

**Northumberland County Planning Commission  
May 21, 2015  
Minutes**

The regular monthly meeting of the Northumberland County Planning Commission was held on May 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse at Heathsville, VA with the following attendance:

Chris Cralle	Present	Garfield Parker	Present
Vivian Diggs	Present	Albert Penley, Jr.	Present
Alfred Fisher	Absent	Wellington Shirley, Jr.	Present
Ed King	Present	Heidi Wilkins	Present
Bill Kling	Present	Charles Williams	Absent

Others in attendance:  
Luttrell Tadlock (Assistant County Administrator)

**RE: CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Bill Kling, Chairman.

Ed King gave the invocation.

Chris Cralle led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**RE: AGENDA APPROVAL**

With a motion from Heidi Wilkins, seconded by Vivian Diggs, and approved by all, the May 21, 2015 agenda was approved. The vote was as follows:

Chris Cralle	AYE	Garfield Parker	AYE
Vivian Diggs	AYE	Albert Penley, Jr.	AYE
Alfred Fisher	Absent	Wellington Shirley, Jr.	AYE
Ed King	AYE	Heidi Wilkins	AYE
Bill Kling	AYE	Charles Williams	AYE

**RE: MINUTES- March 19, 2015**

With a motion from Albert Penley, seconded by Wellington Shirley, Jr., and approved by all, the March 19, 2015 minutes were approved. The vote was as follows:

Chris Cralle	AYE	Garfield Parker	AYE
Vivian Diggs	AYE	Albert Penley, Jr.	AYE
Alfred Fisher	Absent	Wellington Shirley, Jr.	AYE
Ed King	AYE	Heidi Wilkins	AYE
Bill Kling	AYE	Charles Williams	AYE

**RE: COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Ed King discussed his concern of potable water and that the Commission should look in to the feasibility of reservoirs which had been previously designated in the Comprehensive Plan.

After much discussion, the Commission asked for a copy of the reservoir report given by Stuart McKenzie, Environmental Planner of the Northern Neck Planning District Commission.

Albert Penley questioned if the amendments pertaining to the Board of Zoning Appeals would need to be brought to the Commission.

Luttrell Tadlock noted since the amendments were part of the Zoning Ordinance, the Commission would need to have a public hearing on the matter. This public hearing is scheduled for the Commission's June meeting.

Bill Kling asked that the draft amendments for the Board of Zoning Appeals be emailed as soon as possible to the Commission members for review prior to the meeting.

**RE: STAFF MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

There were no Staff comments.

**RE: CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

There were no Citizens' comments.

**RE: PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were no Public Hearings Scheduled.

**RE: WORK SESSION ITEMS**

Chapter 5- Comprehensive Plan Review

The Commission worked on reviewing Chapter 5 of the County's Comprehensive Plan. The Commission discussed minor changes to the plan.

Heidi Wilkins noted she would like to change the language on pg. 5:15 referencing reservoirs. She does not care for the language "in the near future". If the engineering plan is to be updated, shouldn't we specify a date as to when this should be completed?

Bill Kling agreed, he said "in the near future" could mean anything to anybody. He asked since the Comprehensive Plan is reviewed every five years, would it be appropriate to state that in 2019-2020 this will be taken up again during the next review of the Comprehensive Plan, and in the mean time more research can be done on this topic.

Heidi Wilkins asked if it would be appropriate to suggest to the Board of Supervisors that another engineering study be completed within the next three years. If we just put in the plan that we are going to look at it again in 2019, we will have the same discussion. We will just look at it in another five years.

Bill Kling stated the Commission could forward a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. It would be more than just an engineering study; it would have to include financial costs and feasibility studies.

Ed King questioned what other options were available for water supply. We are depending on the aquifers now. We need to think ahead on this topic. Experts in this field say we cannot conserve our way out of the water shortage problem.

The Commission modified language on pg. 5:15 section (3)b to “By 2017, the County should conduct a comprehensive study and develop a detailed economic and financial plan and determine the feasibility of a reservoir system.”

With a motion from Garfield Parker, seconded by Ed King and approved by all present, the Commission wishes to report discussions from their May 21, 2015, meeting to the Board of Supervisors of the importance of potable water and taking steps to investigate the feasibility of reservoirs in Northumberland County. The vote was as follows:

Chris Cralle	AYE	Garfield Parker	AYE
Vivian Diggs	AYE	Albert Penley, Jr.	AYE
Alfred Fisher	Absent	Wellington Shirley, Jr.	AYE
Ed King	AYE	Heidi Wilkins	AYE
Bill Kling	AYE	Charles Williams	AYE

Upon motion by Albert Penley, seconded by Heidi Wilkins, and approved by all, the Commission agreed upon the proposed changes made to Chapter 5 and will hold a public hearing on these changes at a later date. The vote was as follows:

Chris Cralle	AYE	Garfield Parker	AYE
Vivian Diggs	AYE	Albert Penley, Jr.	AYE
Alfred Fisher	Absent	Wellington Shirley, Jr.	AYE
Ed King	AYE	Heidi Wilkins	AYE
Bill Kling	AYE	Charles Williams	AYE

## **RE: DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### *Board of Supervisors Report*

Luttrell Tadlock gave the Board of Supervisors’ report.

The Planning Commission congratulated Renss Greene on awards he had received writing for the Rappahannock Record.

**RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were received.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

With a motion from Garfield Parker, seconded by Heidi Wilkins, and approved by all, the meeting was adjourned. The vote was as follows:

Chris Cralle	AYE	Garfield Parker	AYE
Vivian Diggs	AYE	Albert Penley, Jr.	AYE
Alfred Fisher	Absent	Wellington Shirley, Jr.	AYE
Ed King	AYE	Heidi Wilkins	AYE
Bill Kling	AYE	Charles Williams	AYE