Planners clear Cane Creek petition

Agree to curb commercial activity on Keowee School Road

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WALHALLA — Lake Keowee residents included in the second part of the North Cane Creek rezoning petition are one step closer to curbing future commercial activity on Keowee School Road.

The Oconee County Planning Commission agreed Monday night with petitioners' arguments that there is no need to increase business establishments in an area that is mostly Lake Residential and Residential.

Planners, with the exception of Howard Moore and Tommy Abbott, voted to recommend that about a handful of parcels that would have been designated Community Commercial on Keowee School Road (SC Highway 188) be Residential.

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The commission also recommended that some parcels on South Cove Road be designated as Agricultural Residential instead of Traditional Rural as some property owners requested.

District 1 Commissioner Andrea Heller presented the motion incorporating the changes.

Abbott attempted to amend her motion.

"The lady that wants Traditional Rural should get it," he said. "The best thing Oconee could do is to take the zoning ordinance and shred it."

The amendment was defeated.

Jim Codner, representing the Cane Creek petition, argued that residents already had commercial options a mile or less away on Bountyland Road.

"There's no need to open up (Keowee School Road) for commercial activity," Codner said.

The Cane Creek zoning petition will return to County Council for second reading. A third and final reading by council is needed for the proposed zoning map to be adopted.

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