

**RICHMOND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

August 5, 2019

The Richmond County Planning Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 5, 2019, in the Public Meeting Room, County Administrative Building, Warsaw, VA.

The following members were present:

Rick Cox  
Cassandra Jackson  
Darnell Clayton  
Walter Ball  
Glenn Bowen  
J. R. Fidler  
Harry Smith, Jr.  
John W. Lewis  
Marion James Packett

Members Absent:

Brian Mothershead

Also present:

Hope Mothershead, Director of Planning and Zoning

**CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Glenn Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Chairperson Bowen gave the invocation and Mr. Lewis led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 10, 2019 MEETING**

Glenn Bowen asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the June 10, 2019 meeting. Cassandra Jackson noted some recommended changes to the minutes. Mr. Fidler made a motion to approve the minutes, as amended. Mr. Packett seconded the motion and they were approved unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mrs. Mothershead noted the Solar Ordinance changes were adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Mrs. Mothershead thanked the Commissioners for all their work.

Mrs. Mothershead mentioned FEMA is in the process of updating flood map areas for us. Mrs. Mothershead noted the FEMA representatives will be here at the end of August and will be able to discuss the changes and answer any questions on the process. Mrs. Mothershead also noted it is understood that adoption of the maps will include an update to the flood plan ordinance approved by FEMA. Mrs. Mothershead mentioned more details will follow.

Mrs. Mothershead noted last spring she began working with a program entitled LUCA which was an initiative to update addresses in our locality prior to the beginning of Census 2020. Mrs. Mothershead mentioned recently she has received review materials on the process.

Mrs. Mothershead mentioned the US Census Bureau has approached the County about a Complete Count Committee which will assist individuals and make them aware how important it is to have themselves counted. Mrs. Mothershead noted the Board has decided to proceed with the Complete Count Committee. Mrs. Mothershead mentioned she is currently waiting on names from the Board of people that will be appointed from each district.

Mrs. Mothershead mentioned possibly having a public hearing next month for the rezoning of Emanuel Stoltzfus property back to Agricultural.

Mrs. Mothershead noted based on the Boards recommendation the Administration Office has decided to have a booth at the Richmond County Fair for informational services.

Mrs. Mothershead mentioned that a question had arisen from a citizen of potentially allowing hunting with rifles on privately owned property for individuals over the age of 65. Mrs. Mothershead noted staff has researched the current provisions and rifles larger than 22 caliber will be allowed to hunt ground hogs and coyotes. Mrs. Mothershead mentioned no rifles larger than 22 caliber for hunting except groundhogs outside of the regular hunting season. Mrs. Mothershead noted as of right now Richmond County does not allow use of rifles to hunt deer during regular season.

Mrs. Mothershead reported the current code provisions of other localities governing rifles and rifle hunting were reviewed and found to be diverse.

Mrs. Mothershead noted the VA Code Section 29.1-528 authorizes VA localities to regulate the use of firearms. Mrs. Mothershead mentioned if the Commission would like to proceed with this subject she would reach out to the Sheriff's Office together with Virginia Game and Inland Fisheries and get them to come in to discuss the topic at the next meeting.

The commissioners shared their concerns and suggested bringing in Virginia Game and Inland Fisheries for more feedback.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Glenn Bowen adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Hope Mothershead  
Acting Secretary