

Virginia: At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 11th day of April, 2007, in the cafeteria of Metompkin Elementary School in Parksley, Virginia:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A. MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

Members Present:

Mr. E. Phillip Hickman, Chairman
Mr. William A. Sprague, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Jim Frese
Mr. Robert L. Nock
Mr. Leander Roberts, Jr.
Ms. Stella Rohde
Mr. Herb Thom
Mr. E. Bryan Turner

Members Absent:

No members were absent.

Others Present:

Mr. James M. McGowan, Director of Planning
Mr. Tom Brockenbrough, GIS Coordinator
Ms. Andrea Stone, Environmental Planner
Ms. Renee Rice, Temporary Secretary

B. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Hickman at 7:00 p.m. The Commissioners agreed to follow the Agenda.

2. PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT:

Mr. McGowan reported that, on March 21, 2007, the Board of Supervisors reappointed Mr. Turner to the Planning Commission for a four-year term which expires on December 31, 2010. Mr. McGowan congratulated Mr. Turner on his re-appointment.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: *(Not a Public Hearing)*

Mr. George Parker said that he was concerned that the Planning Commission had lost its way on what the Comprehensive Plan needs to be. Development needs to be focused around existing towns and Route 13 and groundwater need to be protected. A stormwater management ordinance should be adopted and the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act should be adopted on the Seaside. Mr. Parker also stated that the Planning Commission should focus on the Comprehensive Plan and not have developers giving presentations on Planned Unit Developments.

4. STAKEHOLDER GROUP COMMENTS:

There were no comments from Stakeholder Group members.

5. 7:30 PM – PUBLIC MEETING TO REVIEW THE ATLANTIC, CRADDOCKVILLE, LEEMONT, PAINTER, SCARBOROUGH’S NECK, AND SHIELDS A & F DISTRICTS

Mr. Hickman opened the Public Meeting with the owners of land within the Atlantic, Craddockville, Leemont, Painter, Scarborough’s Neck, and Shields A & F Districts.

Andrea Stone, Environmental Planner, explained the Agricultural and Forestal District program. Landowners voluntarily put their land in Agricultural and Forestal Districts. The districts are supposed to be reviewed every four years, but have not been reviewed for the past eight years. The Agricultural and Forestal Advisory Committee met on March 14, 2007, and made recommendation regarding removal of parcels from each Agricultural and Forestal District under review. The landowners were notified by mail about the Public Meeting and the Committee’s recommendations. Landowners are allowed to remove or add parcels during the review period. Ms. Stone presented the final list of parcels for each district.

There were no comments from the public. Mr. Hickman closed the Public Meeting.

Ms. Stone requested the Planning Commission to consider recommending the Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee’s recommendations as presented for continuation and modification of the Atlantic, Craddockville, Leemont, Painter, Scarboroughs Neck, and Shields Agricultural and Forestal Districts to the Board of Supervisors, and to request the Board of Supervisors to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2007 to receive public comment on the recommendations.

Mr. Frese made a Motion, Seconded by Mr. Thom, to recommend the Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee’s recommendations as presented for continuation and modification of the Atlantic Agricultural and Forestal District to the Board of Supervisors, and to request the Board of Supervisors to schedule a public hearing for

7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2007 to receive public comment on the recommendations. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

Ms. Rohde made a Motion, Seconded by Mr. Thom, to recommend the Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee's recommendations as presented for continuation and modification of the Craddockville Agricultural and Forestal District to the Board of Supervisors, and to request the Board of Supervisors to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2007 to receive public comment on the recommendations. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

Mr. Sprague made a Motion, Seconded by Mr. Nock, to recommend the Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee's recommendations as presented for continuation and modification of the Leemont Agricultural and Forestal District to the Board of Supervisors, and to request the Board of Supervisors to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2007 to receive public comment on the recommendations. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

Mr. Roberts made a Motion, Seconded by Mr. Frese, to recommend the Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee's recommendations as presented for continuation and modification of the Painter Agricultural and Forestal District to the Board of Supervisors, and to request the Board of Supervisors to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2007 to receive public comment on the recommendations. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

Ms. Rohde made a Motion, Seconded by Mr. Nock, to recommend the Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee's recommendations as presented for continuation and modification of the Scarboroughs Neck Agricultural and Forestal District to the Board of Supervisors, and to request the Board of Supervisors to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2007 to receive public comment on the recommendations. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

Mr. Thom made a Motion, Seconded by Mr. Turner, to recommend the Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee's recommendations as presented for continuation and modification of the Shields Agricultural and Forestal District to the Board of Supervisors, and to request the Board of Supervisors to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2007 to receive public comment on the recommendations. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. McGowan reported on the following items:

A. Resolution of Commendation: The Resolution of Commendation for Mr. Len R. Mapp was presented for the Commission's approval and the Chairman's signature.

Mr. Turner made a Motion, Seconded by Mr. Thom, to approve the Resolution for Mr. Mapp. The motion was unanimously passed by those present.

- B. FY 2008 Capital Improvement Program:** The Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing on the Draft FY 2008 Capital Improvement Program on March 21, 2007, and voted to approve it.
- C. Wachapreague VFC Rezoning Application (District 8):** The Board of Supervisors approved the Wachapreague Fire Company rezoning application, as amended, on February 21, 2007.
- D. Monthly Subdivision Report:** The Monthly Subdivision Report prepared by David Fluhart, Subdivision Agent, was presented.
- E. Comprehensive Plan Update:** Planning Consultant Milton Herd presented revisions to the Draft Future Land Use Map at the March 27, 2007, Planning Commission Work Session. Mr. Herd also presented a schedule for completion of the Comprehensive Plan Update and Zoning Ordinance Revisions. Additional map revisions and the draft comprehensive plan text will be presented at the April 24, 2007, Planning Commission Work Session.
- F. Agricultural and Forestal District Committee:** The Agricultural and Forestal District Committee met on March 28, 2007. At the meeting, the Committee reviewed the revised Draft Agricultural and Forestal District Ordinance. The Committee approved a final draft and has recommended it to the Board of Supervisors for adoption.

Draft Agricultural and Forestal District Ordinance

A copy of the final draft ordinance recommended to the Board of Supervisors was included in the meeting packet. After conducting a Public Hearing, the Board can adopt the Draft Agricultural and Forestal District Ordinance as an enabling ordinance. The adopted ordinance can then be used to replace the existing 22 Agricultural and Forestal District ordinances as the districts come up for review. While a Planning Commission Public Hearing and recommendation to the Board is not required before the Board can adopt it as an enabling ordinance, Planning Commission input would be helpful during the Board adoption process. Mr. McGowan had requested the Planning Commission to review the ordinance and discuss any comments at the April 11, 2007 meeting. The draft ordinance would be distributed to the Board for discussion at their April 18, 2007, meeting.

Mr. Thom made a Motion, Seconded by Ms. Rohde, to express the Planning Commission's support to the Board of Supervisors to adopt the Draft Agricultural and Forestal District Ordinance. The motion was unanimously passed by those present.

Public Hearing on Agricultural and Forestal District Review

As recommended by the Planning Commission, the Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at Metompkin Elementary School to review the Tasley, Locustville, and Pungoteague Agricultural and Forestal Districts.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Planned Unit Development Presentation: As requested by the Commission, Chris Carbaugh of the Atlantic Group presented a Planned Unit Development (PUD) concept for the area behind the Food Lion in Onley. Ms. Celia Burge of Turner & Turner in Eastville, VA gave a presentation with a definition and description of a PUD as well as the benefits of a PUD. The Commission asked Mr. Carbaugh to attend the April 24, 2007 Work Session to discuss the concept further.

Ms. Rohde made a Motion, Seconded by Mr. Thom, to ask Mr. Carbaugh to attend the April 24, 2007 Planning Commission Work Session to answer more questions regarding the Planned Unit Development concept. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

B. Five-Acre Affordable Subdivision: As requested by the Commission, Gene Wayne Taylor presented a Five-Acre Affordable Subdivision concept. A copy of Mr. Taylor's concept is attached.

Mr. Thom made a Motion, Seconded by Mr. Nock, to ask Mr. Gene Wayne Taylor to attend the Planning Commission Meeting on May 8, 2007 to explain in depth the Five-Acre Affordable Subdivision concept. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

No other business was conducted.

9. MINUTES:

A. Minutes of March 14, 2007

Mr. Roberts made a Motion, Seconded by Mr. Frese, to approve the Minutes of March 14th, 2007. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

B. Minutes of September 26, 2006

Mr. Nock made a Motion, Seconded by Mr. Thom, to approve the Minutes of September 26, 2006. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

C. Minutes of September 25, 2006

Ms. Rohde made a Motion, Seconded by Mr. Roberts, to approve the Minutes of September 25, 2006. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

D. Minutes of September 13, 2006

Ms. Rohde made a Motion, Seconded by Mr. Thom, to approve the Minutes of September 13, 2006. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

10. NEXT MEETING:

A. May Meeting Date: Due to a staff schedule conflict, Mr. McGowan requested the Commission to consider scheduling the May meeting for Tuesday, May 8, 2007 instead of Wednesday, May 9, 2007.

Ms. Rohde made a Motion, Seconded by Mr. Nock to reschedule the May meeting for Tuesday, May 8, 2007 instead of Wednesday, May 9, 2007. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

On a Motion by Ms. Rohde, Seconded by Mr. Thom, those present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman Hickman adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

E. Phillip Hickman, Chairman

James M. McGowan, Director of Planning