

**Smithfield Planning Board
Minutes
Thursday, January 11, 2007
7:00 P.M., Town Hall, Council Room**

Members Present:

Joe Patterson
Suzanne Carter
Eddie Foy
Chris Howell
Harold Mitchell

Members Absent:

Max Gardner
Mike Gibbons
Ed Self

Staff Present:

Mark Helmer
Latanya Merritt

Vice-Chairman Patterson opened the public meeting and was followed by the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice-Chairman Patterson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 7, 2006.

Mr. Foy made motion that was seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the minutes as written. The vote was unanimous.

All persons wishing to speak were duly sworn.

Voluntary Annexation of East Carolina Farm Credit LLC: The applicant has voluntarily petitioned the Town to annex into the corporate limits of Smithfield two tracts of land totaling approximately 10.11 acres. The properties are located on the southeast side of the intersection of US 70 Bus Hwy East and Yelverton Grove Road. The properties are further identified as NCPIN# 260300-67-3051 and 260300-57-8271.

Mr. Helmer stated the applicant is requesting sewer line extension and voluntary annexation into the corporate limits of Smithfield.

Mr. Helmer asked the Board to review the petition and make a recommendation to the Town Council for a voluntary satellite annexation.

Vice-Chairman Patterson opened the public hearing

Vice-Chairman Patterson asked if water, electricity, and sewer were available to the property?

Mr. Bill Parrish, General Manager of East Carolina Farm Credit, FLC office in Smithfield, stated that 9.65 acres of land was purchased on Highway 70 East to construct a new office building. He stated that he spoke with a representative in the Engineering

Department at the Town of Smithfield about getting sewer on the property since county water is available and I was told there would not be a problem.

Mr. Parrish stated that after speaking with the Mr. Pete Connet and Mr. Paul Embler he was told that water and sewer we would be provided if the property was annexed into the Town of Smithfield. Mr. Parrish also provided the Board with the history of the East Carolina Farm Credit.

Being no other comments, Vice-Chairman Patterson closed the public meeting.

Mr. Howell made motion that was seconded by Mr. Foy to recommend approval of the voluntary annexation of East Carolina Farm Credit. The vote was unanimous.

Vice Chairman Patterson stated that the case would go before Town Council on February 6, 2007.

RZ-06-09 East Carolina Farm Credit LLC: The applicant is requesting to rezone two tracts of land totaling approximately 10.11 acres from Johnston County GB (General Business) to Town of Smithfield B-3 (Business) zoning district. The properties are located on the southeast side of the intersection of US 70 Bus Hwy 70 East and Yelverton Grove Road. The properties are further identified as NCPIN# 260300-67-3051 and 260300-57-8271.

Mr. Helmer stated that this Board is requested to review the petition and recommend to the Town Council for the approval of a zoning reclassification request.

Vice-Chairman Patterson opened the public hearing.

Vice-Chairman Patterson asked if there were any questions or comments.

There were none.

Vice-Chairman Patterson closed the public hearing.

Mrs. Carter made motion that was seconded by Mr. Foy to rezone the 10.11 acres from Johnston County GB (General Business) to Town of Smithfield B-3 (Business). The vote was unanimous.

Vice-Chairman stated that the case would go be for Town Council on February 6, 2007.

Old Business.

Mr. Helmer stated that Latanya Merritt has done a find job in preparation for Wednesday January 18, 2007 training session. The Board members were encouraged to attend.

New Business.

There was none.

Adjournment.

Being nothing further, the meeting was adjourned. The next Planning Board meeting will be held on February 1, 2007.