



**Prince Edward County Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2014
7:30 pm**

Members Present:	William Porterfield, Chairman	Chris Mason, Vice Chairman
	Donald Gilliam	Preston L. Hunt
	Robert “Bobby” Jones	Jack Leatherwood
	W. Parker Terry	John Townsend
	Cannon Watson	Mark Jenkins

Staff Present: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator

The April 15, 2014 meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Porterfield.

Approval of Minutes: February 18, 2014:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; there being no changes or corrections made known, Chairman Porterfield declared the February 18, 2014 meeting minutes approved as circulated.

Review of Board of Supervisors Actions

At Chairman Porterfield’s request to amend the Agenda, Mr. Bartlett reviewed the Board of Supervisors Actions, stating that during the March 11 [2014] Board of Supervisors meeting, the Ordinance Creating the Granite Falls CDA was amended. The original ordinance had a sunset date; the State Ordinance states it takes action of the CDA to dissolve any CDA, not Board action.

The Board approved Dr. Bynum’s Special Use Permit for application of a radio tower. Dr. Bynum did a balloon test and the tower location cannot be seen. It has not been erected at this time but should be shortly.

The Board of Supervisors approved the Comprehensive Plan and the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Bartlett stated on April 8 [2014], the Board was presented with an ordinance restricting hunting from ditch-to-ditch. The State Code states you cannot discharge a firearm from the State roadway. The Game Wardens have no authority to do anything about people standing along the road until they actually shoot the gun. Several people spoke against the ordinance; the ordinance was not passed.

Mr. Bartlett reported the Board “opted in” and the County will run its own Stormwater Management Program. The Town has not yet made their decision. Mr. Bartlett stated only Prince Edward County and Amelia County decided to run the Stormwater Management Program on their own. Discussion followed. Chairman Porterfield stated the CPEAV meeting will be held May 29, 2014, in Charlottesville, and may provide further information regarding what the Legislature did and what it means. Mr. Bartlett stated the County will have to hire a consultant to do plan reviews for large commercial developments as they must be engineered. This applies to everyone, from single family homes on up.

Mr. Bartlett stated there are several Special Use Permits that are coming; the applications have not yet been received. One is a 140’ tower by Southside Electric Cooperative, which is proposed to be placed by its substation on Loman Road. Another project is someone that wishes to run a “second-hand store” off Landing Road near Briery Creek.

Amendment to Zoning Ordinance – Signs

Chairman Porterfield stated an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding signs may be in order. This was discussed in the fall [of 2013]. Also included are examples of sign ordinances from several other counties. Chairman Porterfield questioned a preference for a detailed ordinance or to continue with the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. Discussion followed.

Mr. Bartlett stated the Corridor Overlay included “Signs” and there will be opposition to any ordinance. Mr. Bartlett recommended reviewing different requirements on the divided highways (Rt. 460, Rt. 360); Chairman Porterfield suggested having separate sections which expands the size of signs adjacent to a four-lane highway, with the potential to apply the need for a Special Use Permit. Discussion followed.

Chairman Porterfield reviewed questions posed in the draft amendment. It was determined several concerns are covered under VDOT standards. Discussion followed on size variation of the signs and signs placed in storefront windows.

Chairman Porterfield requested the commissioners review an updated version for further review at the next meeting.

Old Business

(None)

New Business

(None)

Chairman Porterfield declared the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 20, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.