

# LANCASTER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

## Minutes

August 15, 2013

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Lancaster County Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board meeting room of the Lancaster County Administration Building, Lancaster, Virginia.

Present were David Jones, Chairman, Robert Smart, Vice Chairman, Tara Booth, Steve Sorensen, Ty Brent and Glenn Pinn. David Chupp was absent.

Also present were Butch Jenkins, Board of Supervisors Representative, Don Gill, Planning/Land Use Director and Charlie Costello.

Mr. Jones asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the July 18, 2013 regular meeting.

Mr. Jones moved to approve the July 18, 2013 minutes as submitted. **VOTE: 6-0.**

### CONSIDERATION ITEM #1

#### **UPDATE TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – CHAPTER SEVEN**

Mr. Jones asked Mr. Gill to present the issue.

Mr. Gill stated that he had made all of the requested changes to Chapter 7. He stated that he had heard from the vacationing Mr. Chupp, who stated that he is satisfied with the updated version.

Mr. Jones referred to page 7-13 and asked about the language in the “right to farm” section. He asked if the section is asking localities to consider an ordinance about farming.

Mr. Gill replied that that language was put in by Land Design during the last review. He stated that Lancaster County does not have a “right to farm” ordinance at the present time.

Mr. Jones asked if it was more of an informational statement.

Mr. Gill replied yes.

Mr. Jones stated that they might want to add that Lancaster County does not have a “right to farm” ordinance.

Mr. Gill stated that the last review was done at the end of the building boom and the main theme was to preserve and protect the rural character and heritage of the County. He stated that one of the things that Land Design suggested was that Lancaster County have its own “right to farm” ordinance, even though there is language in the state code concerning it.

Mr. Smart suggested that, in the final edition, the subchapters start at the top of the page to help it be more understandable.

Mr. Smart referred to page 7-23, under objectives, letter E and stated that he thought the word “undeveloped” should be omitted, because it was not necessary.

Mr. Smart referred to page 7-23 and stated that he thought the word “traditional” should replace the word “ancient” when speaking of the watermen.

Mr. Smart made a motion to forward the revised Chapter 7 to public hearing at next month’s Planning Commission meeting. **VOTE: 6-0.**

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Gill stated that there might be two potential rezonings for next month.

Mr. Gill stated that the Board of Supervisors has requested that the Planning Commission revisit the data pole issue as well.

Mr. Gill also stated that he thought the Planning Commission should work on Article 10, the Historic Resources Overlay District, in the coming months. He stated that it seems easier to get the National and State designation than it is to get the County designation.

Mr. Jenkins suggested a review of the Rural Village Overlay District as well.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The August 15, 2013 regular meeting of the Lancaster County Planning Commission was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

