

**King & Queen County  
Planning Commission Minutes  
August 4, 2014**

The King & Queen County Planning Commission met on Monday, August 4, 2014, 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	James Guess
Milton Watkins	Shelia Morton
David Campbell	James Burns
Hunter Richardson	James Dabney

**Also in Attendance:**

Donna E. Sprouse, Assistant Zoning Administrator  
Rusty Bailey, Shanghai Board of Supervisor Member

**Call to Order**

Chairman, Mr. Richardson called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call/Determination of Quorum**

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

**Welcome Newly Appointed Stevensville Planning Commission Member – Heather Miller**

Mrs. Sprouse explained that Mrs. Miller is not present tonight. She noted that Mrs. Miller was appreciative of the appointment to the Planning Commission, however simply is not able to dedicate the time needed to serve. Mrs. Morris, Stevensville Board Member will appoint someone else to fill the vacancy.

**June 2, 2014 – Regular Meeting**

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

Voting For: Watkins, Richardson, Campbell, Morton, Burns, Roane, Guess

Voting Against: None

Abstain: Dabney

**Citizens Comment Period**

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

## **New Business**

Mr. Richardson stated that there is no new business on the agenda. He asked if there is anything that the Commission would like to add at this time. Hearing none, Mr. Richardson said they will move on to unfinished business.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **A. Comprehensive Plan Update**

During this time, Mrs. Sprouse provided an update on the various sections that she has completed within the Comprehensive Plan draft. She noted that she was able to gather information regarding fracking within the Taylorsville Basin and properties within King & Queen County that are currently under lease for potential gas/oil exploration within the basin.

Mrs. Sprouse noted that she has included the mandatory language regarding the Comprehensive Coastal Resource Management as provided by VIMS. She noted that VIMS is working on creating a comprehensive coastal resource management portal specific to King & Queen, just as they have done with Middlesex County and Mathews County.

Mrs. Sprouse informed the Commission that she was able to obtain DMME mining information for King & Queen County regarding active and abandoned mining sites. She noted that she is still in the process of obtaining information regarding the acreage of each site, as well as the resource that is being mined at each site.

Mrs. Sprouse stated that she was able to obtain information via the web regarding historic places and markers in King & Queen County from the National Historic Registry's website. She noted that she has made contact with the Historical Society for assistance in obtaining any other data for the Historic section of the Comprehensive Plan.

Mrs. Sprouse also noted that she has included language regarding the Conservation Easements within King & Queen County and where such easements are preferred not to be located within the County, specifically within the Economic Development Corridors. She noted that she has completed the map for such earlier this year.

Mrs. Sprouse also informed the Commission of the other items that were in question in the first 6 chapters of the draft Comprehensive Plan that they had reviewed during their June meeting. She noted that Route 721 and 14 is a scenic byway, that additional strengths included was the natural gas at the King William County line and broadband within the county. She also noted that amount of road frontage on Route 33 and Route 360 was added as a strength for county development.

## **Staff's Comments**

Mrs. Sprouse informed the Commission of a situation where a citizen owned approximately 2 acres and had chickens and a rooster. She noted that the neighbor called and was inquiring how far does a chicken coop and associated fencing must be from her property line. It then was discovered that though her neighbor's property was zoned agricultural, it was not a lot that consisted of a minimum of 5 acres to allow for livestock of any kind (including chickens/poultry). Mrs. Sprouse stated that

she mailed the notice of violation to the property owners and the owners had removed the chickens from the property. She also noted that the property owner had raised concerns regarding the ordinance and did not understand why chickens needed 5 acres, however there is no acreage requirement for the amount of hound dogs someone has on a parcel. Mrs. Sprouse said that she informed the property owners of when the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors meet and invited them to attend to express their concerns regarding the ordinance. Mrs. Sprouse asked the Commission to consider if this is what they intended when adopting the acreage requirement for all livestock (to include poultry as well). After much discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Morton to seek a text amendment to remove the term "poultry" from the livestock definition. This would permit owners (regardless of parcel size) to have poultry (other than intensive livestock) on an agricultural zoned parcel for private use. Mrs. Sprouse stated that she would speak with Mr. Swartzwelder regarding the public hearing and if it should be held immediately or during a future public hearing to save on cost of advertising. She also noted that she would ask Mr. Swartzwelder if he could get some guidance from the Board prior to holding such a public hearing. The Commission agreed with Mrs. Spouse's assessment.

Mrs. Sprouse also noted that the Board of Supervisors approved the zoning text amendment that was presented by Mr. Joseph Old, allowing livestock in the Residential Single-Family zoning district by approved Conditional Use Permit on a 10 acre minimum parcel size.

### **Commissioner's Comments**

Mr. Richardson asked Mr. Bailey, Shanghai Board Member if he had any comments tonight. Mr. Bailey informed the Commission of the status of the Mattaponi Pier Project. He noted that because in the past, the demarcation line for salt water and fresh water according to VMRC and DGIF was the old bridge that has been torn down and rebuilt in another location, they now cannot decide if where the pier is proposed is fresh water or salt water. Both agencies are excited about the project however, they have tabled the grant request until they can decide if the pier will be built in salt water or fresh water.

Mr. Bailey also asked the Commission if other Board members attended their meetings other than him and Mr. Simpkins. Mr. Richardson and Mr. Burns stated that Mr. Milby has attended their meetings.

Mr. Guess thanked Mrs. Sprouse for her work on the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Watkins said ditto to what Mr. Guess said.

Mr. Campbell said ditto to what Mr. Guess said.

Mr. Burns wished Mrs. Sprouse good luck.

Mr. Richardson stated that the next meeting will be Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 6 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Watkins to adjourn the meeting. All those present ratified the motion by saying "Aye". The meeting was adjourned.

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Hunter Richardson, Chairman