



Office of the Town Manager

Frank Cassidy

# STAFF REPORT

## Warrenton Town Council

Carter Nevill, Mayor

Heather Sutphin, Ward 1

William Semple, Ward 2

Brett Hamby, Ward 3

James Hartman, Ward 4 Vice Mayor

Jay Heroux, Ward 5

David McGuire, At Large

Paul Mooney, At Large

<b>Council Meeting Date:</b>	September 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2023.
<b>Agenda Title:</b>	PD9 Update
<b>Requested Action:</b>	Receive the Update from Staff and Councilmembers.
<b>Department / Agency Lead:</b>	Town Council
<b>Staff Lead:</b>	Frank Cassidy

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff and Councilmembers will be providing an update from the Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission, (Planning District 9, PD9) meeting held on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

## BACKGROUND

The Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission is a Planning District Commission created under the Virginia Area Development Act. The Commission is comprised of appointed members from local government agencies in the region. Each participating county, city, and town with a population greater than 3,500 has the ability to appoint two representatives with one individual being an elected official. The Term of the appointment shall be for the term of the Elected Official, and in the case of an unelected appointment, the term shall be for no less than one year.

The Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission is abbreviated RRRC or by a historic moniker of Planning District 9 (PD9).

The Purpose of Planning District, or Regional Commissions, as set out in the Code of Virginia, Section 15.2-4207, is:

"...To encourage and facilitate local government cooperation and state-local cooperation in addressing on a regional basis problems of greater than local significance. The cooperation resulting from this chapter is intended to facilitate the recognition and analysis of regional opportunities and take account of regional influences in planning and implementing public policies and services.

The [Regional Commission] shall also promote the orderly and efficient development of the physical, social and economic elements of the district by planning, and encouraging and assisting localities to plan for the future."

Virginia's 21 Planning District or Regional Commissions, of which the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission (RRRC) is one, provide a variety of technical services and programming to member local governments.

William Semple, Councilman Ward 2, was appointed to the Planning District on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Francis Cassidy, Interim Town Manager, was appointed to the Planning District on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Meetings**

The Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission (RRRC) meets on the fourth Wednesday of every other month, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Commission Offices, located in the town of Culpeper, in Southridge Office Park, at 420 Southridge Parkway, Suite 106, unless otherwise noted.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Receive the Update from Staff and Councilmembers.

**Fiscal Impact**

None

**Legal Impact**

None

**ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Agenda for 08/23/23 PD9 Meeting
2. Agenda Packet for 08/23/23 PD9 Meeting.