

Accomack County Planning Commission Minutes of September 14, 2011

Virginia: At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 14th day of September 2011, in the Board Chambers of the Accomack County Administration Building located at 23296 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A. MEMEBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

Planning Commission Members Present:

Mr. E. Phillip Hickman, Chairman
Mr. Leander Roberts
Ms. Toni Trepanier
Mr. C. Robert Hickman
Mr. Alan Silverman
Mr. George Parker
Mr. Tony Picardi
Mr. David Lungair

Members Absent:

Ms. Tammy Parks, Vice Chair

Others Present:

Mr. Rich Morrison, Planning Director
Mr. Steve Miner, County Administrator
Mr. Robert Testerman, Land Use Planner
Ms. Hollis Fate, Administrative Assistant

B. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

There being a quorum, Chairman Hickman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

On a motion made by Mr. Parker, and seconded by Mr. Picardi, those present voted unanimously to approve the Agenda.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Not a public hearing):

Chairman Hickman opened the floor for public comment period.
No one signed up or requested to speak.

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4. 7:30 PUBLIC HEARING:

Chairman Hickman opened the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m.

A. **VA Endeavor Solar Farm CUP**

Robert Testerman, Accomack County's Land Use Planner, presented the VA Endeavor Solar Farm CUP staff report and conditions of approval to the Planning Commissioners.

The following persons offered comments:

Sue Mastell - Mrs. Mastell offered comments in acquiesce of the VA Endeavor Solar Farm CUP. Mrs. Mastell and her husband operate their home from solar power.

Vernon Belote - Mr. Belote opposes the VA Endeavor Solar Farm because he claims he doesn't want to see it. Chairman Hickman explained that he will not be able to see it from his home. Also, Robert Testerman clarified that vegetative buffers will be placed between the project and any homes and the historic church that is in the area. Joe Jordan, VA Endeavor Solar Farm CUP Project Director, pointed out on the map where the project would be relative to Mr. Belote's property.

Jerry Eller - Mr. Eller opposed the VA Endeavor Solar Farm because it results in the loss of farm land.

Chairman Hickman closed the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m.

After hearing the public's comments, the Planning Commission discussed the VA Endeavor Solar Farm CUP:

Mr. Jordan, Project Director, was asked why this area was chosen for the project and how it would benefit the County. Mr. Jordan replied that the reason it was chosen was because this area is sunnier compared to other places in the state. Mr. Jordan also stated the main benefit from a project like this is it would increase tax revenues.

Mr. Parker recommended having the buffer put up when the fence is built.

Joe Jordan stated that he would consult with his engineer because he was unsure of when the buffers were planned to be put in.

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Rich Morrison, Accomack County's Planning Director, said that he and Mr. Jordan would work on this issue and report back to the Planning Commission.

It was amended that the vegetative buffer be in place within 120 day of the project's ground breaking.

On a motion made by Mr. Picardi and seconded by Mr. Roberts, those present voted Aye to the amendment.

On a motion made by Ms. Trepanier and seconded by Mr. Roberts, those present voted Aye to recommend the VA Endeavor Solar Farm CUP to the Board of Supervisors with the conditions stated above.

5. PUBLIC MEETING:

A. Public Meeting to Review to review Hack's Neck, Hallwood, and Parramore Island Agricultural and Forestal Districts.

Robert Testerman, Land Use Planner, requested on behalf of the Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee that Hack's Neck, Hallwood, and Parramore Island Agricultural and Forestal Districts be continued.

Hack's Neck – On a motion made by Ms. Trepanier and seconded by Mr. Roberts, all present Commissioners voted Aye to continue the Hack's Neck AFD.

Hallwood – On a motion made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Ms. Trepanier, all present Commissioners voted Aye to continue the Hallwood AFD.

Parramore Island – On a motion made by Mr. Picardi and seconded by Mr. Silverman, all present Commissioners voted Aye to continue the Parramore Island AFD.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Subdivision Agent Report

The Subdivision Agent Report from July 16 through August 15, 2011:

- August 9, 2011 – Received minor 3-lot cluster subdivision, Metompinkin Point, Cluster B. Route 666, Fox Grove Road, 5.05 acres, near Parksley. County Parcel Number: 79-A-49B.

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- August 9, 2011 – Received minor 3-lot cluster subdivision, Metompkin Point, Cluster A. Route 666, Fox Grove Road, 5.07 acres, near Parksley. County Parcel Number: 79-A-49A.

B. Future Land Use Map Amendment

This discussion was tabled at the August 10, 2011 meeting.

On a motion made by Mr. Parker and seconded by Mr. Robert Hickman, all present Commissioners voted Aye to un-table the Future Land Use Map Amendment.

The Planning Commission discussed the amendment and it was decided to leave the Future Land Use Map as is. No motions were needed.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

No new business to report on at this time.

8. OTHER MATTERS:

No other matters to report on at this time.

9. MINUTES:

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

A. August 10, 2011 Minutes

Mr. Parker brought to attention that on page 4, under #6:A, was a mistake.

The corrected language is as follows:

“The Planning Commissioners discussed the amendment and Mr. Parker motioned and was seconded by Chairman Hickman to table the Future Land Use Map Amendment until the next meeting to be held September 14, 2011. All present Commissioners voted Aye.”

On a motion made by Mr. Parker and seconded by Mr. Roberts, all present Commissioners voted Aye to approve the minutes with the above correction.

10. NEXT MEETING:

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 in the Board Chambers Room located at 23296 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac.

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11. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion made by Mr. Robert Hickman and seconded by Mr. Parker, those present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman Hickman adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

E. Phillip Hickman, Chairman

Hollis Fate, Administrative Assistant

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