to build a one-family dwelling
1527 at 426 Evanrude Lane (Parcel 833-722-5464), zoned A-1,
1528 Agricultural District (Varina). The public street frontage
1529 requirement is not met. The applicant has 0 feet public street
1530 frontage, where the Code requires 50 feet public street
1531 frontage. The applicant requests a variance of 50 street
1532 public road frontage.

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1534 Mr. Wright- Is there anyone else here who desires to speak with
1535 reference to this case? Please raise your right hand and be sworn.

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1537 Mr. Blankinship- Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the
1538 whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

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1540 Mr. Donald Talley- I do. I was given this land by my mother in 1967. At the
1541 time, it was subdivided by a different owner, and I don't remember the circumstances,
1542 but he came back and said 'my plans aren't going to work out, do you want your money
1543 back?' My mother said, "no, we'll just hold on to it." He had already sold several lots on
1544 this road. His wife later sold the property.

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1546 I left Henrico in 1982, and in 1987 the subdivision was put in and they moved the road.
1547 I now own a lot that's land-locked and I can't do it. I've paid taxes on it for nearly 40
1548 years and I'd like to do something with it.

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1550 Mr. Wright- You have 1 acre?

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1552 Mr. Talley- Yes, sir.
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1554 Mr. Wright- Have you read the conditions suggested for the case?
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1556 Mr. Talley- No, I haven't.
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1558 Mr. Wright- If it is approved, it would be approved subject to them.
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1560 Mr. Talley- I've had a soil scientist do a study of it, and it has already
1561 passed a perc test in three places, for a three bedroom dwelling. I've had it surveyed.
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1563 Mr. McKinney- What we're asking is whether you've read the conditions and
1564 understand them.
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1566 Mr. Talley- Oh, yes, I misunderstood. I don't have a problem with them.
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1568 Mr. Wright- Is there anyone here in opposition? Hearing none, that
1569 concludes the case.
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1571 After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Mr. Nunnaly, seconded by Mr.
1572 McKinney, the Board **approved** application **A-58-2004** for variance to construct a one
1573 family dwelling at 426 Evanrude Lane (Tax Parcel 833-722-5464). The approval is
1574 subject to the following conditions:
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1576 Affirmative: Dwyer, Kirkland, McKinney, Nunnaly, Wright 5
1577 Negative: 0
1578 Absent: 0
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1580 1. This variance applies only to the public street frontage requirement. All other
1581 applicable regulations of the County Code shall remain in force.
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1583 2. At the time of building permit application, the applicant shall submit the
1584 necessary information to the Department of Public Works to ensure compliance with the
1585 requirements of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act and the code requirements for
1586 water quality standards.
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1588 3. Approval of this request does not imply that a building permit will be issued.
1589 Building permit approval is contingent on Health Department requirements, including,
1590 but not limited to, soil evaluation for a septic drainfield and reserve area, and approval
1591 of a well location.
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1593 4. The owners of the property, and their heirs or assigns, shall accept responsibility
1594 for maintaining access to the property until such a time as the access is improved to
1595 County standards and accepted into the County road system for maintenance.
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1597 The Board approved the request as it found from the evidence presented that approving

1598 the permit would not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property nor would
1599 materially impair the purpose of the zoning regulations.

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1601 **A-59-2004** **STEPHEN AND KIM WINSTON** request a variance from
1602 Section 24-94 of Chapter 24 of the County Code to build an
1603 addition at 5716 Shady Mill Way (Shady Mill at Millstone)
1604 (Parcel 737-778-6183), zoned R-3C, One-family Residence
1605 District (Conditional) (Three Chopt). The rear yard setback is
1606 not met. The applicants have 35 feet rear yard setback,
1607 where the Code requires 40 feet rear yard setback. The
1608 applicants request a variance of 5 feet rear yard setback.

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1610 Mr. Wright- Is there anyone else here who desires to speak with
1611 reference to this case? Please raise your right hand and be sworn.

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1613 Mr. Blankinship- Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give is the
1614 whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

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1616 Mr. Stephen Winston- I do. Thank you for hearing our request. My wife and I
1617 would like to build an addition on the rear of our residence. It will require a 5 foot
1618 variance to the rear yard setback.

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1620 This addition is going to be 20 x 15, and will not extend past an existing deck. There
1621 are other properties behind us, however; it will still be a significant distance to the
1622 nearest house – approximately 75 feet. We have selected a builder that has built other
1623 additions, and we've submitted the plans to the HOA.

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1625 Mr. Wright- This will be a 2 story addition?

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1627 Mr. Winston- No, sir. One story.

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1629 Mr. Wright- Will the deck remain?

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1631 Mr. Winston- We'll have to remove a portion of it. But it won't be any
1632 further into the yard.

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1634 Mr. Wright- Will it match the existing house?

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1636 Mr. Winston- Yes, the foundation brick, siding, windows, and landscaping
1637 will all match.

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1639 Mr. Wright- Any questions from members of the Board? Anyone in
1640 opposition? Hearing none, that concludes the case.

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1642 After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Mr. Nunnally, seconded by Mr.
1643 McKinney, the Board **approved** application **A-59-2004** for variance to construct an

1644 addition at 5716 Shady Mill Way (Tax Parcel 737-778-6183). The approval is subject to
1645 the following conditions:

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1647 Affirmative: Dwyer, Kirkland, McKinney, Nunnally, Wright 5
1648 Negative: 0
1649 Absent: 0

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1651 1. The new construction shall match the existing dwelling as nearly as practical.
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1653 2. The property shall be developed in substantial conformance with the plan filed
1654 with the application. No substantial changes or additions to the layout may be made
1655 without the approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

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1657 The Board approved the request as it found from the evidence presented that approving
1658 the permit would not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property nor would
1659 materially impair the purpose of the zoning regulations.

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1661 **MINUTES APPROVED**

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1663 On a motion by Mr. McKinney, seconded by Mr. Kirkland, the Board **approved**
1664 the Minutes of the **October 23, 2003**, Henrico County Board of Zoning Appeals
1665 meeting. Ms. Dwyer abstained.

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1667 On a motion by Mr. Kirkland, seconded by Mr. Nunnally, the Board **approved** the
1668 Minutes of the **November 20, 2003**, Henrico County Board of Zoning Appeals
1669 meeting. Ms. Dwyer abstained.

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1671 **DISCUSSION OF BZA RULES OF PROCEDURE CHANGE**

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1673 Mr. Wright- Mr. Blankinship, you have something to discuss about
1674 a change in the rules?

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1676 Mr. Blankinship- Yes, sir. At our work session there was a question
1677 about the expiration of a variance after 1 year. The suggestion was made to
1678 change it to 2 years. When I looked at the rules, it reads "**All permits**
1679 **needed...**" I didn't realize that **all** permits required for the variance had to be
1680 obtained within 1 year, so I showed that language as struck out, but did not show
1681 you a substitute. I just wanted to get that on the table.

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1683 Mr. Wright- Give us some reasons...I can understand that
1684 circumstances change over time, but there needs to be a cutoff as to when the
1685 person needs to apply to carry out whatever they need. I don't know that a year
1686 is so magic. Has it proved difficult for folks?

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1688 Mr. Blankinship- I've seen, just in the past couple of years, that people
1689 are taking 11 or 13 months. Particularly when it has to go through a HOA,

1690 sometimes those get lengthy. They can request design changes, and in some
1691 cases it can take awhile. We don't gain anything by seeing those permits expire.
1692 There are cases, particularly like the one on Old Memorial this morning, where I
1693 can see that the Board doesn't want to be in the position of granting speculative
1694 variances, and so if there isn't any motion it may be to everyone's advantage to
1695 hold a second hearing. Particularly if there have been changes in the intervening
1696 time.

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1698 Mr. Wright- Is your suggestion that we change "1 year" to "2
1699 years?" and leave the other language alone?

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1701 Mr. Blankinship- I think that would be an improvement, but I don't know
1702 what you want to do with the other language. "All necessary permits..." There
1703 have been cases where someone has come to me and said, "I just got my Health
1704 permit, but I'm not ready to get a building permit." In a case like that, does the
1705 Board want to say "You're clearly pursuing this, so there's no sense in letting it
1706 expire."

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1708 Mr. Wright- So what would you do? Assuming we go with a time
1709 extension, how would we apply it?

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1711 Ms. Dwyer- We need some information on how the permit system
1712 works, what other benchmarks are there?

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1714 Mr. Kirkland- If someone gets a building permit, how long is it good
1715 for if they don't start any work?

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1717 Mr. McKinney- 6 months.

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1719 Mr. Blankinship- My understanding is that to keep a building permit
1720 active, you just have to call for an inspection every 6 months.

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1722 Ms. Dwyer- Could you just say "building permit?" But not every
1723 case needs a building permit.

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1725 Mr. Blankinship- That's the other issue. Some uses don't require
1726 permits, and some use permits they aren't pulling any permits

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1728 Ms. Dwyer- You can argue that 2 years is a pretty long time, and
1729 if, at the end of 2 years, they still haven't done anything perhaps they should be
1730 coming back here.

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1732 Mr. Wright- That's my thought. Could you foresee something that
1733 would cause difficulty if we said, "All permits must be applied for within 2 years."
1734 That's a long period of time, and it seem like they should have applied for it within
1735 that time.

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1737 Mr. Blankinship- Going to 2 years may be fine.
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1739 Mr. Kirkland- That would cover churches, too, because churches
1740 have a hard time raising funds.
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1742 Mr. Blankinship- That's a good example. They may hire an architect to
1743 do a master plan, but take 3 years to raise the funds.
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1745 Mr. Wright- Let's just change it from "1 year" to "2 years."
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1747 Mr. McKinney- Can we ask them to come back at the end of 1 year
1748 and do a review, with a fee? A year's a long time. If they haven't done anything
1749 they could pay a fee to extend it for another year?
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1751 Mr. Wright- I'm not so worried about getting any money. Let's just
1752 change it to "2 years" and that covers just about everything.
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1754 Mr. Blankinship- Two years to apply? The rules say "the permits shall
1755 be taken out," and that can take awhile.
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1757 Mr. Wright- I think "applied for." And make it 2 years. If there are
1758 problems with it, come back and tell us.
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1760 On a motion by Mr. McKinney, seconded by Mr. Kirkland, the Rules of the
1761 Henrico County Board of Zoning Appeals were amended to **require that all**
1762 **permits necessary be applied for within 2 years of the granting of the**
1763 **variance or use permit.**
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1765 Mr. Wright- Before we adjourn, I'd like to welcome Mr. Dave
1766 O'Kelly. If, at any time during our meetings, you have any suggestions we'd be
1767 glad to hear from you. We're trying to get the best results for the citizens.
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1769 **ADJOURNED**
1770 There being no further business, and on a motion by Mr. McKinney, seconded by
1771 Mr. Kirkland, the Board adjourned until **June 24, 2004**, at 9:00 am.
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1773 Russell A. Wright, Esq.

1774 Chairman

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1776 Benjamin Blankinship, AICP

1777 Secretary