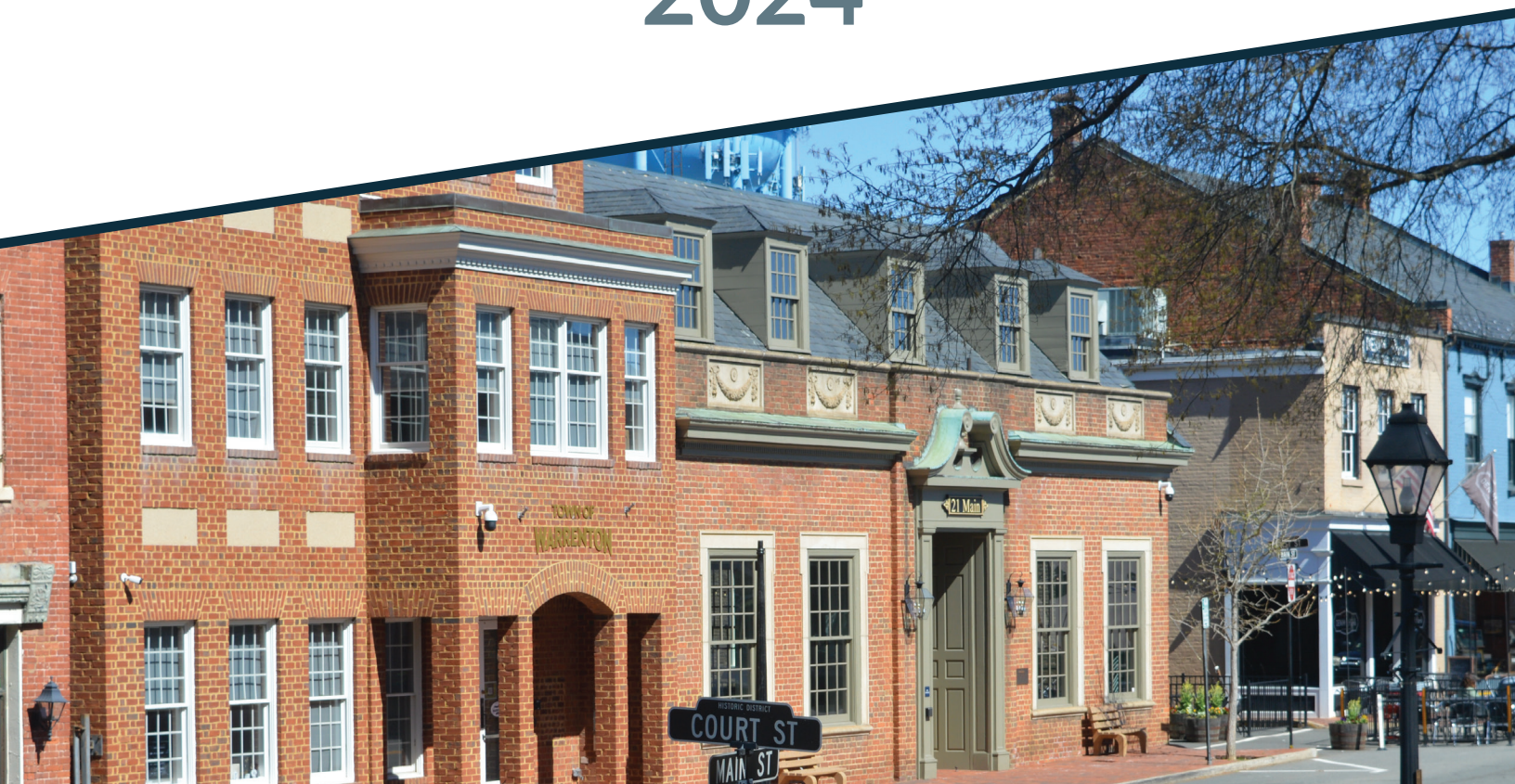




PLANNING COMMISSION

Annual Report 2024



PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS



Left-to-right: Steve Ainsworth, Darine Barbour, Ryan Stewart, Terrance Lasher, & James Lawrence

Ryan Stewart, Chair

Serving Since 2017

Terrance Lasher, Vice Chair

Serving Since 2023

Darine Barbour, Secretary

Serving Since 2023

James Lawrence

Serving Since 2018

Steve Ainsworth

Serving Since 2021

9
Public Hearings

14
Work Sessions

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY

ZOTA 2023-03 FDP Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment Article 3-5.1 of the Town of Warrenton Zoning Ordinance and Floodplain Maps **PUBLIC HEARING**

Public Utilities update on water and sewer facilities **WORK SESSION**

Town Attorney Local Governments and State Code 15.2 – 3203 **WORK SESSION**

FEBRUARY

ZOTA 2023-01 A Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to Reduce the Setback Requirement for Telecommunication Towers in the PSP (Public Semi-Public) Zoning District **PUBLIC HEARING**

SUP 2023-04 Taylor Middle School **WORK SESSION**

MARCH

SUP 2023-04 Taylor Middle School **PUBLIC HEARING**

ZOTA 2023-01 A Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to Reduce the Setback Requirement for Telecommunication Towers **WORK SESSION**

SUP 2022-03 Warrenton Village Center **WORK SESSION**

APRIL

ZOTA 2023-01 A Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to Reduce the Setback Requirement for Telecommunication Towers **PUBLIC HEARING**

SUP 2022-05 Warrenton Village Center **WORK SESSION** (2 Meetings)

JUNE

ZOTA 2024 - 02 - Zoning Text Amendment to Remove Articles 4 and 5 per State Code **PUBLIC HEARING**

ZOTA 2024 - 02 - Zoning Text Amendment to Remove Articles 4 and 5 per State Code **WORK SESSION**

JULY

SUP 2022-05 Warrenton Village Center **PUBLIC HEARING**

ZMA 2023-01 Warrenton United Methodist Church/ Hero's Bridge: A Zoning Map Amendment **WORK SESSION**

AUGUST

SUP 2024-01: 71 S. 5th Street **WORK SESSION**

ZMA 2023-01 Warrenton United Methodist Church/ Hero's Bridge **WORK SESSION**

SEPTEMBER

SUP 2024-01: 71 S. 5th Street **PUBLIC HEARING**

ZMA 2023-01 Warrenton United Methodist Church/ Hero's Bridge **PUBLIC HEARING**

By-Laws Update **WORK SESSION**

OCTOBER

ZMA 2023-01 Warrenton United Methodist Church/ Hero's Bridge **PUBLIC HEARING**

By-Laws Update **WORK SESSION**

NOVEMBER

By-Laws Update **WORK SESSION**

LEGEND

ZOTA | Zoning Text Amendment ZMA | Zoning Map Amendment SUP | Special Use Permit

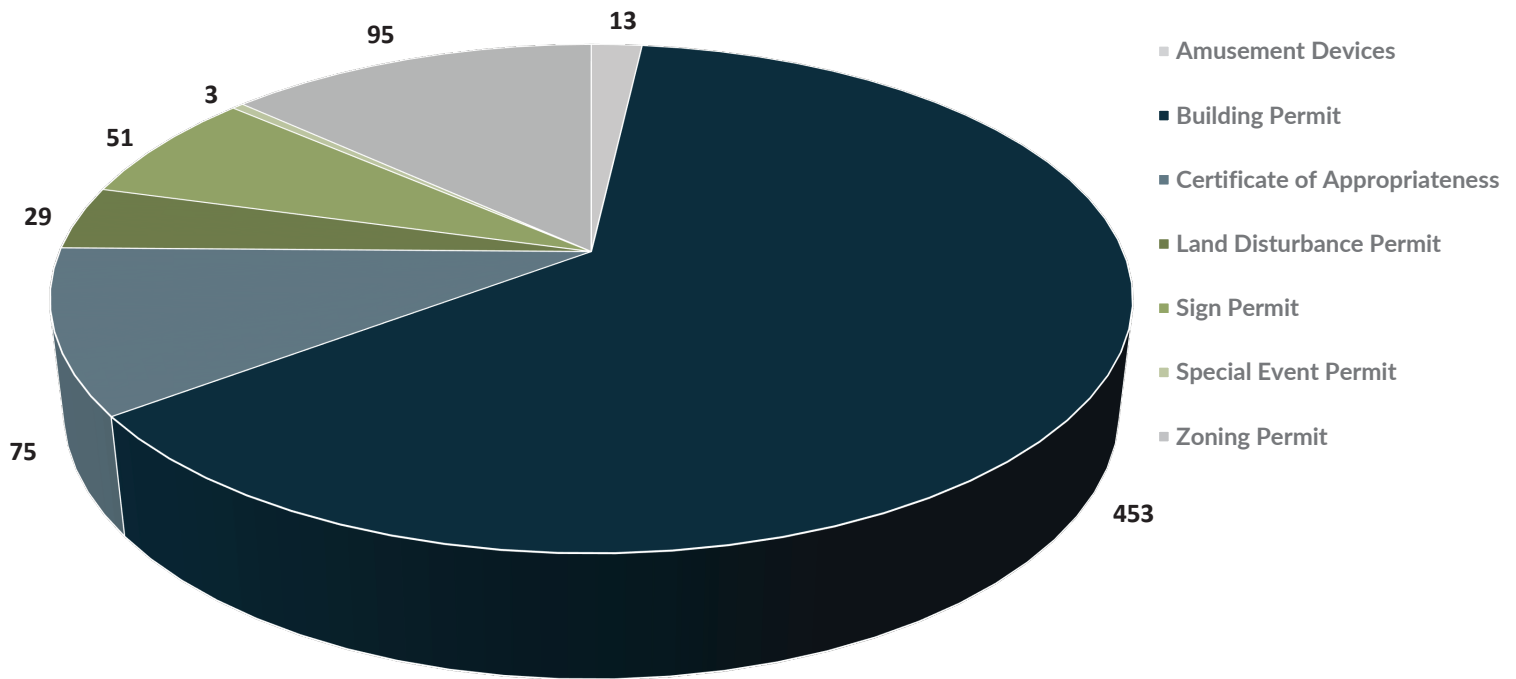
2024 Planning Commission Goals

- Provide the Town Council with recommendations on land use applications, policies, and plans that will result in balanced, equitable, orderly growth.
- Ensure recommendations are well informed and legally defensible.
- Be transparent and open to the public on all matters related to land use.
- Base recommendations on the adopted policy and plans that set forth the vision for the Town.
- Develop a best practice process for the adoption of the Capital Improvement Program.
- Be engaged and informed on the Comprehensive Plan goals in reviewing current land use applications.
- Continue to examine and attend training seminars.
- Collaborate with adjacent Planning Commissions.
- Perform site visits, as appropriate, for land use applications.
- Be engaged and informed on the activities of the Town and community.
- Learn from the success stories of other jurisdictions that are applicable to Warrenton.

PERMIT PROCESSING

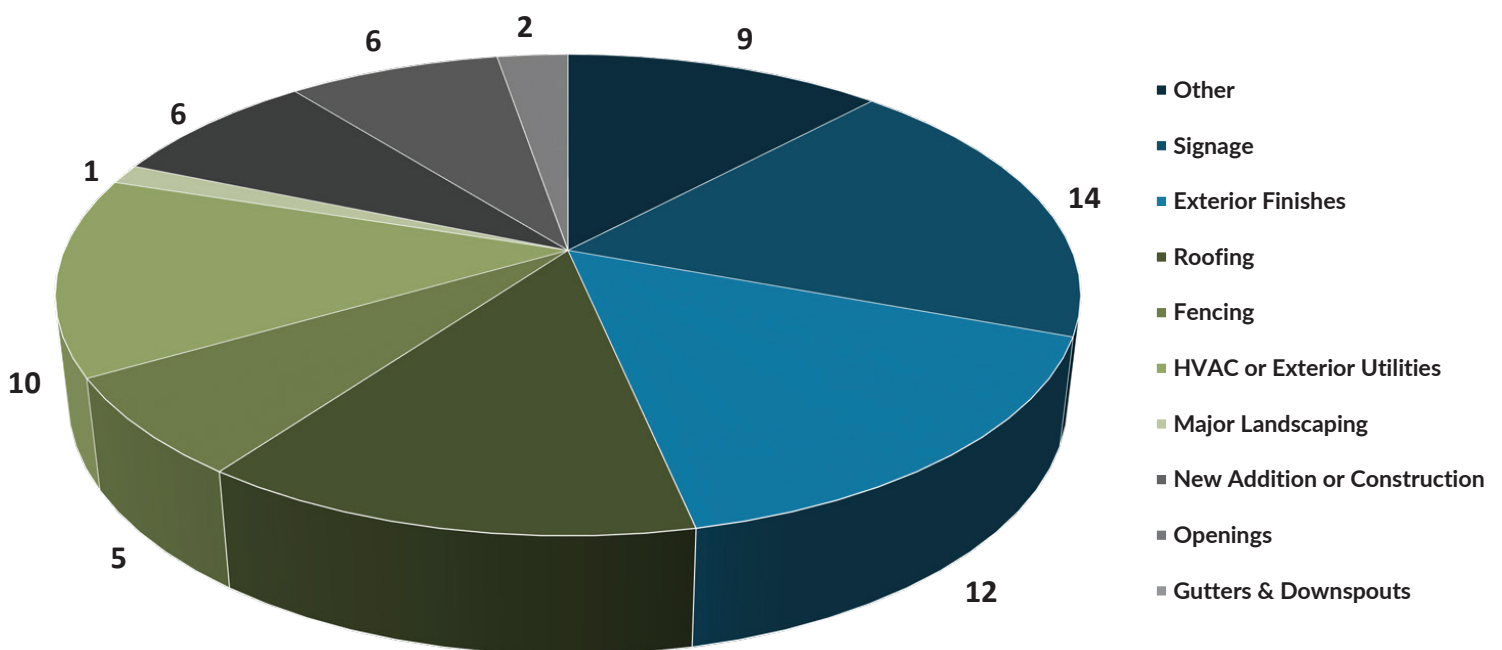
2024 Permit Applications

719 TOTAL



2024 Certificates of Appropriateness

75 TOTAL



PLANNING COMMISSION TRAINING AND OUTREACH

Each year, the American Planning Association's Virginia Chapter holds an annual conference for professional, citizen, and academic planners. In 2024, Vice Chair Lasher and Secretary Barbour joined staff to attend the multi-day conference hosted by the City of Williamsburg. During the conference, there were opportunities to network with Planning Commissioners from other localities, attend training sessions on key topics impacting the Town, and learn about legislative actions from the General Assembly.



Left-to-right: Vice Chair Terry Lasher, Planning Manager Denise Harris, and Secretary Darine Barbour.

STRONG TOWNS VISIT



Speaker Edward Erfurt.

In September of 2024, members of the Planning Commission participated in a key stakeholders meeting and a public workshop with a representative from Strong Towns, a national non-profit dedicated to providing resources to communities on how to be financially strong and resilient. Part of the focus of the conversations centered around the housing affordability crisis and the need for incremental change to create communities of lasting value.

STRONG TOWNS

ZONING ORDINANCE KICK-OFF

In July of 2024, members of the Planning Commission participated in the community kick-off meetings of the Zoning Ordinance update. Commissioner Darine Barbour was appointed by the Town Council to serve on the Steering Committee that will help guide the two-year project before it reaches the Planning Commission for public hearings and a recommendation to the Town Council.





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