

Forest Conservation Advisory Committee
Minutes
July 18, 2017

ATTENDEES

Members

Jean Cavanaugh
David Gill
Laura Miller (DEP), ex officio
Chris Myers (DPS), ex officio
David Myers
Frank Parker
Kathleen Samiy
Jeff Schwartz
Matthew Wessel

Absent Members

Carole Ann Barth
Moshe Landman
Dan Landry
Brett Linkletter (DPWT), ex officio
Katherine Nelson, (M-NCPPC), ex officio
Doug Sievers (WSSC), ex officio

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The Forest Conservation Advisory Committee met as scheduled on July 18, 2017. Quorum was not met. Minutes from the June meeting were accepted as notes.

As reported last month, the Committee is seeking a new Chair and Vice Chair! The current Chair has served for more than a year and would like to pass the turn onto another member. Feel free to speak with Laura for more details.

Mark Pfefferle, Chief Montgomery Planning Department's Division Chief for Development Applications and Regulatory Coordination, presented information about the Planning Department's proposed amendments to the County's Forest Conservation Law. The proposed amendments are largely in response to recent changes in the zoning code and to streamline implementation. They also include changes to the variance procedures within the Forest Conservation Law. The County Council plans to introduce these amendments on July 25, 2017; and a public hearing will be held in September. Also, Mr. Pfefferle advised the Committee that the Trees Technical Manual is being revised and is scheduled to be presented to the Planning Board later this year.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2017, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. It will be held in the small conference room at the DEP offices.