



# Shenandoah County

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### Conservation Easement Authority

*Board Conference Room*

*Shenandoah County Government Center*

*Woodstock, Virginia*

**Wednesday June 7, 2017**

**5:00 - 6:30 PM**

**FINAL MEETING MINUTES**

June 7, 2017

CEA Members present: Chairperson Dee Hockman, Doug French, Leon Smith, and Kelly Watkinson (by phone)

Others Present: Jill Jefferson, Staff; Mr. and Mrs. Crisman

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was brought to order by Dee Hockman at 5:00 PM.

#### **Approve Prior Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made, seconded and all approved April meeting minute.

#### **County Easement Update**

- **Crisman Easement Application** - Dee Hockman discussed the Crisman easement. Doug French made a motion that the County help the Crisman's with their conservation easement application which was seconded by Mr. Smith. Ms. Watkinson raised concern thinking this was the final vote to be the holder. Discussion clarified the motion to assist the Crisman's with their application and in the future a formal motion will be brought to the CEA for their consideration to be a holder and recommend this to the Board. Motion approved. Next step is Conservation Partners will prepare a formal presentation of the Crisman property to the CEA. This is preliminary before consideration of a recommendation to the Board for the CEA to be the holder.

- **Tisinger Proposed Easement** - Jill Jefferson and Bradley Polk met with Tisinger property holder, Brown Cow LLC, and Mt. Jackson Town Manager. Property is zoned as growth area and lies in flood prone area and is therefore undevelopable. Jill is working with FEMA panels to draft a memorandum of understanding between the county and the town to redraw the annexation line, because the parcel straddles the growth area and yet is undevelopable.

**Letters of Support report** – Jill prepared two letters of support on behalf of the County for Crim House battlefield easement and for one in Toms Brook area. These letters are a formality indicating the easements are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

**Outreach Meeting with Tourism** – Jill met with Jenna French and Kari Haun to look for ways to unify branding messages with CEA and AFDs and Tourism’s to preserve farmland. Kari is willing to help to mock up an artistic flier if we prepare wording. Jill will bring wording in a future meeting to be sure. Dee recommended highlighting Century Farms in the flier and map at least one Century Farm in each district. Jill suggested Alex Bridges write an article on the Century Farms to raise farmland preservation.

### **CEA Strategic Plan Goals**

Discussions on the Strategic Plan were postponed to a future meeting. Jill encouraged CEA members to review the Strategic Plan to see if there are areas of interest to help implement the strategies and she is seeking CEA to help. Jill to send to CEA again.

### **Other Business**

- CEA shirts with the County seal are available if interested. Members need to pay personally. Let Jill know if interested in having a shirt ordered.
- The next CEA meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2017 at 5:00 PM; and continue meeting every other month. Taylor Cole will provide the presentation.

Meeting Adjourned 6:00 PM.

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*Mission statement of the CEA:*

*“To retain the rural character, ensure agricultural sustainability, and protect historic and natural resources in Shenandoah County by promoting, holding/co-holding and purchasing Voluntary Conservation Easements”.*