



**Prince Edward County Planning Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
December 16, 2014  
7:30 pm**

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

Staff Present: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator

The December 16, 2014 meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Porterfield.

**Approval of Minutes: October 21, 2014:**

Chairman Porterfield requested any changes or corrections be made known; being none, he declared the October 21, 2014 meeting minutes approved as circulated.

**Review of Board of Supervisors Actions**

Mr. Bartlett reported the Board of Supervisors appointed John Prengaman and Jack W. Peery, Jr., and reappointed Jack Leatherwood and Cannon Watson to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Bartlett congratulated John F. Townsend for being chosen by the Board of Supervisors for recommendation to the Circuit Court Judge to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Bartlett then stated Mr. Robert “Rob” Fowler will begin as the new Planning Director on January 5, 2015. He has 27 years’ experience, having worked in the Hampton area and in Lynchburg.

Mr. Bartlett announced the dissolution of the RC&D, which will occur during the first half of 2015. He stated the reason is the lack of funding; the RC&D was started in 1991 with federal funding which was cut in 2010. He said two of the 185 projects they worked were the Civil Rights in Education Trail and the Buy Fresh Buy Local program.

Mr. Bartlett said VDOT and the Board of Supervisors will hold the Six Year Plan meeting on February 10, 2015.

Mr. Bartlett then said the Board approved the Rezoning and the Special Use Permit for the Concrete and Asphalt plant; he added that the State has approved Luck Stone to fill out and submit their permit application.

Mr. Bartlett then reported the Town of Farmville has requested boundary adjustments:

- 48.9 acres off Scott Drive and Milnwood Road be brought into the Town. (101 Farmville District)
- Approximately 225 acres fronting on Germantown Road (a portion of the old Smith Farm) be brought into the Town. (701 Farmville District)

Commissioner Watson asked if there have been any “war games” held. Mr. Bartlett stated that the Board did not approve the Neathery’s request for the military simulation games.

### **Old Business**

Chairman Porterfield stated that most know this meeting marks the end of his term; he said the current Commissioners are a good group and are always constructive. He said the Commissioners will need to elect a new Chairman, and gave several pointers for the Commission, including the recurrent issue regarding the building lot size and the necessity to keep current on Legislative changes regarding the Zoning Ordinance. He advised the Commission to attend the meetings held in June or July of each year regarding these changes. Chairman Porterfield stated it has consistently been a pleasure and he has enjoyed working with the group.

### **New Business**

Chairman Porterfield announced Dominion Virginia Power will hold an informational meeting regarding the Natural Gas Pipeline on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at the Fort Pickett Officers Club, Blackstone. He said if Prince Edward County can get natural gas, it would make a significant difference.

Chairman Porterfield stated a meeting date will need to be set for January; after some discussion, the Commissioners concurred that the regular Planning Commission meetings will continue to be held on the third Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise announced.

Commissioner Jones stated there will be an informational meeting regarding the Lockett Road Bridge over Sailor’s Creek (State Route 619) bridge project on Monday, January 26, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Rice Firehouse. Commissioner Jones then said he has enjoyed working with Chairman Porterfield over the years and thanked him for sharing his knowledge and wisdom.

Chairman Porterfield declared the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

**Next Meeting:                    January 20, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.**