

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2023

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The Town of Orange Planning Commission held a meeting at 6:00 p.m., in the Town of Orange Community Meeting Room. Planning Commission members present were: Chairman Benjamin Sherman, Vice-Chair Page Sullenberger, Commissioners Rita Carroll, Donald Schafer and L.J. Taylor. Staff members present were Director of Community Development John Cooley, AICP, CZA, Deputy Town Clerk Kimberly Strawser, CZA, CMC and Town Attorney Catherine Lea.

CALL TO ORDER

The Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order. The Deputy Town Clerk called roll and noted that there was a quorum present.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 28, 2022

The Deputy Town Clerk stated that under the motion for the amendments to the by-laws, the word unanimously needed to be removed. Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Sullenberger, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the Planning Commission meeting minutes of November 28, 2022, as amended. On vote, Chairman Sherman – aye, Vice-Chair Sullenberger – aye, Commissioner Carroll – aye, Commissioner Schafer – nay, and Commissioner Taylor – aye. Motion carried.

REVIEW & DISCUSSION OF RAPPAHANNOCK RAPIDAN COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD SITE PLAN - SP2022-02

The Director of Community Development reviewed his memo with the Commission regarding the Rappahannock Rapidan Community Service Board Site Plan. The Director of Community Development stated that the plan is substantially complete. The Director of Community Development stated further that the missing items required have been discussed with the engineer and would be satisfied in the revised plan submission.

After discussion, the Director of Community Development stated the revised plans would be brought back to the Commission at their next meeting for final review.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATES

The Director of Community Development reviewed the goals for the Comprehensive Plan that were discussed at the November 28th Planning Commission meeting. The Director of Community Development stated that each theme of the Comprehensive Plan would need to have a definition. The Director of Community Development requested that the Commission discuss of how they wanted the town to move forward. A lengthy discussion was held. Some of the topics discussed were:

- Water and wastewater

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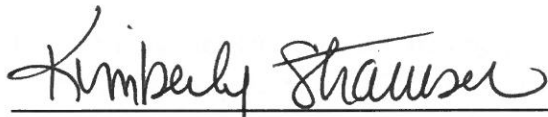
- More housing needed
- More amenities needed
- Bike path
- Business center and where it could be located
- Farmers Market
- TOOT Bus – increasing stops

Commissioner Taylor suggested that the Commission brainstorm on what good things we do have in Town.

NEXT MEETING

The Commission will meet again on Monday, February 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Kimberly Strawser, CZA, CMC
Deputy Town Clerk



Chairman Benjamin Sherman