

Minutes
Walkersville Burgess and Commissioners
Walkersville Planning Commission
Joint Workshop
January 18, 2023

Burgess Weddle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Gary Baker, Tom Gilbert and Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis and Planning Commission members David Ennis, Mike Kuster, Dick Brady, Ray Santullo, Nathan Shatto, and Russ Winch were present. Also present were Town Planner Susan Hauver, Town Manager Sean Williams, Communications Specialist Ashley Bailey and 46 citizens. The meeting was also live-streamed on the Town's website.

Food Pro Annexation

Burgess Weddle opened the informational meeting on the potential annexation of the farm located at the southwest corner of Biggs Ford Road and Fountain Rock Road to allow the development of the property by Food Pro, a Frederick food wholesaler, currently based in downtown Frederick.

Planner Hauver presented information about the annexation process as outlined in State law. The process is long and would involve a number of public hearings.

Food Pro was represented by Mr. Scott Brunk, President; Mr. Kevin Putman, Director of Operations; Mr. William Grutzkuhn, Chief Financial Officer; and Mr. Chris Smariga of Harris, of Smariga & Associates (land planners). Mr. Dave Bowers spoke on behalf of the property owner, Fountain Rock Farm, LLC.

Mr. Bowers, Mr. Smariga and Mr. Brunk described the plans for the property, to allow Food Pro to relocate their business to Walkersville. Town Commissioners and Planning Commission members asked a number of questions of the team.

Burgess Weddle adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm and invited the members of the audience to approach the Food Pro team after the meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Hauver