

**ACCOMACK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WORK SESSION MINUTES
OF FEBRUARY 21, 2017**

At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 21st day of February 2017, 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. Stephen Corazza
Mrs. Angela Wingfield
Mr. Roy Custis
Mr. Leander Roberts, Jr.

Planning Commission Members Absent:

Mr. C. Robert Hickman
Mr. Lynn Gayle

Others Present:

Mr. Rich Morrison, Director of Planning and Community Development
Ms. Kristen Tremblay, Assistant Planner
Ms. Jessica Taylor, Administrative Assistant

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

There being a quorum, Chairman Lumgair called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Papadopoulos requested to add three (3) items under ‘Old Business’ to discuss the Comprehensive Plan, meeting schedule for March, and contact information for Commissioners.

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

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Comprehensive Plan Update

Mr. Papadopoulos expressed that he would like to have pages of his Comprehensive Plan updated to ensure that he has the most up-to-date information. Discussion ensued.

B. Meeting Schedule

The Planning Commission agreed that the March work session would be held on March 21, 2017 as approved.

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C. Planning Commissioner Contact Information

Mr. Papadopoulos requested an updated version of the Planning Commissioner's contact information.

D. Floating Zone District

Staff reviewed seven (7) suitability maps provided in the Planning Commission packet:

1. Areas not considered Agricultural in the Future Land Use Map
2. Areas within 2,500 feet of shorelines
3. Areas within a 2,500 feet of Route 13 and Route 175
4. Areas within 2,500 feet of towns, villages, and residential zoning
5. Areas with Bojac and Munden Soils (prime agricultural soils)
6. Transmission Lines
7. Wetlands

After reviewing the maps presented, the Planning Commission requested that staff return to its next meeting with total acreage for all areas shown in pink, yellow, and green.

Commissioners also discussed the following items:

- locational requirements (setbacks/buffers from Incorporated Towns, subdivisions, and roadways);
- underground wiring and transmission lines;
- use of prime agricultural land;
- limiting of acreage (200 acres);
- physical configuration standards of substations or enhancements;
- offsets to the loss of personal property tax revenue;
- restrictions near airports; and
- proffers.

4. OTHER MATTERS

Chairman Lumgair requested a brief update on poultry related matters; Mr. Morrison informed the Planning Commission that work had briefly stopped at the Pungoteague sites, but they have now received the Virginia Pollution Abatement (VPA) for the site on the West side of the property. As far as Mr. Morrison is aware, there will be no new letters of intent going out.

Mr. Morrison briefed the Planning Commission on the General Assembly HB1697 - Housing crisis; extension of sunset date of land use approvals. He noted that staff has found that the bill was passed by the House, then passed by the Senate with an amendment, but the Senate amendment was rejected. Another extension has not yet been granted. Staff will continue to update the Planning Commission on this matter.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Accomack County Board Chambers, Room 104, in Accomac.

The next Planning Commission work session is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Board Conference Room, Room 201, in Accomac.

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6. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

David Lumgair, Jr., Chairman

Jessica Taylor, Administrative Assistant