

**King & Queen County  
Planning Commission Minutes  
January 7, 2013**

The King & Queen County Planning Commission met on Monday, January 7, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the King & Queen County Courts and Administrations Building in the Court Room for their regular monthly meeting.

**Planning Commission Members Present:**

John Roane  
Milton Watkins  
David Campbell  
Joy Harvey

James "Jimmy" Guess  
Shelia Morton  
William Herrin  
Robert Coleman, Jr.

**Also in Attendance:**

Thomas J. Swartzwelder, County Attorney  
Donna E. Sprouse, Assistant Zoning Administrator

**Call to Order**

In the absence of Mr. Richardson, Vice Chair, William Herrin called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call/Determination of Quorum**

Mr. Campbell took roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

**Election of Officers for 2013**

Mr. Herrin stated that he would entertain a motion for Planning Commission Chair. A motion was made by Mr. Roane, second by Mr. Watkins to elect Mr. Richardson as Chair.

Voting For: Watkins, Roane, Herrin, Guess, Coleman, Campbell, Harvey, Morton  
Voting Against: None  
Abstain: None

Mr. Herrin stated that he would entertain a motion for Planning Commission Vice Chair. A motion was made by Mr. Coleman, second by Mr. Roane to elect Mr. Herrin as Vice Chair.

Voting For: Watkins, Roane, Coleman, Guess, Harvey, Campbell, Morton  
Voting Against: None  
Abstain: Herrin

Mr. Herrin stated that he would entertain a motion for Planning Commission Secretary. A motion was made by Mr. Watkins, second by Mr. Guess to elect Mr. Campbell as Secretary.

Voting For: Watkins, Roane, Herrin, Guess, Harvey, Coleman, Morton

Voting Against: None

Abstain: Campbell

### **December 3, 2012 – Regular Meeting**

After brief review of the minutes, a motion was made by Mr. Watkins to approve the minutes as written, second by Mr. Guess.

Voting For: Watkins, Roane, Herrin, Guess, Harvey, Campbell, Coleman, Morton

Voting Against: None

Abstain: None

### **Citizens Comment Period**

Mr. Herrin opened the floor for public comment period, hearing no comments from the public, citizens comment period was closed.

### **New Business**

#### **A. Aquaculture & Working Waterfronts – Open Discussion**

Mr. Herrin asked Mrs. Sprouse to please review the first item under new business. Mrs. Sprouse stated that she had received a video courtesy of the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission pertaining to working water fronts in Mathews, VA. She explained that the County has a gentleman by the name of Mr. Michael Hild of Andersons Neck who owns property below Tuckers Park and north of Alease Roane off of Cherry Row Lane. Mrs. Sprouse noted that the task before the Commission tonight and in the upcoming months is to determine what amendments (if any) should be made to the ordinance pertaining to Aquaculture. Mrs. Sprouse explained that Mr. Hild presented a power point presentation to the Board of Supervisors during one of their workshops a few months ago and asked Mr. Swartzwelder to review his proposal. Mr. Swartzwelder explained that Mr. Hild is presently growing and harvesting oysters now in Morris Bay and the York River along his pier to his property, however he has not moved forward at this time to growing oysters to the magnitude as he applied for with the Virginia Marine Resource Commission. He explained that Mr. Hild originally applied to install 6,000 oyster cages, however has been reduced to 1,670. Mr. Swartzwelder explained that he has been approved by VMRC and Army Corps of Engineers. What has not yet been approved by the County is the Oyster Plexes and how they will be addressed. After reviewing Mr. Hild's proposal and answering questions from the Commission he asked if the Commission foresees supporting such a structure and use in the Morris Bay Area. The Commission agreed it is a good project for the County and believes it is in an ideal location of the County. Mr. Swartzwelder explained that staff will have a draft ordinance for them to review during their February meeting.

### **Unfinished Business**

None.

### **Staff's Comments**

Mrs. Sprouse explained during their upcoming meeting, staff will also ask them to review the definitions for a home business and home occupation for clarity. She stated that she will be looking for their interpretation of a home business as it relates to the number of permitted employees. She added that she wonders if it is meant to be employed on the premises or includes those that may work off site. Mrs. Sprouse stated that she will discuss this further during the next meeting.

### **Commissioner's Comments**

Mr. Coleman thanked staff for presenting the movie pertaining to working waterfronts and aquaculture because he believed it to be helpful.

Mrs. Morton stated that Mr. Herrin did a fine job tonight chairing the meeting.

Mr. Herrin thanked everyone for their vote as Vice-Chair for another year.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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William Herrin, Vice Chairman