

Minutes

Northampton County Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee

July 12, 2012

This was a regular meeting of the Northampton County Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) held on Thursday, July 12, 2012, in the Main Conference Room located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, Virginia. Those present were Chairman Bill Parr, Vice-Chairman Bill Payne, Pat Coady, Peter Lawrence, Charles Bell, Dick Drury and Billy Moore. Absent from the meeting were committee members Butch Bailey and David Long.

Also in attendance were Peter Stith, Northampton County Long Range Planner and Ava Wise.

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. and a quorum was established. The committee reviewed the minutes and there was once correction, the word "decel" was spelled incorrectly. After a motion by Bill Payne and a second by Charles Bell, the minutes were passed unanimously.

A handout was distributed by Bill Payne that put items #3, 4 and 5 of the work plan in bullet format for the committee to review. Bill Parr suggested a workbook consisting of the pertinent zoning ordinance sections, the maps Peter Stith created and the Economic section of the comp plan. Discussion about the plan and the best way to move forward began. Mr. Parr read each of the items in the work plan for review. Peter Lawrence commented he felt he was unqualified to make specific recommendations on regulations and he thought the committee should bring in developers or others who have had problems with the regulations and get their input. The committee discussed potential people of interest to invite to a meeting to get their comments.

The committee began a discussion about inviting planning staff and mentioned Paul Berge, former A-NPDC Director. The committee decided it would be best to have two separate meetings, one with the planners and one with the developers/engineers. Mr. Parr would send out invitations to ME Duff, Wayne McCoy, Gene Thayer, Harmony Investments, Royal Farms and Doug Will (MSA) to invite them to a meeting on July 26, 2012, potentially at Shore Bank in Cape Charles. The invitation would state the purpose of the meeting and ask for their top ten zoning roadblocks, top five suggestions for improvement and other comp plan and zoning issues. Mr. Moore suggested adding Lloyd Kellam and Bill Prettyman to the list.

A separate subcommittee was formed consisting of Pat Coady, Bill Payne and Peter Lawrence to meet with Eileen Kirkwood in order to get information from her on these issues. Ava Wise said she would also participate in that meeting, which is potentially scheduled for July 19, 2012.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2012 at the Shore Bank in Cape Charles, if available. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 after a motion by Mr. Payne and a second by Mr. Drury.