

**Northumberland County Planning Commission  
August 16, 2018  
Minutes**

The regular monthly meeting of the Northumberland County Planning Commission was held on August 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the New Courthouse at Heathsville, VA with the following attendance:

Chris Cralle	Absent	Garfield Parker	Present
Vivian Diggs	Absent	Albert Penley, Jr.	Present
Alfred Fisher	Present	Wellington Shirley, Jr.	Present
Ed King	Present	Heidi Wilkins	Present
Patrick O'Brien	Absent	Charles Williams	Present
Richard Haynie	Present		

Others in attendance:  
Stuart McKenzie (County Planner)  
Philip Marston (Zoning Administrator)

**RE: CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Fisher.

Alfred Fisher led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ed King gave the invocation.

**RE: AGENDA**

Mr. Shirley made a motion to adopt the Agenda. Mr. Penley seconded the motion. All members voted for the motion, and none against. Details on the vote are below:

Chris Cralle	Absent	Garfield Parker	Aye
Vivian Diggs	Absent	Albert Penley, Jr.	Aye
Alfred Fisher	Aye	Wellington Shirley, Jr.	Aye
Ed King	Aye	Heidi Wilkins	Aye
Patrick O'Brien	Absent	Charles Williams	Aye
Richard Haynie	Aye		

**RE: MINUTES- May 17, 2018**

Chairman Fisher asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes, there were none. A motion from Mr. Penley, seconded by Mr. Williams, to accept the May 17 minutes of the Planning Commission meeting, was approved. The vote was as follows:

Chris Cralle	Absent	Garfield Parker	Aye
Vivian Diggs	Absent	Albert Penley, Jr.	Aye
Alfred Fisher	Aye	Wellington Shirley, Jr.	Aye
Ed King	Absent	Heidi Wilkins	Aye
Patrick O'Brien	Aye	Charles Williams	Aye
Richard Haynie	Aye		

**RE: COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

There were no Commission Member comments.

**RE: STAFF MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Staff did not have any comments.

**RE: CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

There were no citizen's comments.

**RE: WORK SESSION ITEMS**

There were no Work Session Items scheduled.

**RE: DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There were no Work Session Items scheduled.

**RE: PUBLIC HEARING – RanBec II Re-Zoning 36A(1)78 and 36A(1)78B**

Mr. Marston, County Zoning Administrator, addressed the commission. Mr. Marston stated that the Office of Building and Zoning received a request to rezone parcels 36A(1)78 and 36A(1)78B from Residential Waterfront (R-2) to Industrial Light (M-1), from Mr. Cockrell, for RanBec II, LLC. Mr. Marston stated the reason for the change in use was to continue to allow boat building on the parcels in question.

Mr. Fisher opened the public hearing at 7:06 pm. No members of the public signed up to speak, or contacted county staff to make any comments on the public, therefore no public comments were recorded. The public hearing was closed at 7:09 pm.

Mr. Shirley expressed the opinion that this was an error in the original zoning classification back in the 1970's, and made a motion to grant the rezoning request. Mr. Parker seconded the motion. Chairman Fisher stated that the Glebe Point area has historically been a combination of residential and commercial uses. Mr. Penley asked if there was a house on one of the parcels. Staff stated that there is a house in parcel 78 and that it is being used as the upholstery shop of Tiffany Yachts. Mr. Williams stated he is in favor of the request. Mr. King stated that it makes sense to grant the request. The Planning Commission voted to grant the request for rezoning of 36A(1)78 and 36A(1)78B from R-2 to M-1 and send to the Board of Supervisors for final consideration.

The vote was as follows:

Chris Cralle	Absent	Garfield Parker	Aye
Vivian Diggs	Absent	Albert Penley, Jr.	Aye
Alfred Fisher	Aye	Wellington Shirley, Jr.	Aye
Ed King	Absent	Heidi Wilkins	Aye
Patrick O'Brien	Aye	Charles Williams	Aye
Richard Haynie	Aye		

### **RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no citizen's public comments.

### **RE: OTHER DISCUSSION**

Chairman Fisher asked Board of Supervisor's liaison Mr. Haynie why hasn't VDOT been able to mow the grass on the rural roads of the county? Mr. Haynie stated that VDOT had stated that the rainy weather made it too muddy and too wet to mow, and some tractors got stuck in the mud. Mr. Fisher asked Mr. Haynie to bring it up at the next Board of Supervisor's meeting, as the situation is becoming a safety problem. Mr. Haynie state that the BOS will address this again next month.

Mr. Williams asked about the status of the old High School in Heathsville. Mr. Williams stated that citizens have complained regarding the appearance of building with vines growing all over it. Mr. Haynie stated that the County gave it to the YMCA, and that the YMCA owns it. Mr. Marston added that he is a member of the Redevelopment Committee for the YMCA, and that he has some insight, if the members would be interested. Everyone stated that they were interested, so Mr. Marston stated that the YMCA has raised enough money to tear down the High School buildings, but that there is asbestos throughout the building that needs to be removed. Mr. Marston stated that the cost to removed the asbestos is as much as the cost to demolish the building, so they are short of funds, and still raising money.

Mr. Penley asked Mr. Haynie if the Board is thinking of tasking the Planning Commission to study a Capital Improvement Program, and Mr. Haynie stated there has been some discussion regarding that issue.

### **RE: ADJOURNMENT**

With a motion from Mr. Penley, seconded by Mr. Shirley, and approved by all, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm. The vote was as follows:

Chris Cralle	Absent	Garfield Parker	Aye
Vivian Diggs	Absent	Albert Penley, Jr.	Aye
Alfred Fisher	Aye	Wellington Shirley, Jr.	Aye
Ed King	Absent	Heidi Wilkins	Aye
Patrick O'Brien	Aye	Charles Williams	Aye