

Minutes
Northampton County Planning Commission
Public Hearing
June 24, 2015
16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA
7:00p.m., Board Chambers

Those present – Dixon Leatherbury, Jacqueline Chatmon, Mark Freeze, Michael Ward and Sylvia Stanley

Absent – Kay Downing

Also in attendance was Peter Stith, Long Range Planner

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was established.

The agenda was reviewed and accepted as presented.

Unfinished Business

Future Land Use Map

The Commission began reviewing the amended Future Land Use Map both northern and southern portions of the County. Commissioner Ward asked if residential could be placed around the schools and other areas in a way to reduce traffic. It was the opinion of the Commission that this was not happening presently. Peter Stith added that some areas around the schools were in Agricultural Forestal Districts, but there was a possibility that some areas outside of the District could be made residential. Commissioner Chatmon and Commissioner Ward also mentioned needing to change the map colors to something more distinct than the present muted colors. The maps were amended to reflect the following:

Draft Future Land Use Map (FLUM) North



Draft Future Land Use Map (FLUM) South



Goals

Peter Stith provided the Commissioners a copy of the cleaned up version of the Goals section of the Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Freeze raised concerns about how the goals would be accomplished and who would monitor the process. It was noted that there are 116 goals and twenty-three of those goals are the responsibility of the Planning Commission. Commissioner Chatmon responded that agencies or stakeholder groups that have the means to accomplish the goals have been or will be asked to take on the task. Mr. Stith added that the goals are only proposed at this point. After some discussion the Commission agreed that upon adoption of the document they would meet in one year to discuss a plan for monitoring of goals.

Introduction

Peter Stith provided the Commissioners the draft introduction with the June 2, 2015 edits along with additional information provided by Commissioner Ward. The Commissioners reviewed and made edits to the document.

Peter Stith informed the Commission of the two special use applications scheduled for July 7, 2015. Ms. Davis is applying for a retail establishment and Mr. Custis a single wide mobile home. Chairman Leatherbury then asked about the time limits for public input at hearings. It was thought that a limit on the number of people offering their time to a speaker should be implemented to ensure fairness to others that would like to speak. Mr. Stith said he would review the policies and ultimately the by-laws may be amended.

With no further business a motion to recess till July 7, 2015 was made by Commissioner Freeze. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chatmon and carried with all in favor 5-0.