

At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 22nd day of January, 2019, at the Accomack County Administration Building – School Board Office – Conference Room #201.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT**

**Planning Commission Members Present:**

Mrs. Angela Wingfield, Chairman

Mr. David Lumgair

Jr. James Arnold

Mr. Brantley Onley

Mr. Kelvin Pettit

Mr. Lynn Gayle

**Planning Commission Members Absent:**

Mr. Roy Custis, Vice Chair

Mr. Leander Roberts

Mr. C. Robert Hickman

**Others Present:**

Mr. Rich Morrison, deputy County Administrator of Building, Planning, and Economic Development

Mrs. Stephanie Woods, Administrative Assistant to the Deputy County Administrator of Building, Planning, and Economic Development

Mrs. Ava Gabrielle-Wise

**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

There being a quorum, Chairman Wingfield called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

*On a motion made by Mr. Gayle and seconded by Mr. Arnold, the Planning Commission voted to adopt the agenda with the following change: Item B “Coastal Resiliency” will now be Item D, therefore moving the other items up.*

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Discussion of Revisions to the Tasley Future Land Use Map**

Mr. Morrison informed the Planning Commission that unfortunately the department was unable to get the necessary changes made to the Future Land Use Map. Chairman Wingfield then closed discussion.

**B. Annual Poultry Report**

Mr. Morrison presented to the Planning Commission the Draft 2019 Annual Poultry Report. Mr. Morrison introduced the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) report “Water quality in Southern Accomack County watersheds”. Mr. Morrison informed the

findings of the VIMS report to the Planning Commission quoting the report “The spatial variability in the data for all parameters and the lack of correlation of any high values to poultry sites does not suggest storm water runoff impacts from poultry operations. Further sampling at these locations will monitor any changes in these water quality parameters as the poultry operations mature, and will help to assess the adequacy of siting regulations to ensure they are protective of the marine resources downstream of these operations.” Mr. Morrison continued to break down the report more by stating that the report shows no correlation between what is in streams and poultry houses. This shows that the storm water and litter shed systems are working.

Mr. Pettit inquired about where the report stated that elevated contaminants were found in the streams, and is this potentially due to landfill. Mr. Morrison responded saying that the department does not believe so but that we will make sure to do additional testing. Mr. Morrison then continued to present to the Planning Commission the 2019 Executive Summary of the Annual Poultry Report. Mr. Onley asked if the DPI was good with the poultry numbers in the report. Mr. Morrison informed him that he had a conference call with a representative to confirm the numbers matched theirs. Mr. Lumgair then asked Mr. Morrison if the VIMS report has hit the media. Mr. Morrison informed him that the report has been sent to the Board of Supervisors and will be on the County website as of February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Wingfield inquired as to how many people were employed by Perdue and Tyson prior to the influx of poultry houses. Mr. Morrison stated that he is not sure that it is much less than the 3,040 stated in the Poultry Report.

***On a motion from Mr. Onley and seconded by Mr. Lumgair, the Planning Commission voted to adopt the 2019 Annual Poultry Report.***

#### **C. Working Waterfronts Discussion**

Mr. Morrison reintroduced the verbiage submitted by the ANPDC concerning working waterfronts to be added to the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Lumgair inquired if the information could be added via a link of reference. Mr. Morrison stated yes.

***On a motion from Mr. Lumgair and seconded by Mr. Arnold, the Planning Commission voted to adopt the verbiage on Working Waterfronts into the Comprehensive Plan.***

#### **D. Coastal Resiliency Discussion**

Mr. Morrison opened the discussion with the information that for the first time Federal funds are being allocated for a voluntary relocation program for residents in Louisiana due to rising water issues. Mr. Morrison asked the Planning Commission if the County needs to pursue a voluntary relocation program for those residents in the most vulnerable areas due to rising waters. Chairman Wingfield suggested start by looking at the Sanford area. She referenced a storm surge that cause one side of the road to be fine while the other side of the road houses were completely flooded.

Mr. Morrison stated that utilizing house elevation gives people a false sense of security. That this is just a chance to really open the discussion to look at resources to help those in areas that will flood during tide changes, and not concerning storm surges. Mr. Lumgair suggest that it the County should potentially use resources also to work on educating people concerning the issue of rising waters.

Chairman Wingfield inquired if there were any further questions or comments. There being none Chairman Wingfield closed the discussion until a further work session meeting.

**4. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13, 2019 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, February 26, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Accomack County Administration Building – School Board Office, Room 201, in Accomac.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

*On a motion made by Mr. Onley and seconded by Mr. Lumgair, the Planning Commission voted to adjourn the meeting.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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Angela Wingfield, Chairman

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Katie H. Nunez, Deputy Director of Planning & Zoning