

Board & Agency Presentations

Janice Williams

From: Spencer Murray <smurray@co.northampton.va.us>
Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2016 4:20 PM
To: Janice Williams; Katherine Nunez
Cc: Virginia Eastern SHOREKEEPER
Subject: Fwd: Your campaign Virginia Eastern Shorekeeper Applauds AccomackCountyOffshore Drilling Opposition has been sent

Janice:

Jay Ford has requested the opportunity to update the Board on Offshore Drilling Leases.

Please place him on the agenda for 15 minutes at 5:00 PM March 8th BOS Meeting.

Thank you.

Spencer



Begin forwarded message:

From: Virginia Eastern SHOREKEEPER <shorekeeper@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Your campaign Virginia Eastern Shorekeeper Applauds AccomackCountyOffshore Drilling Opposition has been sent
Date: February 1, 2016 at 12:48:10 PM EST
To: Spencer Murray <smurray@co.northampton.va.us>

Yes I would be happy to join you all and give a presentation on the current status of the proposed leases.

Thanks for getting back to me. I look forward to briefing you all in March.

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From: [Spencer Murray](#)
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2016 11:16 AM
To: [Virginia Eastern SHOREKEEPER](#)
Subject: Re: Your campaign Virginia Eastern Shorekeeper Applauds AccomackCountyOffshore Drilling Opposition has been sent

Jay:
This issue was discussed with the Board. Consensus was that no resolution can be passed at this time due to a lack of information on the subject.
If you would like to present a short overview and I can add you to the 5:00PM session at the March meeting.
Board and Agency Reports.
No guarantees any action will be taken.

Thank you.
Spencer

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 25, 2016, at 1:15 PM, Virginia Eastern SHOREKEEPER <shorekeeper@gmail.com> wrote:

Supervisors-

Accomack has made the move to officially oppose Offshore drilling and to let the Governor and President know they would like to see Virginia removed from the proposed lease.

Virginia Eastern Shorekeeper sent information on the timeline and opportunities for public input back in December to Administrator Nunez but have not of yet heard back and the deadline for you to make a difference is rapidly approaching.

Virginia Eastern Shorekeeper would of course love to see Northampton pass a similar resolution but we understand you likely have many questions. We have been heavily involved in discussions with federal and state officials and are more than happy to come and provide a synopsis and answer any questions supervisors might have on this issue at your earliest convenience.

At the heart of our concerns is the fact that the Eastern Shore would see zero jobs generated but our Aquaculture industry and NASA Wallops would be put at great risk.

I hope we can speak further about this soon.

Regards,

Jay Ford
Executive Director,
Virginian Eastern Shorekeeper
(757) 971-2600

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Subject: Virginia Eastern Shorekeeper Applauds Accomack County Offshore Drilling Opposition

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**Virginia Eastern Shorekeeper Applauds Accomack
County Decision to Oppose Offshore Drilling in
Virginia's Waters**

"Virginia Eastern Shorekeeper commends the Accomack Board of

Supervisors for making the move to officially oppose offshore drilling on Virginia's coast. As the first Virginia locality to voice their concerns, Accomack is setting an example for other Virginia communities to follow. We hope that the Governor and the President will heed the concerns and remove Virginia from the upcoming five-year lease plan.

The economy of Virginia's Eastern Shore is inextricably linked to our waters be it through our booming aquaculture industry and fisheries, or the rocket launches occurring at NASA Wallops. Offshore drilling presents a major risk to the main drivers of our community and it would bring zero jobs to Virginia's Eastern Shore. Even without a disaster, offshore drilling will impact NASA Wallops and the Spaceports ability to compete for new contracts. Why would any private space firm want to take on the risk of launching into oil rigs when they could take simply take their business elsewhere?

We again thank Accomack's Board of Supervisors for taking steps to protect our economy, environment, and culture on Virginia's Eastern Shore. We look forward to other communities joining them in letting Governor McAuffilife and the President know that Virginia's coast is too special and the risk is too high to consider offshore drilling."

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Yours in Clean Water,

Jay C. Ford,
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From: Yvonne Pennell <ypennell@co.accomack.va.us>
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2016 11:23 AM
To: Janice Williams
Subject: FW: Scanned from a Xerox Multifunction Device
Attachments: Off-Shore Drilling Res..pdf

Janice,

I am sorry I am just getting back to you on this matter. Attached is a Resolution the Board adopted in 2009. In talking with Steve, he says he may have additional information on his system. My suggestion would be that Katie speak directly with him as I have no other information.

Thanks,

Y

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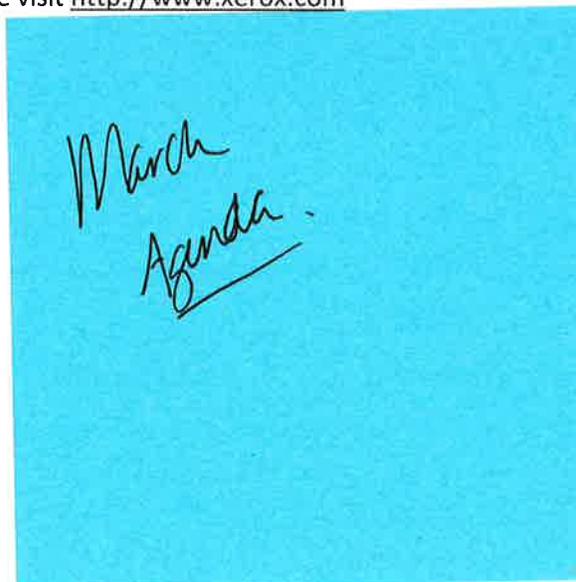
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RESOLUTION

REGARDING LEASING OF CERTAIN OFFSHORE DRILLING RIGHTS NEAR
ACCOMACK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the County of Accomack has enjoyed the economic benefits of the Wallops Flight Facility, located at Wallops Island, Virginia, for many years; and

WHEREAS, the installation is noteworthy for its historical value to the Nation, as well as its promise for future benefits to the Nation, the Region and the County, containing as it does, research, aeronautical, marine, and Naval Defense components, as well as space launch facilities; and

WHEREAS, these components are not only existing, but thriving and growing, and constitute an immense value to the National, Regional and local economy, as well as the security of our Nation; and

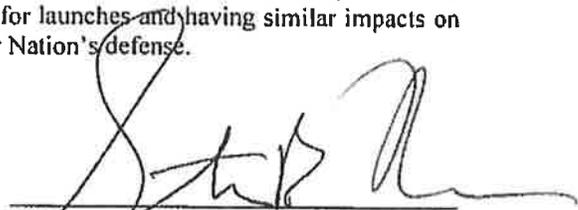
WHEREAS, the proposal to lease drilling rights off of Accomack's coastline has been opposed by the leadership of NASA and the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport (MARS), as well as the Navy, for well-founded and documented threats to their operational environment, which drilling would threaten to degrade those environments and cause hardship on those who seek to promote the greater interests of the Nation through the unfettered and free access to our own marine and aerospace resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Accomack County has been called upon to involve itself in the matter of a proposal to lease these rights to others; and

WHEREAS, the Board has not indicated any opposition to drilling for any reason other than its probable adverse impact on the operations of the Navy, NASA and MARS, and the likely damage that impact would cause to the local and regional economy, it not being opposed to drilling for other reasons:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by this Board of Supervisors for Accomack County, that it does now go officially on record as being opposed to the lease of drilling rights offshore as currently proposed and as reflected in the attached NASA document, where the drilling would occur in the very midst of the flight range for launches and having similar impacts on the Navy's use of our near coastline for preparation for our Nation's defense.

Done this 15th day of April, 2009.


Steven B. Miner, Clerk of the Board

Oliver Bennett

From: David Kabler <david_kabler@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 2:15 PM
To: Robert Duer; Spencer Murray; Granville Hogg; Larry Lemond; Oliver Bennett
Subject: Parks and Recreation plan
Attachments: Business Incubation Center Initiative.doc; Notes about the New Business Incubation Center.docx; NC Chamber Resolution signed.pdf

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for your service to our community! As I have already copied Mr. Bennett with the plans that I am sending you, please allow me to take this liberty. Our county Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has requested space on your March meeting agenda to review our present situation and to offer our goals for our five-year strategic plans. In addition, we want you to please consider the attached proposed Economic Development Initiative that could create a partnership between Economic Development and Parks and Recreation for the use and development of the Machipongo Middle School property.

This proposal has been reviewed by the boards of directors of Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore and the Northampton County Chamber of Commerce, both of which have unanimously passed Resolutions of support for the initiative. The Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber will be meeting on this subject on March 7. Please see the attachments. I would like a chance to meet with each of you privately if possible to go over this initiative prior to your March meeting.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or concerns.

David L. Kabler
Chair, Northampton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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From: David Kabler <david_kabler@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2016 11:08 AM
To: Janice Williams; Laura Jenrette
Subject: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board report to the Board of Supervisors

Good morning Janice,
I am writing to request a place on the Board's agenda for the Parks and Rec Advisory Board to make their annual report and recommendations. The March meeting works for us.

David L. Kabler

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Northampton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Resolution on "New Business Incubation Economic Development Initiative" as a Program to create a Partnership between Northampton County Parks and Recreation and Economic Development

WHEREAS, The former Northampton Middle School property is utilized by Parks and Recreation for more than half of its programs, and has vacant spaces that are well suited for community use such as a cafeteria, a 400 seat theater, athletic fields, running track and other vacant buildings and land; and

WHEREAS, The Northampton County Advisory Board for Parks and Recreation has unanimously identified the former middle school as the most likely and best location for future growth and development of parks and recreation facilities and programs; and

WHEREAS, The need has been recognized to attract a younger generation of residents to Northampton County for entrepreneurial business development, and yet also recognizes the scarcity of affordable housing for such persons; and

WHEREAS, The office of County Administration has reported that the ongoing annual maintenance of the former middle school complex exceeds \$100,000, and that there are no long term, comprehensive plans in place for the use of that property; and

WHEREAS, It has been proposed that a cooperative use of the former middle school property by Economic Development and Parks and Recreation as a New Business Incubator might be in the best interests of Northampton County; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Northampton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board does hereby pledge its support for the complete investigation of the New Business Incubation Economic Development Initiative for Northampton County and her Incorporated Towns.

- Support will be in the form of assistance in advising/organizing and/or promoting such programs as set by the departments of Parks and Recreation and Economic Development of Northampton County.

New Business Incubation Economic Development Initiative for Northampton County and her Incorporated Towns

Leveraging our Regional Infrastructure Assets for attracting People, Business and Investment.

Supporting and stimulating Existing Businesses and creating New Jobs and Opportunities

- ◆Recognizes our ability to act to improve our economy
- ◆Recruits stakeholders who need to be involved in this project
- ◆Identifies and categorizes our assets
- ◆Finds ways our community can use them to create new jobs and opportunities

Our Present Situation in Northampton County

- ◆Adapting agrarian economy
- ◆Community challenged to retain educated youth
- ◆Regional industries in medical, science, engineering, construction, education
- ◆Stagnant population rate, changing demographics, challenged school performance
- ◆Reliance on real estate tax revenue
- ◆Bulk of skilled jobs carried in relatively few industries
- ◆Strong entrepreneurship exhibited in many small businesses
- ◆Talented pool of retired business professionals

Available Economic Development Options in Science, Engineering and Business

- ◆Invites outside investment and stimulates job growth
- ◆Supports existing businesses by attracting new entrepreneurs to our county
- ◆Low demands on public services and infrastructure
- ◆Explores opportunities with NASA Wallops Island, Riverside Health, Eastern Shore Community College, Bayshore Concrete

As an Economic Development Centerpiece

The New Business Incubation Center initiative will utilize the former Machipongo Middle School property in coordination with the county Parks and Recreation department. Adaptive reuse of this facility will improve our infrastructure base with the concurrent development of new business incubation and recreational assets.

Funded and incorporated into a county-wide economic development strategy sharing costs, data, and human resources.

Attracts educated youth and budding entrepreneurs

- ◆generates tourism and commerce
- ◆promotes community involvement and investment
- ◆demonstrates community unity and pride
- ◆produces positive growth for all industrial classes
- ◆provides a platform for outreach ambassadorship

Unique Infrastructure already in place

- ◆Former Machipongo Middle School complex

- ◆Sharing with county Parks & Recreation in use/development of complex
- ◆A residential, work, & play community in public/private use
- ◆Income producing for economic sustainability
- ◆Supports the development of new business & technology

Benefits for boosting economic development

- Promotes confidence among new business prospects
 - ◆presents a positive image of our community
 - ◆attracts visitors and invites entrepreneurship
- Encourages economic growth and exploration of business opportunities
 - ◆stimulates creativity, volunteerism, community cooperation
 - ◆excellent marketing platform for all industries

Recommended Course of Action

- ◆Preserve the Machipongo Middle School property from disposal
- ◆The County and Towns pass resolutions supporting this initiative
- ◆Assign the Economic Development Director to support this initiative
- ◆Adopt a long-term economic strategy based upon new business incubation

A New Business Incubation plan will create significant, meaningful and measurable economic and social impact for Northampton County through the engagement of Government, Corporate, Community and Civic organizations.

Execution of the New Business Incubation Economic Development Initiative

The planning and execution of organizing the community's support for new business incubation goes hand-in-hand with beginning an immediate and focused effort to attract to Northampton County recent college graduates who can demonstrate a solid work ethic and an inspiration to develop new business and technological ideas. Utilizing a reenergized Parks and Recreation Advisory Board working hand in hand for funding with the non-profit group Friends of Northampton County Parks and Recreation, the Economic Development Director will work towards achieving two objectives: the renovation and preparation of the former middle school property into a residential facility offering short-term living, working, and recreational spaces, and attracting talented and motivated residents to occupy and work in the facility. The initiative will require an individual familiar with the following goals:

Upgrading, Operating the Facility

- ◆Working with architects and contractors for fitting the facility
- ◆Preparing a business plan for income and expenses
- ◆Preparing a manual of rules and regulations for operations

Community and Public Relations

- ◆Organizing stakeholders who need to be involved in the project
- ◆Formation and maintenance of regional and municipal partnerships
- ◆Recruiting and organizing sponsors, participants and volunteers

Marketing Relations for Attracting Incubator Residents

- ◆Outreach to educational institutions and industry
- ◆Design and publication of marketing materials
- ◆Electronic and postal communications

- ◆Accounting for results of efforts to attract residents
- ◆Accounting for successful new business startups

Return on Investment

The immediate need for attracting new business as well as a younger entrepreneurial population to Northampton County is evident. Providing a platform for short-term shared living and working arrangements to budding entrepreneurs who are skilled in computer and internet technologies is a proven economic development initiative in China. Certainly some residents in the program will fail to develop a successful new business, but some will succeed. Sharing technologies are developing at a fast pace, and sharing living and working spaces for the development of such businesses is a logical and practical method that is becoming widely accepted among the millennial generation.

A successful new business start-up under this program may very well remain in Northampton County. This program will also provide a means for young college graduates who were raised on the Shore to come back here to live and work. The development of the former Machipongo Middle School property in coordination with Parks and Recreation will take a dormant public property in a prime location and improve its infrastructure for the public good while paying its own way.

Notes about the New Business Incubation Center

The former Machipongo Middle School offers a unique infrastructure that can accommodate such a new business incubation center as is being proposed. Ultimately, the center will house for short terms up to fifty qualified residents who will live and work at the facility. One may ask why it should be a residential facility rather than just a place for work. Northampton County lacks affordable housing options specifically for the Millennial generation. That target audience will be college grads aged from the mid-twenties to the mid-thirties or even forties, single or even married. These candidates will have tried their place in the workforce but did not fit the mold of corporate employees and who want to work in a dynamic entrepreneurial environment. They will need an inexpensive, shared residential space that readily blends into a 24/7 work place as well. The key factor here is providing an affordable residential work place that allows close interaction among the other residents and community mentors where free flowing ideas and information can be exchanged.

We want to provide a platform of support for young people who can focus on developing new technologies in a shared living and working environment. The center will provide dormitory type spaces, sparsely furnished and equipped, allowing the residents to provide much of their own accommodation. The cafeteria will be operational and may very well be a place for culinary experimentation and training. Also, it will be important to offer recreational outlets such as a gymnasium, work-out facility and game/entertainment venues for socializing. Residents will have to commit financially to help support the cost of their residency.

Much like a college, there should be a Board of Visitors made up of community minded, skilled individuals who will work to oversee the practical and financial aspects of the project. Careful selection criteria will govern admittance of the candidates that are produced by a marketing and outreach effort.

Co-development of the Machipongo property with county Parks and Recreation

The former Machipongo Middle School property offers several advantages for this proposed partnership. The property does not require acquisition expense, the improvements on the property have many recreational and living components, and its location is central to the residents of the county and proximity to rt. 13 makes it highly visible and easy to access. Indiantown Park is located far from the highway at the end of a long, narrow macadam road, and is fully developed for recreational use with little usable space for growth. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has identified the former middle school property as the most logical place for further development of county recreational needs. A non-profit foundation has been formed called Friends of Northampton County Parks and Recreation which is tasked to raise funds that can be earmarked for recreational development. That group has begun work towards planning and funding a public aquatics center and has also identified the former middle school as the best site in the county for such a facility. The installation of a public aquatics center, which need and use is strongly supported by a community poll, will be a major upgrade of our recreational infrastructure. The county Parks and Recreation programs already generate substantial income, and the partnership with a business incubator will offer more opportunities for income production.

Programs proposed under the Business Incubator Economic Development Initiative

For Parks and Recreation use:

- Gymnasium for basketball, volley ball, indoor soccer practice, etc.
- Fitness/workout room
- Aquatics center
- Theater, art rooms, senior center, child daycare
- Outdoor running track, soccer/football field, baseball diamond
- Playground and disc golf course
- Indoor recreation rooms for ping pong, pool tables, crafts, slot cars, etc.
- Community gardens, fitness paths, art walks, festival grounds
- Cafeteria/community kitchen/culinary academy

For Business Incubator use:

- Cafeteria that is open to the public and for use of incubator residents
- Gymnasium and equipped fitness rooms available to the public and residents
- Shared work spaces exclusively for incubator residents to interface with mentors
- Work spaces equipped for engineering and technology development
- Dormitory spaces exclusively for co-ed living for singles and married residents
- Recreational/living areas exclusively for use of incubator residents

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March 1, 2016

H. Spencer Murray, Chairman
Northampton County Board of Supervisors
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Dear Chairman Murray,

On, Tuesday, February 9, 2016 the *Queen Anne's County 1776 March for Independence* was celebrated on our Historic Court Green. Our community, the Board of Supervisors, and the Eastville Town Council welcomed five Queen Anne's County citizens, namely: Mary Margaret Revell Goodwin, Commissioner Jack Wilson, Chris Whitesell, Mike Kessler and Mike Bilek. These modern day Minutemen marched in remembrance of the 80 heroic men who embarked 240 years ago on a long mission to defend Northampton County from British attacks.

The event was a joyous, educational and patriotic celebration for our community. Groups of students from several schools attended the ceremonies to pay homage to our local history and experience this memorable day. Several of our historic groups (D.A.R., COLONIAL DAMES, and N.H.P.S.) participated monetarily and by volunteering their time in full support. Additionally, local businesses contributed to help make the day a success. The United States Coast Guard presented our country's colors and the American Legion represented our Veterans. Historian Dennis R. Custis delighted in sharing a wealth of Shore local history concerning the original march and how it had impacted us to a standing room only audience.

The 1776 Event Committee worked hard to make this day special for both those who marched here and those who live here. Were it not for all the volunteers, donations, and sponsors this special occasion would not have been possible. We are most grateful the County allowed the event to be held in Chambers so all could enjoy the talks and presentations comfortably. There have been many compliments concerning our Eastville Inn as the venue for the reception. It was the perfect setting to complete the day. Louise Oliver generously allowed the use of the premises before she was ready to open the Inn for business and she prepared a delicious welcome meal for our visitors from Queen Anne's County *that they are still raving about*. Clearly, it has taken a community.

Mary Margaret Revell Goodwin, QAC Historian and marcher, plans to attend the March 8, 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting. It is my understanding that she will be presenting two resolutions for consideration; first, that Queen Anne's and Northampton Counties become Sister-Counties, and second, that Centreville and Eastville become Sister-Cities. This **1776 March for Independence** has brought positive attention to our county and town and our people. It is for this reason and the success of the event that we are asking for the Board's help.

Our committee is requesting reimbursement of \$628.13 to the Town of Eastville. A breakdown of costs for the event is attached. We hope that you agree that this celebration was something to be proud of and something you endeavor to support. It is always important for communities to celebrate their history. This event highlighted the 240th anniversary of both the historic march and the Declaration of Independence, which was adopted shortly thereafter. We were pleased that everyone contributed so willingly to help keep the cost of the event to a minimum.

On behalf of the Eastville Town Council we are appreciative of our partnership in hosting this memorable event.

Respectfully,

Jonny Stevenson
Town Clerk and 1776 Event Chair

1776 Event Committee:

Eleanor Gordon

Traci Johnson

Wendy Martin

Mary Beth Briggs

Diane Partin

Gwyn Coghill