

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

January 5, 2021

MINUTES

VIRGINIA: The Pittsylvania County Planning Commission met on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at the Community Center in Chatham, Virginia. Mr. Haymore, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Mr. Haymore called the roll.

PRESENT

H. F. Haymore, Jr.	Westover District
Janet Mease	Callands-Gretna District
Brian Horne	Dan River District
Richard Waters	Chatham-Blairs District
Nathan Harker	Staunton River District
Timothy Dudley	Board of Supervisors Representative
Emily Ragsdale	Director of Community Development
J. Vaden Hunt	County Attorney

MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Board observed a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

No citizens came forward to speak.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was amended, electing to move the election of officers to the February meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Dudley seconded by Mr. Horne, and by a 6 to 0 vote the agenda was approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Dudley, seconded by Ms. Mease, and by a 6 to 0 vote, the December 1, 2020, minutes were approved as presented.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no Chairman's report.

Case R-21-001, The City of Danville-Dan River Election District – Mr. Haymore opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. Mrs. Ragsdale, Director of Community Development, reported that The City of Danville had petitioned to rezone (2) parcels of land, totaling 0.50 acres located on State Road 726/Kentuck Church Road in the Dan River Election District from R-1, Residential Suburban Subdivision District, and A-1, Agricultural District to B-2, Business District, General, to combine with an adjacent parcel of land zoned B-2. Mr. Haley was present to represent The City of Danville. Mr. Haymore closed the public hearing at 7:07 pm. A motion was made by Mr. Horne, seconded by Mr. Dudley, to recommend the rezoning be granted. Motion passed by a 6 to 0 (2 absent) vote.

Case R-21-002, Sherry Scruggs-Tunstall Election District – Mr. Haymore opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. Mrs. Ragsdale, Director of Community Development, reported that Sherry Scruggs had petitioned to rezone property located on State Road 851/Sugartree Church Road, in the Tunstall Election District, shown on the Tax Map as part of GPIN# 1460-22-2560 a total of 0.062 acres. The applicant is requesting to rezone from R-1, Residential Suburban Subdivision District, to A-1 Agricultural District, to combine with an adjacent parcel of land zone A-1. Mr. Robert Vaughan was present to represent the petition for Ms. Scruggs. Mr. Haymore closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Harker, seconded by Ms. Mease, to recommend the rezoning be granted. Motion passed by a 6 to 0 (2 absent) vote.

R-21-003, the Town of Gretna-Callands-Gretna Election District – Mr. Motley opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. Mrs. Ragsdale, Director of Community Development, reported that The Town of Gretna had petitioned to rezone property located off Highway 40/East Gretna Road, shown on Tax Map as GPIN # 2530-46-8059, 63.44 acres, from R-1, Residential Suburban Subdivision District, and A-1, Agricultural District, to A-1, Agricultural District to allow for a utility scale solar energy facility. A representative for the solar facility was not present due to COVID-19 travel restrictions. Stephen Midkiff spoke opposing the rezoning, his main concerns were property setbacks and Erosion & Sediment Control issues. Richard Scruggs also spoke in opposition as an adjacent parcel owner, his main concern was the coverage of the solar panels. Ms. Mease stated that a public hearing would be held for the Special Use Permit and their concerns could be addressed at that time. Mr. Haymore closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. A motion was made by Mrs. Mease, seconded by Mr. Harker, to recommend to the rezoning be granted. Motion passed 6 to 0 (2 absent) vote.

NEW BUSINESS

V-21-001 Heath Investments, LLC-Chatham-Blairs Election District – Mrs. Ragsdale, Director of Community Development, reported that Heath Investments, LLC was requesting a Variance to Section 35-369. MINIMUM YARD DIMENSIONS (C) Rear Setback, of the Pittsylvania County Zoning Ordinance, on 0.60 acres, shown on the records as GPIN# 2424-07-9143, located on US Highway 29. Jerry Heath was present to speak regarding the variance. A motion was made by Mr. Horne, seconded by Mr. Dudley to recommend approval of the Variance. Motion passed 6 to 0 (2 absent) vote.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:26 p.m.

H. Haymore

Mr. H.F. Haymore, Vice-Chairman

Robin Vaughan
Robin Vaughan, Clerk