

Virginia: At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 7th day of January, 2009, 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. William Fallon
Mr. C. Robert Hickman
Mr. Herb Thom
Mr. E. Bryan Turner
Mr. George T. Parker
Mr. Leander Roberts, Jr.

Members Absent:

Ms. Tammy James

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

C. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman Hickman opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Planning Commission.

A motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. C. Robert Hickman for Mr. Phillip Hickman to be Chairman of the Planning Commission.

Vote:

Ayes: Roberts, C. Robert Hickman, Turner, Thom, Parker, Fallon, Phillip Hickman

Nays: Rohde

Absent : James

Mr. Phillip Hickman was elected as the Planning Commission Chairman for 2009.

A motion by Mr. C. Robert Hickman, seconded by Mr. Roberts for Ms. Stella Rohde to be Vice-Chair of the Planning Commission.

Vote:

Ayes: Roberts, C. Robert Hickman, Turner, Rohde, Parker, Fallon, Phillip Hickman

Nays: Thom

Absent : James

Ms. Stella Rohde was elected as the Planning Commission Vice-Chair for 2009.

D. NEW PLANNING COMMISSIONER

Mr. James McGowan, Director of Planning and staff welcomed Mr. George T. Parker to the Planning Commission.

E. RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

The Planning Commission would like to present a resolution of commendation to Mr. Nock for his years of service to the commission.

On a Motion by Mr. Thom, Seconded by Mr. Turner, the Planning Commission will present to Mr. Nock a resolution of commendation at the next regular scheduled meeting.

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

Chairman Hickman opened the floor for the Public Comment Period.
No one signed up to speak.

3. 7:30 PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Drake's Landing Rezoning: A Public Hearing to afford interested persons the opportunity to be heard or to present written comments concerning the request by Rob Lisle to rezone approximately 14 acres of land located in Gargatha, from Agricultural to Residential. This property, Tax Parcel 69-A-62B, is located on the west side of Route 13 (Lankford Highway) approximately 0.2 miles south of Route 680 (Berry Road).

Chairman Hickman opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Robert Testerman, Land Use Planner presented the staff report and recommended approval for the following reasons:

1. The applicant has provided a proffer that the original site plan, dated December 15, 2003, will be used to determine the lots.
2. The applicant has provided a proffer that will limit the development to single-family homes, which will be consistent with adjacent development.
3. The applicant has provided a proffer that will keep the buffer adjacent to Lankford Highway undeveloped.
4. The subject property is adequately served by fire and rescue units.

Chairman Hickman asked if anyone would like to speak. There were no speakers.

Chairman Hickman closed the Public Hearing.

On a Motion by Mr. Turner, and Seconded by Mr. Thom, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Drake's Landing Rezoning to the Board of Supervisors.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Subdivision Agent Report: Mr. McGowan presented the Subdivision Agent Report.

B. Draft Chesapeake/Atlantic Preservation Overlay District: Mr. McGowan reported that the Board of Supervisors discussed the Draft Chesapeake/Atlantic Preservation Overlay District on December 17, 2008. The Board voted to postpone a decision until after they hold two public information sessions, which have been scheduled for 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at Nandua Middle School and at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at Arcadia Middle School.

C. Draft Rural Residential District Ordinance: The revised draft was distributed at the December 3, 2008 meeting.

D. Draft Route 13 Overlay District Ordinance and Map: The Draft Route 13 Overlay District Ordinance and Map were distributed at the December 3, 2008 meeting.

E. Flood Hazard Overlay District: The Accomack County Flood Hazard Overlay District is required to be amended by March 16, 2009. David Fluhart has made the necessary changes. A copy was attached for the Planning Commission to review. Staff requested the Commission to schedule a Public Hearing on the draft amendment for February 4, 2009.

On a Motion by Mr. Thom, and Seconded by Mr. Fallon, the Planning Commission scheduled a Public Hearing on the Flood Hazard Overlay District ordinance for 7:30 PM on Wednesday, February 04, 2009, at Metompkin Elementary School.

F. Draft Village Residential District Ordinance: The Planning Commission continued the review of the Draft Village Residential District Ordinance.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Groundwater Presentation: Mr. Britt McMillan has been scheduled to give a presentation on groundwater at the February 4, 2009 meeting.

6. OTHER MATTERS:

No other matters were discussed.

7. MINUTES:

The following minutes were presented for the Commission's review and approval:

A. Minutes of December 3, 2008

On a Motion by Mr. Thom, Seconded by Ms. Rohde, those present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 3, 2008.

8. NEXT MEETING:

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM Wednesday, February 04, 2009.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

On a Motion by Mr. Turner, Seconded by Mr. Thom, those present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting to the Work Session that is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 20, 2009, at Metompkin Elementary School.

Chairman Hickman adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Phillip Hickman, Chairman

Tonya Taylor, Administrative Assistant