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STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date:	July 14 th , 2026
Agenda Title:	RRRC Appointments
Requested Action:	Consider adoption of a resolution appointing Larry Kovalik and Judson Rex as the Town of Warrenton's representatives to the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission/Planning District 9.
Department / Agency Lead:	Town Council
Staff Lead:	Stephanie Miller, Deputy Town Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Town of Warrenton has historically appointed two representatives to the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission, commonly referred to as RRRC or Planning District 9, also known as PD9. Under the RRRC Charter Agreement, each participating town with a population greater than 3,500 may appoint two representatives, with at least one representative being an elected official.

With Mr. William Semple stepping down from his appointment, the Town Council has the opportunity to appoint a different elected representative to serve on the Commission. Councilman Larry Kovalik has volunteered for consideration to serve in this role.

Additionally, the Town Manager has historically served as the Town's second representative to the Commission. With Judson Rex now serving as the Town Manager, staff recommend his appointment to serve as the Town's staff representative to RRRC/PD9.

Appointments to RRRC allow the Town to remain engaged in regional planning, transportation, housing, economic development, environmental planning, emergency management, and other cooperative initiatives affecting the Rappahannock-Rapidan region.

BACKGROUND

The Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission is a Planning District Commission created under the Virginia Area Development Act. Planning District Commissions were established as voluntary regional organizations to promote cooperation among local governments and to assist localities in planning for the future.

The RRRC Charter Agreement became effective on December 8, 1970, with the Town of Warrenton serving as one of the original participating members, along with Fauquier County, Orange County, and

Rappahannock County. The Commission later expanded to include additional counties and towns within Planning District 9.

The purpose of the Commission, as set forth in the Charter Agreement, is to promote the orderly and efficient development of the physical, social, and economic elements of the planning district by planning, encouraging, and assisting governmental subdivisions to plan for the future.

The Commission also serves as a regional convener, bringing local governments together to address matters of greater than local significance. RRRC's work includes technical assistance, regional studies, transportation planning, housing and homeless services coordination, environmental and agricultural development, community development, hazard mitigation and resiliency planning, economic development, tourism, and grant administration.

Under the RRRC Charter Agreement, each participating county, city, or town with a population greater than 3,500 is entitled to appoint two representatives to the Commission. At least one of the appointed representatives must be an elected member of the governing body. The second representative may be an elected official, planning commission member, citizen, appointed staff member, or other suitable representative as determined by the appointing locality.

The terms of office for elected representatives are coincident with their elected terms of office, unless a shorter term is determined by the governing body. The terms of office for representatives who are not elected officials are determined by the governing body but shall not be less than one year.

Councilman William Semple previously served as one of the Town's representatives to RRRC/PD9 and is stepping down from that role. Councilman Larry Kovalik has volunteered for consideration as the Town's elected representative. Historically, the Town Manager has served as the Town's second representative, and staff recommend the appointment of Judson Rex, Town Manager, to that position.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that the Town Council consider a resolution appointing Larry Kovalik and Judson Rex to serve as the Town of Warrenton's representatives to the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission/Planning District 9.

Staff further recommend that Council designate Larry Kovalik as the elected official representative and Judson Rex, Town Manager, as the Town's second representative.

Service Level/Collaborative Impact

Appointment of representatives to RRRC/PD9 supports the Town's continued participation in regional planning and intergovernmental collaboration. RRRC provides a forum for local governments to coordinate

on regional matters including transportation, housing, community development, environmental planning, resiliency, emergency management, economic development, and grant opportunities.

The appointments ensure that Warrenton maintains direct representation in regional discussions that may affect Town services, planning priorities, infrastructure needs, and opportunities for cooperative programs or grant funding.

Policy Direction/Warrenton Plan 2040

The proposed appointments are consistent with the Town's continued participation in regional coordination and long-range planning efforts. RRRC's work intersects with several areas of local policy interest, including transportation, housing, economic development, environmental stewardship, community resiliency, and intergovernmental cooperation.

Maintaining active representation on RRRC/PD9 supports the Town's ability to participate in regional planning discussions and to coordinate local priorities with broader regional initiatives.

Fiscal Impact

No additional fiscal impact is expected as a result of the appointments. The Town's participation in RRRC/PD9 is part of its ongoing regional partnership and membership structure.

Legal Impact

No additional legal impact is expected. The appointments are consistent with the RRRC Charter Agreement and By-laws, which provide for appointment of representatives by the governing bodies of participating jurisdictions.

ATTACHMENTS

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