

ROUTT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 19, 2009

The regular meeting of the Routt County Planning Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Chairman Donald Alpert and Commissioners John Ayer, Terry Hunter, Wayne Adamo, Jay Gallagher, Dick Klumker and alternate Lyman Orton. Commissioners Donna Hellyer, Bill Norris, Jeff Fry and Sandi Gibson were absent. Planning Director Chad Phillips also attended. Sarah Katherman recorded the meeting and prepared the minutes.

ACTIVITY: PP2009-003
PETITIONER: M. J. Miller, Inc.
PETITION: Amendment to Special Use Permit PP2003-060 to include a storage structure for a lumber milling and processing operation
LOCATION: Directly north of and adjacent to the Milner Landfill, approximately three (3) miles south of the intersection of U.S. Highway 40 and CR 205; located at 21117 CR 205

Mr. Miller reviewed the petition to erect a metal-frame structure with a fabric covering to provide shelter for the beetle-kill wood processing operation during the winter months.

Mr. Phillips stated that no other aspects of the existing Special Use Permit (SUP) would change. He noted that the staff report offers a good description of the full operation. He asked if the structure would remain in place year-round.

Mr. Miller stated that the structure would be taken down each summer. In response to a question from Commissioner Ayer, he clarified that the Steamboat Springs Rural Fire Protection District (SSRFPD) will not allow the structure to remain in place for more than a 180-day period without fire suppression. He stated that he does not have running water on site, does not own the land and cannot heat the building, which makes the installation of a sprinkling system unfeasible. He agreed that having shelter during the summer months would be very beneficial to the operation.

Mr. Phillips stated that Planning Commission could approve the structure for year-round use, contingent upon the petitioner reaching an agreement with the SSRFPD.

Regarding suggested Condition 31, Mr. Phillips asked if Planning Commission would like to specify the allowable color of the covering to minimize the visual impact of the structure. Commissioner Ayer noted that the staff report states that the cover will be grey.

Commissioner Ayer asked for a clarification of the term of the permit. Mr. Phillips reviewed that the previous permit was for five years, but that the current permit for life of use.

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