

VIRGINIA: AT A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING OF THE COUNTY OF AMELIA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE AMELIA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HELD IN THE GENERAL DISTRICT COURTROOM OF THE COUNTY OF AMELIA COURTHOUSE ON MONDAY, February 24, 2020 AT 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: FRANKLIN HARRIS-CHAIRMAN  
SHAUM WEYANT-VICE-CHAIRMAN  
JOSEPH EASTER

ABSENT: ROGER SCOTT  
THOMAS GLEASON

Amelia County Board of Supervisors

PRESENT: DENNIS RAMSEY-Vice-Chairman  
RICHARD CUMBIE, JR.  
JUAN WHITTINGTON  
JOHN AARON  
DAVID FELTS, JR.

ABSENT: HOWARD WROSHAM  
LARKIN MOYER-Chairman  
RENEE WINFREE  
ROY EASTER

Amelia County Planning Commission

DAVID R. WHITAKER, Director of Community Development

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Franklin Harris opened the joint public hearing of the Amelia County Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission to order at 7:30 P.M. and determined that there was a quorum of Board of Supervisors present. Vice-Chairman Dennis Ramsey determined that there was a quorum of the Planning Commission present.

Chairman Harris turned the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Ramsey to conduct the public hearing.

RE: Special Exception Permit-Solar Energy System

David R. Whitaker presented the Board and Commission with the application for a solar energy system on 389.60 acre parcel at Giles Road.

Stanley Allison, from Holocene gave an overview of the project.

Vice-Chairman Ramsey opened the public hearing at 7:45 and asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak for or against this request.

Hugh Anderson, of Grub Hill Church Road, spoke against the project saying he didn't want to see valuable crop land taken out of rotation.

Frank Tyler said this site was more suitable than the first site at Genito and Grub Hill Church Road.

Queneva Johnson of Lodge Court, was concerned this would lead to many more solar farms in the County.

Charlotte Johnson, Giles Road, asked if there would be any effect on the water table, how much traffic there would be and was concerned the road would be destroyed.

Faye Hamner noted that a poll from the Monitor showed 70% of those voting favored solar farms in the County.

Frank Anderson Grub Hill Church Road and owner of the proposed location, explained that any disturbance of crop land would be a onetime thing.

David Whitaker read a letter from Oakmulgee Associates, of Giles Road, that stated they thought the proposal was well planned and supported the approval of the project.

There being no further comments, Vice-Chairman Ramsey closed the public hearing at 7:55 P.M.

The meeting was returned to Chairman Harris who adjourned the Board of Supervisor's meeting.

  
Dennis Ramsey, Vice- Chairman  
Amelia County Planning Commission

ATTEST:

  
David R. Whitaker, Dir. of Comm. Dev.

  
Franklin Harris, Chairman  
Amelia County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

  
A. Taylor Harvie, III, Clerk to the Board

VIRGINIA: AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE AMELIA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HELD IN THE GENERAL DISTRICT COURTROOM OF THE COUNTY OF AMELIA COURTHOUSE ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020, AT 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

JOHN AARON  
DENNIS RAMSEY  
JUAN WHITTINGTON  
DAVID FELTS  
RICHARD CUMBIE  
SHAUN WEYANT

ABSENT: HOWARD WORSHAM

RENEE WINFREE  
LARKIN MOYER  
ROY EASTER

Amelia County Planning Commission

DAVID R. WHITAKER, Director of Community Development

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Dennis Ramsey called the meeting of the Amelia County Planning Commission to order at 7:57 P.M.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner David Felts made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Cumbie, that the Planning Commission approve the minutes of the Joint Public Hearing and the Regular Meeting held on January 27, 2020.

The motion carried 6 -0 recorded as follows: John Aaron, AYE, Dennis Ramsey, AYE, Juan Whittington-AYE, David Felts, AYE, Richard Cumbie, Aye, Shaun Weyant, AYE.

III. SPECIAL EXCEPTION PERMIT-Solar Energy System

David Felts said he felt like this was similar to spot zoning. He said Amelia County was known for agriculture and forestry and this project would take away from both. He suggested the planning commission revisit the zoning ordinance to make it harder to have requests like this to be approved.

On a motion by John Aaron and seconded by Juan Whittington, the Committee recommended approval of the special exception permit by the Board of Supervisors.

The motion carried 5-1 recorded as follows: John Aaron, AYE, Dennis Ramsey, AYE, Juan Whittington-AYE, Richard Cumbie, Aye, Shaun Weyant, AYE, David Felts, No.

IV. There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission, Vice-Chairman Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 8:25 P.M, on a motion by John Aaron and seconded by David Felts.

  
Dennis Ramsey, Vice-Chairman  
Amelia County Planning Commission

ATTEST:

  
David R. Whitaker, Dir. of Comm. Dev.