

## MINUTES

### APPOMATTOX COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING ROOM APPOMATTOX, VIRGINIA

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Members Present: (Quorum)

George Almond  
Earl Dickerson  
Al Sears  
Annie Trent  
Steve Conner  
Joshua Mills, Chairman

Members Absent:

Susan Hudson

Also Present:

Johnnie Roark, Director of Community Development

Mr. Joshua Mills, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Mills determined there was a quorum and circulated the attendance sheet.

#### **Organization of the Commission**

Mr. Mills stated that the normal rotation for Chairman and Vice-Chairman would mean Mr. Almond and Mr. Conner would be the new leaders. Mr. Mills asked for nominations.

Mr. Dickerson motioned, with a second by Ms. Trent to nominate Mr. Almond for Chairman. The motion passed unanimously (Sears absent).

Mr. Almond assumed the Chairman position and immediately asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Dickerson motioned, with a second by Mr. Mills to nominate Mr. Conner for Vice-Chairman. The motion passed unanimously (Sears absent).

Mr. Almond stated that the consent agenda consisted of the by-laws, meeting date and time, and the location of the meeting. Mr. Dickerson motioned with a second by Mr. Mills to adopted the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously (Sears absent).

#### **Review/Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Dickerson motioned, with a second by Mills, to approve the December 11, 2019 minutes. The motion carried unanimously (Sears absent).

Mr. Sears arrives.

#### **Public Hearing**

**CUP190852-William and Mary Jane Alvis (property owner), Verizon Wireless/Jeff Holland (applicant/agent)**, has requested a Conditional Use Permit to locate a 199 foot tall wireless communication facility (WCF) on property located off Trinity Road (Route 611), near the intersection of Vineyard Road in the Stonewall area. The parcel totals approximately 75 acres and is identified as Tax Map Identification Number 24 (A) 19. The WCF lease area (approximately 10,000 sf) will be located approximately 1,000 feet south of Trinity Road. The property is zoned A-1, Agricultural Zoning District and is designated as Rural Preservation Area (RPA) by the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Almond opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak either for or against the petition.

Mr. Mark Kronenthal, Attorney for Roth Jackson, representing Verizon Wireless, addressed the Commission and gave an overview of the petition.

Mr. Troy Nelson, 235 Trinity Road, Concord, objected to the petition, stating that his concern was about the view from his home to the compound at the base of the tower.

Ms. Donna Mayberry, 506 Trinity Road, Concord, stated that she supported the tower but had a concern about data usage and interference.

Mr. Daniel Stratton, 709 Spanish Oaks Road, supports towers in general but wanted to support his neighbor Mr. Nelson in his concern over the view shed.

Hearing no other speakers, Mr. Almond closed the public hearing.

#### Discussion-CUP190852-Alvis

Mr. Kronenthal returned to the podium to answer the questions posed during the public hearing. Mr. Kronenthal stated that the county's condition relative to the vegetative buffer should address the view shed issue. Mr. Kronenthal briefly discussed the improvements to data usage that will be available upon completion of the tower.

Mr. Almond asked if co-location opportunities will be available. Mr. Kronenthal answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Dickerson expressed his concern over the Nelson's issue and supported the condition that would mitigate this issue.

Mr. Conner motioned, with a second by Mr. Dickerson, that for reason of public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice, the Appomattox County Planning Commission moves to recommend approval of the Conditional Use Permit petition of Verizon Wireless (William & Mary Alvis, property owner) to locate a 199' tall Wireless Communication Facility, with the following conditions:

1. The wireless communication facility will be constructed in general conformance with the concept plan submitted with the application dated December 10, 2019 (concept plan dated October 30, 2019).
2. Tower height, including antennae, lightning rod and other appurtenances is limited to a maximum height of 199 feet from average grade.
3. A fifteen (15) foot buffer of existing pine trees/vegetation shall remain around the perimeter of the fenced compound area to block the view of the compound from Trinity Road. Leyland Cypress or native pine trees shall be used to compliment/fill-in any areas deemed necessary upon final inspection of the Zoning Administrator. Said inspection shall occur prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. Any new plantings shall be a minimum of six (6) feet tall at the time of the planting. Existing vegetation may be used in lieu of new plantings.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Adjournment**

Having no further business, Mr. Almond asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Mills made a motion, with Mr. Sears seconding, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Approved As Written,

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George Almond, Chairman  
Appomattox County Planning Commission

Attest:

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Johnnie Roark, Clerk  
Director of Community Development