

Patrick County Planning Commission Meeting

Minutes of October 20, 2020

Present: Mike Helms Chairman; Richard Hazlewood; member of the Planning Commission and Denise Stirewalt, Board of Supervisor Liaison

Also Present: Teresa McCormick, Clerk; Bryce Simmons, Economic Development Director, Alan Black, County Attorney, Gerri Hazelwood, County Administrator

Also via Zoom: Sandra Belcher and Owen Caldwell; members of the Planning Commission Michael Armbrister, Joe Bonanno; West Piedmont Planning Commission Sarah Wray, Reynolds Homestead, Lara Nagle, Virginia Tech

Absent: Larry Smith

Mike Helms, Chairman called the meeting order.

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

A motion was made by Richard Hazlewood to approve the Agenda as presented; seconded by Sandra Belcher and carried unanimously by all voting members present.

A motion was made by Sandra Belcher to approve the September 15, 2020 minutes as presented; seconded by Richard Hazlewood and carried unanimously by all voting members present.

Sarah Wray, Reynolds Homestead and Lara Nagle, Virginia Tech discussed the creation of by-laws for the commission.

Alan Black noted his points of consideration on establishing bylaws for the commission, as the commission members are appointed by the Patrick County Board of Supervisors, using the Statute from the Code of Virginia and the meetings are conducted by Robert's Rules of Order. Mr. Black noted that by-laws seem to be more restrictive than beneficial.

Denise Stirewalt stated her support for by-laws to help guide the Planning Commission members.

After a lengthy discussion, Sarah Wray will email Teresa McCormick examples of adjacent counties by-laws to have available for the Planning Commission members to review.

Michael Armbrister, with West Piedmont Planning spoke with the Planning Commission, regards to updating the Comprehensive Plan. Michael Armbrister will be forwarding a time-line

to work on the Comprehensive Plan to Teresa McCormick to have available for the Planning Commission members to review.

Adjourn:

Mike Helms made a motion to close the meeting; seconded by Richard Hazlewood and carried unanimously by all voting members present.

The next Planning Commission meeting has been set for November 17, 2020.

Mike Helms, Chairman