

**Town of Washington – Rappahannock County
Public Hearing
Commission on Local Government
May 20, 2024
7:00 PM
Rappahannock County Court House
Washington, VA**

Members Present

Edwin Rosado
Diane Linderman
Terry Payne
Robert Lauterberg

Members Absent

None

Virtual

Ceasor Johnson

DHCD staff present for all or part of the hearing:

Legrand Northcutt, Senior Policy Analyst
Andrew Malloy, Policy Analyst

Call to Order

Mr. Edwin Rosado, Chairman of the Commission on Local Government, called the public hearing to order at 7:00 PM.

Introductions

Mr. Rosado introduced members of the Commission and staff.

Commission's Review

Mr. Legrand Northcutt, Senior Policy Analyst, DHCD, gave an overview of the Commission's review of the voluntary settlement agreement (VSA) between the Town of Wahington and Rappahannock County. The public comment period is open until June 3, 2024. The Commission will issue a report on July 12, 2024.

Public Testimony

Mr. Rosado opened the floor for public testimony.

Ms. Eve Brooks, resident of Rappahannock County, recommends approval of the VSA. The project is bringing much needed facilities to the area.

Mr. Alvan Henry, resident of Rappahannock County, supports the agreement because the Town can provide water/sewer to the project site and there is limited zoning for new housing in the County.

Mr. Drew Mitchelle, resident of Rappahannock County and adjacent neighbor to the project, supports the agreement.

Mr. John Beardsley, resident of Rappahannock County, supports the agreement because it aligns with the County’s comprehensive plan, calling for conservation and development in and around the County’s villages. The project will provide much needed residential space.

Ms. Caroline Anstey, Chair, Town of Washington Planning Commission, spoke in favor of the agreement.

After seeing no other speakers, Mr. Rosado gave closing remarks. The record will be open for additional written public comment until June 3, 2024.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Linderman and seconded by Mr. Lauterburg to adjourn the public hearing; The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote (YEAS: Rosado, Linderman, Payne, Lauterburg, NAYS: None). The meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

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