

**Northumberland County Planning Commission**  
**February 21, 2013**  
**Minutes**

The regular monthly meeting of the Northumberland County Planning Commission was held on February 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse at Heathsville, VA with the following attendance:

Chris Cralle	Present	Garfield Parker	Present
Kevin Elmore	Present	Albert Penley, Jr.	Present
Alfred Fisher	Present	Charles Williams	Present
Ed King	Present		
Bill Kling	Present		

Others in attendance:  
Luttrell Tadlock (Assistant County Administrator)

**RE: CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Garfield Parker, Chairman.

Albert Penley gave the invocation.

Garfield Parker led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**RE: ELECTION OF 2013 OFFICERS**

With a motion from Bill Kling, seconded by Ed King, Garfield Parker was nominated and unanimously voted as Chairman. The vote was as follows:

Chris Cralle	AYE	Garfield Parker	Abstained
Kevin Elmore	AYE	Albert Penley, Jr.	AYE
Alfred Fisher	AYE	Charles Williams	AYE
Ed King	AYE		
Bill Kling	AYE		

With a motion from Kevin Elmore, seconded by Chris Cralle, Bill Kling was nominated and unanimously voted as Vice Chairman. The vote was as follows:

Chris Cralle	AYE	Garfield Parker	AYE
Kevin Elmore	AYE	Albert Penley, Jr.	AYE
Alfred Fisher	AYE	Charles Williams	AYE
Ed King	AYE		
Bill Kling	Abstained		

**RE: MEETING DATES**

With a motion from Albert Penley, seconded by Alfred Fisher, and approved by all, the Commission wished to continue to hold their meetings every third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the New Courts Building. The vote was as follows:

Chris Cralle	AYE	Garfield Parker	AYE
Kevin Elmore	AYE	Albert Penley, Jr.	AYE
Alfred Fisher	AYE	Charles Williams	AYE
Ed King	AYE		
Bill Kling	AYE		

**RE: BY-LAWS**

There being no changes to the By-Laws, a motion was made by Bill Kling, seconded by Kevin Elmore, and approved by all, the By-Laws were re-adopted as written with no modifications. The vote was as follows:

Chris Cralle	AYE	Garfield Parker	AYE
Kevin Elmore	AYE	Albert Penley, Jr.	AYE
Alfred Fisher	AYE	Charles Williams	AYE
Ed King	AYE		
Bill Kling	AYE		

**RE: MINUTES- November 15, 2012**

With a motion from Albert Penley, seconded by Chris Cralle, and approved by all, the November 15, 2012 minutes were approved. The vote was as follows:

Chris Cralle	AYE	Garfield Parker	AYE
Kevin Elmore	AYE	Albert Penley, Jr.	AYE
Alfred Fisher	AYE	Charles Williams	AYE
Ed King	AYE		
Bill Kling	AYE		

**RE: COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Garfield Parker asked that the Board of Supervisors be notified to please fill the two vacancies on the Commission.

**RE: STAFF MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

There were no Staff comments.

**RE: CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Greg Haugan commented the Northumberland Association for Progressive Stewardship (NAPS) sent to each of the Commission members a Climate Change brochure for their

information. He also wanted to invite the Commission to the NAPS annual meeting this Saturday (February 23) at 10:00 a.m., as they will have a panel discussing the fisheries in the Bay.

**RE: PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**1. Public comments on the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments.**

Luttrell Tadlock briefly went over the summary sheet of changes made to the Zoning Ordinance.

Garfield Parker opened the Public Hearing.

Greg Haugan thanked the Planning Commission first of all for being on the Commission and second for their review of the proposed Zoning Ordinance. He commented that County Staff did a good job by taking their time and reviewing each part of the Zoning Ordinance and providing feedback to the Commission. He urged the Commission to adopt the proposed changes as is and to forward the document to the Board of Supervisors for their review.

There being no further public comments, Garfield Parker closed the public hearing.

Next, the Commission reviewed Staff's comments to the public comments which had been received.

Ed King noted that he would like to see Solar Arrays allowed by right in the districts.

Charles Williams questioned what would be the downside.

Alfred Fisher noted individuals would have issue with the aesthetics of the solar arrays.

Luttrell Tadlock noted Staff could generate criteria on Solar Arrays if they wished to allow them by right, and get something back to the Commission at a later date, which would be separate from the proposed Zoning Ordinance they are now considering.

The Commission agreed.

With a motion from Albert Penley, seconded by Alfred Fisher, and approved by all, the Commission is recommending to the Board of Supervisors proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance as seen in this meetings file, and to include the Staff recommendations noted in and seen in this meeting file, as well as, the "Final Review of the Proposed Zoning Ordinance-Public Comments". The vote was as follows:

Chris Cralle	AYE	Garfield Parker	AYE
Kevin Elmore	AYE	Albert Penley, Jr.	AYE
Alfred Fisher	AYE	Charles Williams	AYE
Ed King	AYE		
Bill Kling	AYE		

The Commission also wished to have shown in the minutes of this meeting their appreciation of Staff's help in completing the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments. Additionally, they expressed their thanks to the Citizens for their input to the proposed changes as well as to Mike Harwood for his review of the document for administrative corrections.

**RE: WORK SESSION ITEMS**

There were no work session items.

**RE: DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Board of Supervisors Report

Luttrell Tadlock gave the Board of Supervisors' report.

2012 End of the Year Report

Luttrell Tadlock provided the Commission with a copy of the 2012 End of the Year Report.

With a motion Albert Penley, seconded by Ed King, and approved by all, the Planning Commission approved the End of the Year Report and to submit this report to the Board of Supervisors (A copy of this report can be found in the file of this meeting). The vote was as follows:

Chris Cralle	AYE	Garfield Parker	AYE
Kevin Elmore	AYE	Albert Penley, Jr.	AYE
Alfred Fisher	AYE	Charles Williams	AYE
Ed King	AYE		
Bill Kling	AYE		

**RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lynton Land wanted to inform the Commission the permit for the West Point Paper Mill is going through the process of getting renewed again. Part of the process is that this will be open for public comment. NAPS plans to have a meeting to inform citizens about this. Our artesian water level is going down. Another issue the Commission should be aware of is the need to plan for the Smith Point Jetties being dredged. The jetties are quickly filling back in, however, this project has previously been funded by earmarks from Congress which, according to Congressman Rob Whittman, will no longer be available. The County will need to consider how to keep this channel open as this will be a costly project. This will severely impact not only the recreational boaters but commercial operators as well.

Lee Allain noted he wanted to make the Commission aware of Sea Level Rise which the Commission may wish to add to the upcoming review of the Comprehensive Plan. The flood zones we have today will not be the same flood zones fifty years from now.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

With a motion from Ed King, seconded by Chris Cralle, and approved by all, the meeting was adjourned. The vote was as follows:

Chris Cralle	AYE	Garfield Parker	AYE
Kevin Elmore	AYE	Albert Penley, Jr.	AYE
Alfred Fisher	AYE	Charles Williams	AYE
Ed King	AYE		
Bill Kling	AYE		