

**Northumberland County Planning Commission**  
**April 20, 2017**  
**Minutes**

The regular monthly meeting of the Northumberland County Planning Commission was held on April 20, 2017 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	Present	Wellington Shirley, Jr.	Present
Ed King	Present	Heidi Wilkins	Present
Richard Haynie	Present	Charles Williams	Present
Patrick O'Brian	Present		

Others in attendance:  
Stuart McKenzie (County Planner)

**RE: CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Alfred Fisher, Chairman.

Ed King led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Garfield Parker gave the invocation.

**RE: AGENDA**

Mr. Fisher asked if anyone has any problems with the agenda. No one spoke, and Mr. Shirley motioned to approve the agenda as is. Mr. Penley seconded the motion. Mr. Fisher asked for a vote, all members voted for the motion, and none against. Details on the vote are below:

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

**RE: MINUTES- October 20, 2016**

With a motion from Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. O'Brian, and approved by all, the April 20, 2016 minutes were approved. The vote was as follows:

Chris Cralle	AYE	Garfield Parker	AYE
Vivian Diggs	AYE	Albert Penley, Jr.	AYE
Alfred Fisher	AYE	Wellington Shirley, Jr.	AYE
Ed King	AYE	Heidi Wilkins	AYE
Richard Haynie	AYE	Charles Williams	AYE
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## **RE: COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Fisher asked if there were any Commissioner's comments. Mr. Parker announced that the WestRock CP LLC. of West Point, which is the paper mill, has applied for reissuance of their water permit. Mr. Parker continued that the public comment period is from April 24 to May 24 (2017). Mr. Parker stated that they (WestRock) are applying for withdrawal of an average of 20.03 million gallons per day during years one through three of the permit, 19.21 million gallons per day during years four through seven of the permit, 17.00 million gallons per day during years eight and nine of the permit, and 16.00 million gallons per day during year ten of the permit. Mr. Parker noted that the implications of this permit renewal is that they continue to draw down the aquifer, and he just wanted to make sure that everyone is aware that we are in the area that is affected. Mr. Parker stated that the last he heard the water table was dropping, is that correct, Stuart? Mr. McKenzie agreed and stated that the groundwater level is going down between 1 to 1.5 feet annually. Mr. McKenzie stated that on the website, DEQ will publish maps that show where the groundwater drawdown will occur, and further stated that he checked the website today at 5 pm and the WestRock groundwater permit application was not published yet, but that the public comment does not start until the 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. McKenzie stated that he printed out copies of the public notice for the Planning Commission Members, as he knew it was an important topic for the commission as we are in the cone of depression, and handed those copies out. Staff mentioned that last week staff got a notice about the City of Portsmouth and their groundwater permit application. Staff went to the website and was surprised when he looked at the Portsmouth groundwater drawdown maps and noted that the cone of depression almost reached Lancaster County, and that was from Portsmouth. Staff indicated that he thought that the WestRock maps (when published) would show impact in Northumberland County. Staff also noted that he would send the public notice out by email so that the Planning Commission Members would not have to type in the long web address for the DEQ groundwater permitting public notice website.

Mr. Williams asked if we know exactly how much water that WestRock is taking out of the aquifer now, as opposed to what they are permitted to draw? Mr. McKenzie thought that they were permitted for 20 million gallons a day now, but noted that that was one of the things that DEQ is working on, trying to make the groundwater permit limit close to what they are actually using, so there is not a lot of extra unused water that they big users are holding onto, DEQ wants to spread that extra water out to everybody. To put that another way, DEQ wants to have the groundwater permits more accurately reflect what everyone is using. Mr. Penley asked if the unused water is a carryover. Staff asked for clarification, and Mr. Penley stated that if they have unused water one year, can they carry it over to the next. Mr. McKenzie stated that no, there is no carryover, you as a permittee use it or lose it. Mr. McKenzie noted that there is good news, as the WestRock paper mill groundwater permit numbers are going down, just not fast enough for him

personally. There will be a reduction taking place in the future. Mr. McKenzie elaborated that he has heard that WestRock uses ground water in high pressure hoses to blast the bark off the trees that the paper mill uses, instead of using a mechanical debarker. Staff noted that is a lot of water right there, in addition to the water the plant uses in the chemical processing of the wood into paper products.

Mr. Fisher asked if they (WestRock) couldn't use all of the fresh water running down the Mattaponi River, Mr. Williams speculated it must be too costly for them to use that water. Mr. McKenzie added that he heard that the company says the river water has salt in it and it is too corrosive on their machinery. Mr. McKenzie noted that they desalinate wells down in Southside Virginia, so the technology is feasible and relatively economical. Mr. McKenzie added that his thoughts about WestRock is that the plant was built in the 1950's and when you think of operational efficiency, what is the lifespan of a facility like that? Obviously, we have learned to build better and be more energy efficient, and am not sure whether they are going to be able to retrofit it into the future. Some that equipment is very old, and it may not be able to be retrofitted. The good news is that they will be reducing their (groundwater) uptake. Mr. Williams asked if Dr. Lynton Land has an opinion on the groundwater permit? Mr. McKenzie noted that he emailed the notice to Dr. Land as soon as he received it, and also sent it to Mr. Davis at the Planning District Commission, as he knows that groundwater is an important issue for the region as a whole. Mr. McKenzie asked if Frank Fletcher still lived in the area, the consensus was that he has moved out of the area.

Mr. Fisher noted that we had a death in the county since the last time we met, a man by the name William A. Hudnall. William died at the age of 102 years old, he was born and raised in Northumberland County, went to school here, left for a few years, he and his wife went to Baltimore and worked then started a grocery business in New York. In 1960 moved back to Northumberland County and went back to his old business of crabbing. Mr. Fisher stated he met William in 1972 when he was hired as the first black Marine Police Officer in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mr. Fisher stated he got to be friends with William, but as time went on I got to be more than friends. He was a gentleman, he was a mentor. William was the first in a lot of things. He was the first black man elected in Northumberland County to the Board of Supervisors' in a white district. He was the first black man on the Virginia Marine Resources Commission after he retired from the marine police. He was on the Potomac River Fisheries Commission, he was on several committees for the governor, throughout the years after his retirement from the state. Mr. Fisher noted that he got to be very good friends with William, working and traveling up and down the Chesapeake Bay and the tributaries, and learned a lot of good information from him, he was a mentor to me. Mr. Fisher stated that he often thinks one of the reasons he is where he is, in this chair as long as he has been, is because of him and the things that he taught me. Mr. Fisher stated he speaks of him tonight because he was a charter member of the Northumberland County Planning Commission, and he will be greatly missed. He and his wife Bessie, Mr. Fisher had lunch with them the Friday before he died, and at 102 he just as sharp as a tack. Mr. Fisher said he hoped he can retain as much of his information that he brought to me as I can possibly retain. If you want to think of some great person in Northumberland County, Mr. Fisher stated that to him, he was a great person. He was not only first, a lot of people can be first, but he succeeded at whatever he did. There is plaque outside this hallway with his name on it, and there is a portrait of him in the old courthouse. He will be missed, but he will be remembered in

this county. Mr. Fisher concluded with the statement that he and his wife Bessie are fine people. Mr. Williams stated that he thought of Mr. Hudnall as a fine person as well.

**RE: STAFF MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Staff did not have any comments.

**RE: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' LIASON COMMENTS**

Mr. Haynie noted that budget time is here. He continued stating that the BOS had its first budget work session on the School Budget last week. Mr. Haynie noted that they haven't gotten all of the budget requests from the county offices, all of that hasn't been compiled yet, still waiting for Luttrell to get all of that done. The School has asked for a few extra dollars. Besides the budget, everything in the County seems to be running smoothly, no issues. Mr. Haynie explained that the County is trying to do something with the old EVB Bank building, trying to get a layout of what can be done in there, for the offices that want to go in there. Mr. Haynie stated he thought they would have something on that at the next Board meeting. Mr. Fisher asked if we are going to have a drive-up window to pay your taxes? Mr. Haynie stated that Ellen wants a drive-up window, but it doesn't make a bit of difference to me.

**RE: CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Lee Allain stated that when he went on the website to check to see if there was a Planning Commission meeting, there was nothing indicating whether a meeting was taking place or not. Mr. Allain continued that he learned the county has hired a new website guy that just moved into the county, so we will just see how the website works after he is done with it. Mr. Allain added that it was no big deal.

**RE: PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were no Public Hearings scheduled.

**RE: WORK SESSION ITEMS**

There were no Work Session Items scheduled.

**RE: DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mr. Fisher noted that the Planning Commission had to meet this month, as it is required by State Code, so we had no choice. Mr. Fisher announced the review of the Planning Commission By-Laws. Mr. Williams asked if there was a reason we are reviewing these? Mr. Fisher explained the fact that we have a new member on board, we can get this information to him, and get off on a fresh start, and keep everything on an even keel so to speak. Mr. Fisher stated that anyone has any suggestions for additions or deletions now was the time to take care of those changes. Mr. McKenzie stated that if you recall, the Commission readopted the By-Laws back in January (2017), but there was no discussion on them, just a quick vote. Mr. Fisher asked if there are any items in the By-Laws that

need to be discussed. Mr. King made a motion to readopt the existing By-Laws. Staff indicated that the Planning Commission had already re-adopted the By-Laws at the January meeting. Mr. Williams asked if Staff had anything questionable here. Staff stated no, back at the January meeting, Staff wanted to make sure that everyone was happy with the date and time of the Planning Commission meetings as well as the By-Laws. Mr. Fisher then addressed the Commission, take them (the copy of the By-Laws) home, put them in a file, refer to them as needed. Mr. Fisher stated he thought the By-Laws was readable and self-explanatory. Mr. Penley read from the By-Laws, “the Planning Commission shall primarily serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors”. Mr. Fisher stated that that statement was correct, and was the way it has always been. Mr. Fisher said that sometimes they (the BOS) goes along with us, sometimes they don’t, most of the time they do, that is there prerogative. They (the BOS) look to us to give them information, and answer questions, and a lot of times they (the BOS) turn around and do the same exact thing. Mr. Fisher continued that he stated that he can think of only one or two occasions when they actually went against the Planning Commission, in the last twenty-six years. Mr. Penley stated that what he was trying to say, it does not keep the Planning Commission, from being more proactive as far as the county is concerned. Mr. Fisher stated that he felt a lot of times, they (the PC) are the guard dogs of staff, so to speak, which in our case is not needed. Mr. Fisher revisited Mr. King’s motion to re-adopt the By-Laws. Mr. Parker seconded the motion, Mr. Fisher called for a vote, and it was approved by all.

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Mr. Parker stated that he attended a meeting with Rob Wittman a few weeks ago, because he was concerned that they are trying to deregulate the rules that they had for the Bay, and the status of it, and it is something we probably need to keep an eye on. Congress is, more or less, going to hell in a hand basket, it just seems like the Bay has recovered, the blue crabs are back, seafood is going up and all of a sudden the regulations are taken off. Mr. Parker continued that he thinks that it is going to hurt us in the long run, because it has been a struggle these last twenty years or so, as far as trying to clean up the Bay, and once cleaned up, we can start seeing it becoming useful and becoming a good system once again. Mr. Parker stated he found it very interesting it seems like everybody is in the mode to do away with the stuff that helped it get it back the way it was. Mr. Williams asked what was Mr. Wittman’s opinion? Mr. Parker said that in his opinion, it sounded good, that he was making an effort, but there are 435 of them trying to make a decision, and he is but one small voice, but Mr. Parker thought it was a good meeting, and that it was very interesting.

Mr. Parker noted that looking at the Northumberland Association for Progressive Stewardship newsletter that Dr. Greg Haughan is leaving Northumberland County. Mr. Parker wanted to make a motion, if possible, for this Commission give him a hearty thank you for what he has done for us over the years. Mr. Parker thought that when he wanted

to know something, he (Dr. Haughan) was an expert, he was someone who actually knew what he was talking about. Mr. Parker would like to thank him wholeheartedly for all the work he has done, and all of the information he has provided us, we do have one of the most comprehensive plans in the Northern Neck, and other people look at our plan and say it is too much. But they have to admit that we have a very thorough plan. Mr. Fisher stated that Mr. Haughan was the head instigator and worked day and night on it with this Commission for about a year and a half, through thick and thin, through public comments, and I agree with your summation, wholeheartedly. Mr. Fisher stated he would like to see some type of plaque. Mr. Penley asked maybe some kind of a resolution of appreciation, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Fisher agreed and stated he would like the plaque to come personally from the Planning Commission. Citizen Lee Allain stated that there was a proclamation from the Board of Supervisors thanking him for his work. Mr. Williams stated he agreed and asked how we are going to start that, a letter of appreciation, a resolution and some sort of plaque? Mr. McKenzie indicated that he would discuss this with the County Administrator and see what we can do. Mr. McKenzie noted that Mr. Haughan stopped by the office the other week to say goodbye, while he was at lunch, so he missed him.

Ms. Wilkins asked the Chairman what is our role in helping the county execute the things in the Comprehensive Plan regarding alternate water sources, do we have a role in that other than just giving the Board of Supervisors the Comprehensive Plan, or is there some initiative that we should be taking to come up with alternative water sources? Ms. Wilkins added that she did not mean tonight, but in general what is our role going to be into the future. Ms. Wilkins continued that water is the biggest planning challenge we face in the future of the county, and we need to come up with solutions for the water problem. Mr. Fisher stated the first thing we need to do is see what is the extent or do we have a water problem. Listening to the experts here, they say we don't have a problem in the near term (in the next 50 years). Mr. Fisher added we have brought up discussions on reservoirs, which could have astronomical costs associated with them. Mr. Fisher stated to answer your question, it certainly could be put as a discussion item in the future. Mr. McKenzie noted that he had some updates that he could add. Mr. McKenzie stated he tried to contact Craig Nicol at DEQ and found out that he is still employed by DEQ, but not by the Office of Water, and now works in the Hampton Roads area for DEQ in another capacity. Mr. McKenzie recounted how Mr. Nicol stated the last time he visited the Planning Commission that DEQ was hiring some additional staff as planners to assist localities in planning for additional water supply sources into the future. Brian McGurk is the surface water permit staff, Mr. McKenzie stated, and he has contacted him regarding planning possible reservoirs in the County. Mr. McKenzie asked if Mr. McGurk would be willing to come out and talk to the Planning Commission, and he indicated a willingness to come and talk about water supply planning, and he is the surface water permit guy, and he would be the one that approves our reservoir permit. Mr. McKenzie stated that if the Commission would like Mr. McGurk to present at a future meeting, we can make that happen. McKenzie added that he had the idea to take the potential reservoir sites that had been digitized previously and calculate the number of acres of wetlands that would be impacted if the reservoir dam was constructed and the reservoir area flooded, when time permits. Mr. McKenzie stated that the cost of the land for the reservoir is going to be high, but wetland mitigation, which is required, may cost even more. Mr. McKenzie added that the last time he checked, wetland mitigation credits cost approximately \$69,000 per acre. Mr. Fisher clarified, you are not even getting into the purification (of

the water)? No, we are just talking about buying the land and getting the permit, not the actual water plant costs. Mr. Fisher stated that the total costs are astronomical. Mr. McKenzie stated that he thought we had discussed this before, but you cannot pipe untreated water any distance, because it has algae and sediment which would tear your pumps up. It will be necessary to have a treatment plant at the reservoir in order to pump clean water from there. Mr. Fisher asked about Mr. McGurk, clarifying that he was in charge of surface waters, does that include surface wells? Staff indicated that no, the term surface waters includes rivers, streams, creeks, ponds and lakes. Mr. Fisher stated he would like to get some information on surface wells. Mr. Penley asked, shallow wells? Mr. Fisher said yes, he always referred to them as surface wells. Mr. McKenzie stated he was not sure if there were any contractors that still dig shallow wells in the area these days, as it is dangerous to dig, you need to have temporary walls up so that the earth doesn't collapse on the workers, etc. Mr. Fisher noted that the shallow wells constructed in the last 20 years were bored with a bit and they put the well curbs in as they go down. Mr. Fisher stated that DEQ has told him that the amount of rainwater we receive in Northumberland County will replenish surface wells. And there was a time when I was young when that was pretty much all we had. The seafood houses and high dollar come here people had artesian wells, but everyone else had surface wells, and some of us had a rope with a bucket on the end of it. Mr. Fisher added this is a source of water that seems to be forgotten. Mr. McKenzie said that the Health Department for years have been trying to get people off shallow wells, as they are most easily contaminated type of well, but I understand that sometimes people replace the shallow well with an artesian well for potable water, but keep their shallow well in operation for watering their garden, since the shallow well does not have the amount of suspended solids that artesian water has that messes up your tomatoes. Mr. Fisher stated that you are looking at one. Ms. Wilkins added that we can also explore alternatives to reservoirs, which I do not know what they are, I am not a scientist, I don't want to wait until the fiftieth year and realize we have a problem. Mr. Wilkins continued, to me we are a Planning Commission and I would like to see us research, pursue and make recommendations for future water supply. Mr. Penley stated that we might make it. Ms. Wilkins said she is not sure she will make it 50 years, but she sure wants her children and grandchildren to have enough clean water. Mr. Penley agreed and stated that this is what he referring to about the Commission being proactive. Mr. Penley stated he has been sitting on this commission for three years, and he would like to see us get a program going that he sees as a vital interest that we could pursue in the future, and he thinks the Board would welcome any action to put something together and get it to the Board. Mr. Penley, gesturing to Mr. Fisher said you would appreciate that. Mr. Fisher replied yes, and we certainly have the ability to bring in the experts to educate us. Ms. Wilkins asked if we are going to make public comments on this WestRock groundwater permit renewal? Staff indicated that as a citizen you are free to comment on the permit renewal. Ms. Wilkins clarified her question by asking if Northumberland County is going to comment on the permit renewal? Staff stated he would have to discuss that with the County Administrator, and stated that he was the one who forwarded me the email, so he knows about it. Ms. Wilkins noted that the public notice says that DEQ already slated that it was going to be approved, she was just curious. Mr. Haynie (BOS Liaison) stated he has not gotten the notice yet. Ms. Wilkins said the notices states they (DEQ) are leaning to approve it. Mr. King concurred saying it's going to be approved. Ms. Wilkins stated that she didn't want to waste valuable staff time to formulate a letter to respond if the permit is already in their mind

approved. Mr. Parker noted that they asked all localities, especially governing bodies to offer some sort of comment. Mr. Parker interprets the tone of the public notice as everything is hunky-dory, he thinks they are fooling themselves. Staff indicated it would be on record if we say we support stronger reductions in groundwater withdrawal rates. Staff stated that it is good that DEQ is making an effort to get notices out to all localities that are in the groundwater management area four days before the comment period begins, that's better than they used to be when you had to find out from the grapevine. Ms. Wilkins stated that is a huge shift, and maybe they are looking for more support from the public because their hands are tied and they need public support to ask for sharper reductions. Mr. McKenzie reminded all that DEQ was vindicated by the 2016 JLARC report, they were 100% justified in asking for reductions, so I think they are emboldened, or they understand the crucial role that they are playing right now, and that there are going to be losers and there is going to be winners, because you only have one pie, it is just a matter of how you slice it up, and not everybody is going to be happy. Mr. McKenzie assured that he would talk with the County Administrator and I am sure he will talk to the Board (of Supervisors). Mr. Fisher asked if St Mary's County across the Potomac River, are they on the same reservoir? Mr. Fisher stated that they draw a tremendous amount of groundwater as well. Mr. Williams stated he was not sure he would be against them doing this (renewing their groundwater permit), on record without having an informed, credible, understanding of what damage it is going to do. It sounds like a lot of water, 17-20 million gallons a day, in the scheme of things I don't know that it is. Mr. McKenzie stated that it is a big chunk. Mr. Williams says it is, but I don't know how quickly that replenishes. Mr. McKenzie offered that once DEQ publishes the maps that accompany the public notice, that will show the influence, and I think everyone should take a look at that after April 24<sup>th</sup>, when the public comment period starts. Mr. McKenzie stated he was pretty confident there will be some influence of this drawdown on the Northern Neck. Mr. Fisher said that we should put that as a discussion item at the next Planning Commission meeting, staff agreed. Ms. Wilkins stated that she is not opposed to them having use of water, but if they don't need 20 million, if DEQ only gives them 18 million, it will force them to think about how to improve their processes to use less water and would likely spur innovation on their part. Ms. Wilkins stated she did not want to put the company out of business, there are a lot of jobs, she understands there is an economic component to this as well. Mr. O'Brian stated that he was morally certain that WestRock has a public affairs officer, that probably should be invited to explain what they are doing with respect to what was said earlier, heavy equipment has a useful life as well, it wears out, it is replaced, with more efficient machinery, which I assume is why their usage numbers goes down, but I don't know for sure. Citizen Lee Allain spoke and said the reason the usage numbers are going down is because DEQ is putting pressure on them to reduce their use. Mr. Allain said it was his understanding that their current usage was well under 20 million gallons a day permit limit. Mr. O'Brian added that if they come to present they could speak to if they have some sort of a responsible environmental policy. Mr. O'Brian said, pumping water on that level is really expensive for them, so I assume they are looking at more efficient ways of doing that. Citizen Lee Allain added and using river water, which they used to do. Citizen Allain mentioned that if the next topic of the meeting would be groundwater it might be prudent to invite Dr. Land and maybe ask him to draft a something about the WestRock permit renewal, not that you have to use it, but you could get a feel from where he is coming from on the



issue. Mr. McKenzie confirmed that the Commission would like for him to contact WestRock and invite them to speak at the next Planning Commission meeting.

Mr. Parker stated he wanted to ask Richard (Mr. Haynie) a question, in the last report that I saw, region-wide that I saw, was that the population is dropping. Mr. Haynie agreed. Mr. Parker asked how that reduction in population is going to affect the County finances, has there been that discussion with Board members? Mr. Fisher asked Mr. Haynie if he could answer that question, Mr. Haynie agreed. Mr. Fisher stated that the population is going away, but the land isn't going anywhere. Mr. Haynie further explained that the majority of revenue comes from the land (real estate taxes) and some from personal property, and get very little from sales taxes. What we are looking at is the young folks leaving, there really aren't a lot of great job opportunities here, there are some, but not enough for everyone. Mr. Haynie stated that there a lot of jobs that we don't have here, and they have to go elsewhere to where the job openings are located. We still have some retired folks coming in, but you know what happens these people live here a while, then move back closer to family because of health, and we lose people that way. Mr. Haynie said that he doesn't know how long this trend will last, if we could get lucky enough to get some industry into the county, and create a few jobs that would be great. Mr. Fisher stated industry...a famous saying in Northumberland County, you can do anything you want in Northumberland County, just not in my backyard. Mr. Haynie stated a lot of businesses require water, we don't have sewer everywhere, which is one big problem. Mr. Haynie stated that most businesses, when they come in, they want water and sewer, and if you don't have that they go elsewhere. Citizen Allain added and high speed internet. Mr. Haynie said yes, that has gotten a lot better in the last few years, along with phone service. Mr. McKenzie asked if the members has seen the ads for the internet service provider who is using radio technology to connect to the internet at very high speeds in Warsaw, Reedville and Tappahannock. Mr. McKenzie stated he doesn't know if it works well, or if they are going to expand coverage, but it is encouraging news. Mr. Williams stated that it sounds good, but with all of the trouble he has had with the internet, that he would be letting someone else try it out first. Mr. King stated that his internet will be fast one minute, then it slows right on down and he thinks it is sometimes as slow as dial up. Mr. McKenzie noted that the speed is supposed to be a quantum leap from what we have now, and noted that the company is Virginia Broadband. Mr. Fisher noted that they are in competition with Metrocast and Northern Neck WiFi, and everyone concurred.

With discussion finished, Mr. Shirley motioned for adjournment, which was seconded by Mr. Penley, and unanimously carried with the members. The vote follows:

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**RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**RE: PUBLIC HEARING**

There were no public hearings at this meeting.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

With a motion from Wellington Shirley, seconded by Albert Penley, and approved by all, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm. The vote was as follows:

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