

January New Business Agenda Item

Item: To remove the requirement that the members of the Planning Commission must be a resident of the Town.

Discussion:

1. The Town ordinance currently requires that each member of the Planning Commission be a resident of the Town.
2. The ordinance also requires that a member of the administrative branch be a member of the Planning Commission
3. No current member of the administrative branch is a resident of the Town.

Recommendation:

1. Town Council approves as a first reading the following change to § 6-1-1:

Sec. 6-1-1 – Members; qualifications; term; removal; adjusted term of office.

(a) The town planning commission is hereby reformed and recreated in accordance with the provisions of Secion 15-.1-437 et seq., as amended , of the Code of Virginia. Such commission shall consist of five members, one of whom shall be a member of the town council, one of whom shall be a member of the administrative branch of the town government, all of whom shall be appointed by the governing body and who shall be freeholders qualified by knowledge and experience to make decisions on questions of community growth and development. The term of council member and the member from the administrative branch shall be coextensive with the term of office to which he has been elected or appointed. The remaining members shall serve for four-year staggered terms of office.