



**TOWN OF OCCOQUAN
PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Town Hall - 314 Mill Street, Occoquan, VA 22125
Tuesday, March 24, 2015
6:00 p.m.**

The Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Planning Commission Chairman Joe McGuire on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 6:25 p.m. Also in attendance were members Jim Drakes, David Irwin and Bret Stevens. Planning Commission members not present included Ann Kisling, Cindy Chapman, Bryan Reese and Ramsey Baerga.

Comprehensive Plan Revision Discussion

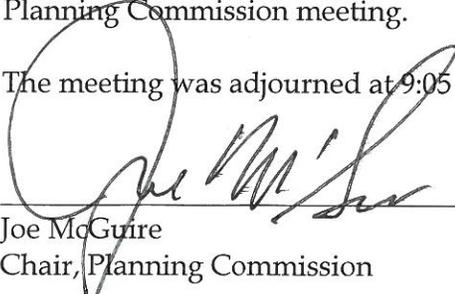
The Commission discussed the need to revise and update the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The last major update of the plan occurred in 2003, with minor revisions made in 2013. Members reviewed the background and population characteristics information and will update these sections (from Preface through Environment section) with support from the Town Manager. In addition, the Town Manager will identify a resource to assist the Town in developing and conducting a community survey to identify community needs as it relates to updating the Comprehensive Plan.

The Commission reviewed the Goals and Policies section of the Comprehensive Plan. Areas of discussion included:

1. Clarification of the Town's support of mixed-use (residential and business) development within the Town's business district.
2. Clarification of the Town's support of preserving the historic character of older structures within the historic district.
3. Revision/Addition of the completion of the Riverwalk Project.
4. Clarification on pedestrian safety and reduction of commuter and cut-through traffic.
5. Addition of traffic/parking study.
6. Clarification on increased communication between the Town and surrounding counties on development activities.
7. Request to have Town Engineer review section on Environment and Natural Resources Protection and provide suggested edits and/or additions.

A member from the Commission will make the updates within the Goals and Policies section as discussed and incorporate into the draft Comprehensive Plan. Over the next few weeks, the Commission will work to update the draft document and coordinate the community survey to be conducted, with the intent of having a draft document to recommend to Town Council by the June Planning Commission meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.



Joe McGuire
Chair, Planning Commission