

**NOVEMBER 14TH, 2023 PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

**VIRGINIA: at the REGULAR MEETING of the Tazewell County Planning Commission held November 14th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Tazewell County Administration Building, Tazewell, Virginia -- 197 Main Street**

**PRESENT: Ann Robinson-Chairperson  
Hayden Lyons-Member  
Jason Herndon-Member  
Anthony Ramella-Member**

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT: Kenneth Dunford, Jr., --Director of County Engineering  
Chase Collins—County Attorney  
Kimberly Hilbert-Executive Secretary  
Jim Ribble—Alpha Land Surveyors  
George VanDyke—Visitor  
Robert Carlson--Visitor**

**ABSENT: Maggie Asbury-Member  
Robert “Bob” Moss-Vice Chairman**

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Chairperson Robinson called the November 14th, 2023 regular meeting to order and presided at approximately 6:35 p.m.

She then welcomed all visitors and all those in attendance.

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**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Chairperson Robinson gave the invocation, followed by, the Pledge of Allegiance to the US flag by Member Lyons.

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**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FORMAT**

Upon motion of Member Lyons, seconded by Member Herndon, and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Members: Asbury and Moss absent from the meeting; the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the Agenda as written

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### APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Member Herndon and seconded by Member Ramella, and voted on by a vote of 4 to 0, with Members: Asbury and Moss absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the October 12th, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes as written.

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### ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

#### SUBDIVISION—DUSTIN THOMAS

Jim Ribble, Alpha Land Surveyors was available to speak on the subdivision. Property is located on Ravens Nest Branch, Cedar Bluff, VA. Mr. Thomas is selling approximately 16 acres and retaining the lot with the house. Water and sewage disposal is available with the house division but a variance would be needed for the remaining acreage since no water or sewer is available.

Kenneth Dunford, Jr., Director of Engineering has reviewed the subdivision plat and stated that the larger property tract would need a variance since it does not have water and sewage disposal and the \$106.00 Subdivision Fee would need to be paid.

Chase Collins, County Attorney, also stated that a variance is needed and that it can be recorded that the larger tract is for **FARM LAND USE**.

Upon motion by Member Herndon, seconded by Member Ramella, and voted on by a vote of 4 to 0, with Members: Asbury and Moss absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby approve the Subdivision of Dustin Thomas Property with variances being granted from the Ordinance which states:

- a. Sub-Division Ordinance 8-19-03 Sec. 4-2 land must be suitable; (a) that permanent means of sewage disposal acceptable to the health official and to the agent must be provided; Sec. 4-4-5 Private water and sewer must meet all the requirements of the state water control board, the state health department, and any other state or local regulatory agency having jurisdiction and authority over such installation.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Nothing at this time.

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**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Mr. Dunford stated we are on the final clean up and hopefully in December the Planning Commission can recommend the plan to the Board of Supervisors.

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**MEMBER CONCERNS**

**Member Ramella—None at this time.**

**Member Lyons—None at this time.**

**Member Herndon—None.**

**Chairperson Robinson**—Asked the process for the new trash ordinance. Mr. Collins stated that Mr. Young, County Administrator is the contact for the trash ordinance. There has to be an imminent threat to human health and safety. Once the complaint has been received, he will send three members on the committee to evaluate the complaint. Upon their agreed findings, the property owner will be sent a certified letter with instructions to remedy the situation, lastly if the property owners does not remedy the situation fines may be imposed.

**Chase Collins—County Attorney**—informed the commission that Energix meeting had been rescheduled and next week he would be informing the new board members on the ordinance. He was in hopes to have public hearing in December but it looks like it will be the first of the year. He will try to incorporate Fire Hazards into the Solar Ordinance.

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**CITIZEN COMMENTS (2) TWO MINUTES PER SPEAKER**

George VanDyke—191 Pine Street, Tazewell, VA 24651. Concerned about Cavitts Creek Park/Lake Witten and Lincolnshire Park. They provide fishing, camping and the water supply for the area. These additions have been good for the county. He had spoken with Jan Cordle with the Tazewell County Public Service Authority and 2/3rds of the water for the PSA comes from Lake Witten.

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With that being said why would you want to gamble with the water supply being damaged. Three of the main springs run from the property where the farm will be installed.

Robert Carlson---1142 Lake Witten Road, North Tazewell, VA 24630, submitted information that had been published in The Voice newspaper on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 where the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development has awarded \$951,650 to Ramsey Holding Company, in Tazewell, to purchase and install a 789.1-kilowatt roof photovoltaic system.

Chase Collins, County Attorney asked that this be attached to the minutes. He also, advised the Commission that there is a Burn Ban in the county from November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 until December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. NO Burning allowed. It is a Class 1 Misdemeanor which carries a \$2,500 fine or 12 months in jail if found to be in violation.

Chairperson Robinson reminded the Commission that Member Asbury would not be the Board of Supervisor's Representative starting the first of the year. The new Northern District Supervisor would take her place.

**ADJOURNED MEETING**

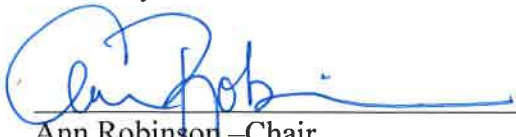
Upon motion of Member Lyons, seconded by Member Herndon and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Members: Asbury, Moss, and Addison absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission Regular Meeting is hereby adjourned at approximately 7:13 p.m. and the next Regular Meeting Date is changed to reflect Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

*Kimberly Hilbert*

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Kimberly Hilbert- Executive Secretary



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Ann Robinson –Chair  
Tazewell County Planning Commission