

Durham Planning Commission Members Written Comments – August 11, 2015

Home Occupation (TC1500005)

Harris: Voted yes.

Huff: This is a good amendment although there needs to be a refinement of the notion of ‘storing hazardous materials’ since almost any seemingly innocuous home business including but not limited to pottery-making, printmaking, tie-dying, small engine repair, etc. uses and stores materials that are hazardous. Someone with a mad-on for a neighbor could shut down their business for an absurd reason and be within the law.

Miller: I recommend that the governing bodies approve this text amendment, but only as the planning staff have proposed it. The applicant’s original request should be rejected. It is my understanding from his comments at the hearing before us that the applicant is content with the staff’s recommended changes.

Nothing in the staff’s version of the proposal challenges the goals and policies of the comprehensive plan.

Whitley: I vote to approve.