

ACCOMACK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2016

At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 13th day of July 2016 in the Accomack County Administration Building Board Chambers, Room #104, in Accomac, Virginia.

1. CALL TO ORDER

MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

Planning Commission Members Present:

Mr. David Lumgair, Jr., Chairman
Mr. Spyridon Papadopoulos, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Brantley Onley
Mr. C. Robert Hickman
Mr. Lynn Gayle
Mr. Stephen Corazza
Mrs. Angela Wingfield
Mr. Roy Custis
Mr. Leander Roberts, Jr.

Others Present:

Mr. Rich Morrison, Director of Planning and Community Development
Ms. Kristen Tremblay, Assistant Planner
Ms. Jessica Taylor, Administrative Assistant
Dr. Richard Snyder, Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS)

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Mr. Corazza and seconded by Mr. Onley, the Planning Commission voted to adopt the agenda.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (not a public hearing)

Chairman Lumgair opened the floor for the public comment period.

No one signed up or requested to speak.

4. MINUTES

A. June 8, 2016

On a motion made by Mr. Hickman and seconded by Mr. Corazza, the Planning Commission voted to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2016 regular meeting.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Follow-Ups from Coastal Resiliency Presentation made by Curt Smith, A-NPDC

Staff asked Dr. Richard Snyder of VIMS to attend the meeting. He gave a presentation to the Planning Commission on the topic of Sea Level Rise in Virginia and held an in depth question and answer period with Commissioners.

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During this discussion the following keynote points were discussed:

- Dr. Snyder stated that VIMS's 50 year plan includes moving their base of operation and future structures inland.
- Recent measurements on the Eastern Shore of Virginia show that trends of relative sea level rise are above the 'high' curve of historical predictions and future predictions should follow that curve.
- Dr. Snyder provided demonstrations of how to use web based tools online and provided the Planning Commission with links to access the websites.
- Dr. Snyder will provide the Planning Commission with more information on the slowing Gulf Stream and its effect on sea level rise.
- Chairman Lumgair noted that the Planning Commission should include Coastal Resiliency on the Comprehensive Plan update.
- The Planning Commission will discuss road inundation at a work session.

B. Report to the Board of Supervisors on the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) Accident Potential Zones (APZ's).

Staff presented the Planning Commission with a copy of a Draft Memorandum to the Board of Supervisors in regard to the JLUS APZ's, as discussed at its June meeting.

A discussion ensued and Mr. Morrison provided the Planning Commission with some clarity on statements made by Ms. Caroline Massey, which has been discussed previously.

On a motion by Mr. Papadopoulos and seconded by Mr. Corazza, the Planning Commission voted to have staff work with Chairman Lumgair to complete a memorandum to send to the Board of Supervisors with its original report attached.

C. Utility-Scale Solar Energy Facility Impacts Discussion

Staff reminded the Planning Commission that the Board of Supervisors tasked them with an additional review of utility-scale solar energy facility impacts on agricultural lands and an analysis of recent changes to State law relative to taxation of utility-scale solar projects in the County.

After an in depth discussion, it was decided that staff would return to the August meeting with a draft recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

6. OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Morrison discussed the following topics:

- Zika Virus;
- Industrial Park has two (2) new businesses and the possibility of one (1) additional;
- There has been no decision made on the ATC Lawsuit;
- Flooding on June 28, 2016 and July 1, 2016;

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Due to the time, Mr. Morrison stated that staff would send an email with information on Agenda Item 6.A. Follow-Ups from Eastern Shore Solar Tour Discussion.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Accomack County Board Chambers, Room 104, in Accomac.

8. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Papadopoulos and seconded by Mr. Custis, the Planning Commission voted to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

David Lumgair, Jr., Chairman

Jessica Taylor, Administrative Assistant