

Minutes
Essex County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
February 7, 2023
7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Essex County Planning Commission was held on February 7, 2023, at the Essex County School Board Office, Tappahannock, Virginia.

Present:

David Jones – Chairman
Dr. G. R. Quarles – Vice Chairman
Angelo Stevens – arrived at 7:15
Trent Taliaferro
Benjamin Scott Mundie
Jean Segar

Absent:

Also present:

Kelly McKnight – Planning and Zoning Office Manager

CALL TO ORDER

David Jones, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Jones asked Ms. McKnight to call the roll. A quorum was met.

MEETING AGENDA

The Recognition of Mrs. Evans was moved to right before Old Business. Vice Chairman Quarles asked about the Brays Fork project. Chairman Jones stated it would probably be April before they came back for a presentation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2022, Planning Commission meeting. AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 ABSENT: 1

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Jones opened the Public Comments session and as no one came forward to speak, closed the session.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Jones invited Warren Evans to accept the letter on Mrs. Evans behalf.

Warren Evans stated that he is very appreciative of the Planning Commission for the letter. Mrs. Evans would have been there but was still getting over the Covid effects and wanted to be safe.

Vice Chairman Quarles stated that he thought it would be appropriate of Mrs. McKnight taking a picture of the Chairman presenting the letter to Mr. Evans. He feels it should go into the Rappahannock Times as a picture and an article for Mrs. Evans' service. He asked Mrs. McKnight if there was enough content in the letter to write a press release.



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Mrs. Cheryl Evans
PO Box 1123
Dunnsville, VA 22454

Dear Mrs. Evans,

This letter is to formally thank you for your exceptional contribution as a board member of the Essex County Planning Commission from July 1, 2016, through January 3, 2023. You have provided sound, consistent and fair review and judgement of issues brought before the Essex County Planning Commission.

You strived for clarity and comprehension of complex tasks and issues, resulting in reasoned and actionable recommendations promulgated by the Essex County Planning Commission. Most notably, your expansive knowledge was the driving force in reviewing and approving the recently adopted Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance.

The Essex County Planning Commission, with much respect and gratitude, extends its appreciation and recognition to you for your leadership, dedication and service to the citizens of Essex County.

Respectfully,


David Jones
Chairman – Essex County Planning Commission

Comprehensive plan

Chairman Jones stated that the money for whoever they would hire to assist with the comprehensive plan is in the budget but would not be adopted for several months. He stated he would like to start looking at it to see what needs to be reviewed. Back in June he recommended looking at the legislative authority, section 1, 2 and 3 we could look at it in one night. Section 4 could be done in 2 sessions. Section 5 and 6 could be done in one night and section 7 could be done in one night.

Commissioner Taliaferro asked about the strategic plan and if it had been produced. Chairman Jones stated that the Board did meet and created a strategic plan, and he will get that for the Commission. Kelly McKnight will get that from Rob Akers and will email that to each member of the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Segar made a motion to proceed with a time schedule for reviewing the current Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Mundie Seconded. AYES:6 NAYES: 0 ABSENT: 0

PUBLIC HEARING

none

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Jones asked if everyone had a copy of the bylaws so they could review and clean up. He stated that section 3.7 states that it is mandated to take the training class.

Commissioner Taliaferro stated that he was under the assumption that the Brays Fork project was under a timetable, or they would lose some financing.

Commissioner Mundie asked about Wind Vineyards and the brewery that they are wanting to do.

Vice Chairman Quarles stated that in Dunnsville, Virginia once you pass the gas station there is a lot of activity. Commissioner Taliaferro stated that that would be something for Rob Hodges.

ADJOURN

Having no further discussion, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. AYES: 6, NAYES: 0, ABSENT: 0

Chairman