

Virginia: At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 8th day of May, 2008, 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
Ms. Stella Rohde, Vice Chair
Mr. C. Robert Hickman
Ms. Tammy James
Mr. Leander Roberts, Jr.
Mr. Herb Thom

Members Absent:

Mr. Jim Frese
Mr. Robert L. Nock
Mr. E. Bryan Turner

Others Present:

Mr. James M. McGowan, Director of Planning
Ms. Tonya Taylor, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Steven B. Miner, County Administrator

B. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

There being a quorum, Chairman Hickman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The Commissioners agreed to follow the Agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Not a Public Hearing):

Chairman Hickman opened the floor for Public Comments. No one was signed up to speak. Ms. Lois Cooper asked to speak.

Ms. Cooper thanked the Planning Commission for getting the Comprehensive Plan finished and to Public Hearing.

3. STAKEHOLDER GROUP COMMENTS:

Chairman Hickman opened the floor to Stakeholder Group comments. Stakeholder Gene Wayne Taylor voiced his concerns about the Accomack County needing to promote more affordable housing and commercial projects while protecting farmland.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Subdivision Agent Report:** Mr. McGowan presented the Monthly Subdivision Report.
- B. Comprehensive Plan Update:** Mr. McGowan reported that the Board of Supervisors has set the date for the Comprehensive Plan Joint Public Hearing, which will be held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, in the cafetorium of Metompkin Elementary School, 24501 Parksley Road. A copy of the Public Hearing Notice was presented.
- C. Seaside Water Quality Protection Ordinance:** As requested by the Board of Supervisors, Department of Planning staff and the County Attorney are working on a draft ordinance that extends water quality protection measures to all of Accomack County, excluding incorporated towns.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. A&F District Withdrawal Request:** Mr. McGowan reported that Mr. Isaac Johnson has requested withdrawal of Tax Parcel 118-A-63A, 8.11 acres, from the Shields Agricultural and Forestal District. Mr. Johnson intends to submit an application for a minor cluster subdivision. The property is on Indian Trail Road northwest of Belle Haven. Mr. McGowan presented maps and an air photo showing that the property has one home on it and is adjacent to land that is not in the district.

The Shields Agricultural and Forestal District was renewed on May 16, 2007, and is under the provisions of the old ordinance originally adopted in 1983. A copy of the ordinance was presented. The Agricultural and Forestal Advisory Committee met on April 23, 2008, but could not take action on this item due to the lack of a quorum. The Committee will meet next at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, May 28, 2008, in the Accomack County Board Chambers.

Staff recommended that the Commission consider recommending removal of Tax Parcel 118-A-63A from the Shields Agricultural and Forestal District to the Board of Supervisors.

On a Motion by Mr. Thom, Seconded by, Ms. Rohde those present recommended removal of Tax Parcel 118-A-63A from the Shields Agricultural and Forestal District to the Board of Supervisors because the land is adjacent to land that is not in the district and the owner intends to subdivide the property as a minor cluster subdivision.

- B. 2007 Virginia Outdoors Plan:** Mr. McGowan reported that the 2007 Virginia Outdoors Plan has been completed and is available online at:
<http://www.co.accomack.va.us/Planning/comprehensiveplanupdate.html>

Mr. McGowan asked the Commission if they would like to have a presentation on the plan at the June Commission meeting. The Commission asked for staff to schedule the presentation.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. McGowan introduced Nioka Hall of the Northampton County Department of Planning and Zoning. Ms. Hall was at the meeting to observe the Planning Commission as part of her homework for the Virginia Certified Planning Commissioner Program.

Mr. Thom asked when the water and sewer study would be completed. Mr. Miner replied that the study was complete and would be presented and distributed soon.

7. MINUTES:

A. Minutes of April 2, 2008

On a Motion by Mr. Thom, Seconded by, Ms. Rohde those present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 2, 2007.

8. NEXT MEETING:

The next regular Planning Commission meeting was scheduled for 7:00 PM on Wednesday, June 4, 2008.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

On a Motion by Mr. Thom, Seconded by Mr. Roberts, those present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting to the Accomack County Comprehensive Plan Joint Point Public Hearing scheduled for 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at Metompkin Elementary School.

Chairman Hickman adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Phillip Hickman, Chairman

Tonya Taylor, Administrative Assistant