

**Virginia: At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 6th day of February, 2008, in the cafeteria of Metompkin Elementary School in Parksley, Virginia:**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

**A. MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT**

**Members Present:**

Mr. Jim Frese  
Mr. C. Robert Hickman  
Ms. Tammy James  
Mr. Robert L. Nock  
Mr. Leander Roberts, Jr.  
Ms. Stella Rohde, Vice Chair  
Mr. Herb Thom

**Members Absent:**

Mr. E. Phillip Hickman, Chairman  
Mr. E. Bryan Turner

**Others Present:**

Mr. James M. McGowan, Director of Planning  
Ms. Tonya Taylor, Administrative Assistant  
Mr. Robert Testerman, Land Use Planner

**B. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, Ms. Stella Rohde, at 7:05 p.m. The Commissioners agreed to follow the Agenda.

**2. NEW PLANNING COMMISSIONER:**

Vice-Chair Rohde introduced and welcomed the new Planning Commissioner, Ms. Tammy L. James of Modest Town. On January 3, 2008, the Board of Supervisors appointed Ms. James to fill the unexpired term of Mr. William Sprague. Ms. James' term will expire on December 31, 2008.

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

Vice-Chair Rohde opened the floor for Public Comments. No one signed up to speak.

**4. STAKEHOLDER GROUP COMMENTS:**

Vice-Chair Rohde opened the floor for the Stakeholder Group comments. Mr. Bruce Holland wanted to speak. He voiced his concern about the letters written by Ms. Eileen Kirkwood. He does not agree with the letters.

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Wallops Research Park:** Mr. McGowan informed the Planning Commission that the Board of Supervisors scheduled a Public Hearing on the Wallops Research Park Rezoning for 7:30 PM on Wednesday, February 20, 2008, at Metompkin Elementary School.

**B. Subdivision Agent Report:** Mr. Fluhart, Subdivision Agent, submitted the monthly subdivision report for the Planning Commission to review.

**C. Comprehensive Plan Update:** As requested at the January 2, 2008, Commission meeting, Mr. McGowan incorporated final revisions into a revised Draft Comprehensive Plan dated January 9, 2008. Copies of the revised draft have been distributed to the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission, and the Stakeholder Group. On January 16, 2008, Mr. McGowan requested the Board of Supervisors to consider scheduling a Joint Public Hearing on the Draft Comprehensive Plan. The Board did not schedule a Joint Public Hearing, but will further consider the Planning Commission's request at a later meeting.

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee:**

The Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee met on January 23, 2008, to review the Davis Wharf Agricultural and Forestal District. The Committee voted to recommend to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors that the Davis Wharf Agricultural and Forestal District be modified to be regulated by the new Agricultural and Forestal District Ordinance adopted May 16, 2007, and to modify the included parcels according to staff recommendations as presented.

Staff requested the Commission to consider scheduling a Public Meeting for 7:30 PM on Wednesday, March 5, 2008, with landowners in the Davis Wharf Agricultural and Forestal District to review the district.

**On a Motion made by Mr. Thom, Seconded by Mr. Frese, the Planning Commission scheduled a Public Meeting for 7:30 PM on Wednesday, March 5, 2008, with landowners in the Davis Wharf Agricultural and Forestal District to review the district. The motion passed unanimously by those present.**

The Committee also considered and recommended approval of a request from Mr. Emmett Taylor to withdraw Tax Parcel 42-2-A from the Atlantic Agricultural and Forestal District. The property is on Temperanceville Road east of Temperanceville. Mr.

Taylor submitted an application to rezone the parcel from Agricultural to Residential. The property is adjacent to existing residential development and forest land, as shown on the map and air photo in the meeting packet. The Atlantic Agricultural and Forestal District is under the old ordinance, which does prevent the rezoning or subdivision of land in the district.

Staff requested the Commission to consider recommending removal of Tax Parcel 42-2-A from the Atlantic Agricultural and Forestal District to the Board of Supervisors because the land is adjacent to existing residential development and an application has been submitted to rezone the land from Agricultural to Residential.

**On a Motion made by Mr. Frese, Seconded by Mr. Thom, the Planning Commission recommended removal of Tax Parcel 42-2-A from the Atlantic Agricultural and Forestal District to the Board of Supervisors because the land is adjacent to existing residential development and an application has been submitted to rezone the land from Agricultural to Residential. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.**

**B. Eileen Kirkwood Letters:** As an informational item, Mr. McGowan distributed copies of letters from EileenKirkwood regarding cluster zoning and the economy and zoning on Cape Cod.

#### **7. OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. McGowan reported that Mr. Norman Pitt has been promoted to Environmental Planner. The Erosion and Sediment Control Inspector position is being advertised.

#### **8. MINUTES:**

- A. On a Motion made by Mr. Roberts, and Seconded by Mr. Thom, those present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 17, 2007.**
- B. On a Motion made by Mr. Thom, and Seconded by Mr. Frese, those present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 2, 2008.**

#### **9. NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Wednesday, March 5, 2008.

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Vice-Chair Rohde adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.

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Stella Rohde, Vice-Chair

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Tonya Taylor, Administrative Assistant