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RE: CUP250870-Benton Bowman
Proposed Conditional Use Permit
Rifleman's Resort (Outdoor Shooting Range)
Public Hearing Notification

Dear Sir/Madame:

This letter is to advise you of a public hearing scheduled to be held on **at the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, 333 Court Street, Appomattox, Virginia**. The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

The public hearing concerns a zoning petition filed by an adjacent property owner. The petition reads as follows:

CUP250870-Benton W. Bowman (Applicant/owner) has petitioned for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Rifleman's Resort (Outdoor Shooting Range), located off Wildway Road, approximately 0.50 miles east of its intersection with Walnut Hill Road in the Oakville community. This proposed use involves multiple parcels. The Tax Map Identification Numbers are 20 (A) 41, 20 (A) 50, 20 (1) 3, 20 (1) 4, 20 (1) 5, 12 (A) 32, 12 (A) 33, 12 (A) 35, 12 (A) 36 and 13 (A) 36. The parcels total 571.66 acres in size. The parcels are zoned A-1, Agricultural Zoning District. The proposed use requires a Conditional Use Permit. The properties are designated as part of the Rural Preservation Area by the Appomattox County Comprehensive Plan.

Your attendance at this public hearing is **optional**.

At the December 10, 2025 meeting of the Appomattox County Planning Commission, the Planning Commission voted 6-1 (O'Brien dissenting) to recommend approval of the petition with the following conditions:

1. The Rifleman's Resort (Outdoor Shooting Range) will be constructed in general conformance with the concept plan submitted with the application dated November 10, 2025.
2. Hours of operation: The facility may have active shooting times starting from 8:00 a.m. until sunset, Monday through Saturday. Sunday shooting times starting from 9:00 a.m. to sunset. Special accommodations shall be made for up to five (5) Special Night Events, annually, which will allow shooting times to extend to 11:00 p.m. for these events. The Pro Shop may operate during all shooting times and one additional hour pre- and post-shooting hours.
3. In case of Law Enforcement training and/or Military training events, shooting activities may be extended into night-time hours as warranted by the training activity. Shooting activity beyond

11:00 p.m. for these specific training activities shall require suppression devices to be in accordance with the Appomattox County Noise Ordinance. Law Enforcement training and/or Military training events are exclusive of the Special Night Events and do not count towards the limit in Condition # 2.

4. When the facility is open to non-members, i.e. the general public, then there shall be an on-site operator/owner present at all times during active shooting activities. When the facility is available to members-only, then no on-site staff is required, however; an emergency contact number shall be made available to the members by signage placed on or near the Pro Shop, or other structures within the facility.
5. A one hundred (100) foot wide buffer area shall be maintained around the perimeter property lines to the facility. Warning signs shall be placed at intervals of not more than 1000 feet around the perimeter of the facility to alert the general public of the shooting range. There shall be no buffer area required against any interior property lines, as shown on the Concept Plan submitted with the application. No Shooting Position or Impact Zone shall encroach on this buffer area. Interior trails or travel ways used to access Shooting Positions may be located within the buffer area.
6. All Shooting Positions shall be a minimum of three hundred feet (300) from any existing residential structure. Shooting positions should be positioned so discharging of weapons is directed away from residential structures.
7. All Impact Zone limits shall be a minimum of two hundred feet (200) from all exterior property lines.
8. The facility shall comply with the Appomattox County Noise Ordinance at all times.
9. The owner/developer of the facility shall maintain an accessible route for emergency services at all times during active shooting times.

The Board of Supervisors will consider action on the petition after receiving public comment on the matter. The Board of Supervisors may accept, reject, or amend the recommendation of the Planning Commission. If you need further information, please call (434) 352-8183, or come by the Appomattox County Department of Community Development at 153A Morton Lane, Appomattox, Virginia.

Sincerely,

Johnnie Roark

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Director of Community Development
Zoning Administrator