Planning Commission Meeting Minutes February 27, 2023

ATTENDANCE: Julie Rachel, Al Fuller, Sabian Woodard, Commissioner Christina Aldridge, Dianna Battaglia, and Amanda Paoletti

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the January 23, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

New Business:

2023 Planning Commission Election:

Mr. Fuller nominated Ms. Rachel to continue in her role as Chair.

Ms. Aldridge nominated Mr. Woodard as Co-Chair, however; Mr. Woodard did not want to take the position at this point in his tenure.

Mr. Rachel nominated Mr. Fuller as Co-Chair.

All board members were in favor of Ms. Rachel returning as Chair and for Mr. Fuller to become Co-Chair.

Old Business:

Critical Area Ordinance Update

Ms. Battaglia advised the Planning Commission that she had received additional comments from the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission in regards to our updated ordinance draft. She stated that those edits were now in front of the Planning Commission for recommendation to the Mayor and Commissioners. Ms. Battaglia noted that this draft was created based off of the model template from the Critical Area Commission and that several nearby localities had adopted similar versions. She indicated that the Town had received an extension from the Critical Area Commission for the map updates, which are also in front of the Planning Commission at this time for recommendation to the Mayor and Commissioners.

There was a brief discussion if this would affect the Town's shoreline project, however, Ms. Battaglia indicated that it would not.

Mr. Fuller motioned to recommend to the Town Commissioners approval of the Amendments to Chapter 84, Part I Definitions and Part V Critical Area and adopt the proposed Critical Area Designation Map. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woodard and unanimously approved.

Adjournment:

With no further comments from the community and without objection the Planning Commission meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda M. Paoletti Planning Coordinator