

Minutes

Northampton County Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee

Work Session

November 15, 2012

This was a regular meeting of the Northampton County Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) held on Thursday, November 15, 2012, in the County Administration main conference room located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, Virginia.

Those attending were Chair Bill Parr, Vice-Chair Bill Payne, Charles Bell, Peter Lawrence and Pat Coady. Those absent were Butch Bailey, David Long, William Moore and Richard Drury.

Also attending were Ava Wise, consultant; Peter Stith, Long Range Planner; and Kay Downing, Administrative Assistant.

The meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m. and a quorum established.

The minutes of Nov. 8, 2012 were unanimously approved as submitted upon motion by Mr. Lawrence and second by Mr. Coady.

It was noted that Committee minutes have been posted on the county website.

Discussion was held on the spinal recharge area and groundwater resources. Members agreed that a 100-year plan to address water resources and conservation efforts should be investigated by the county. Mr. Stith noted that a groundwater technical analysis report developed by Malcolm Pirnie is available on the ANPDC website.

The Committee reviewed last week's work related to the Town Edge District and proposed development areas. Also, justification statements were discussed and the need to perhaps use guiding principles versus performance standards. It was noted again that more by-right uses should be implemented that sustain and promote tourism and economic development. Members agreed that the Committee should make general recommendations to the Board. Discussion was held on how economic development impacts the community in both negative and positive ways. There is a need to simplify the process through which development can be encouraged without significantly increasing the potential impacts to the environment.

The need to clarify language adopted in a formal motion at the previous meeting was discussed.

Action:

Motion was made by Mr. Coady to amend a portion of the language in the motion made at the November 8, 2012 meeting to read as follows, "Recommendation that the County direct the planning commission, working with all relative agencies, to revise the Comprehensive Plan and zoning ordinance with regard to commercial, industrial and town edge uses. It should reflect the 2000 Future Land Use and Development Map to include the addition of two development areas that acknowledge the established commercial uses in Townsend and Capeville. These development areas should include as many by-right uses that are adequate to stimulate commercial growth." Second was made by Mr. Payne and the motion carried unanimously.

A complete updated summary of recommendations will be presented and discussed at the November 29 meeting for final review.

The Committee asked Mr. Stith to provide a "draft" future land use map that accurately depicts all existing agricultural/forestal districts and community services as required to be shown plus all preservation areas as well.

It was noted that due to the Thanksgiving Holiday the Committee will meet again on November 29.

Adjourn

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m. upon proper motion by Mr. Payne and second by Mr. Bell.