

**PLANNING COMMISSION
WORK SESSION
February 17, 2016**

THE WORK SESSION OF THE GREENE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016, AT 6:30 PM IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING MEETING ROOM.

Those present were:

- Jay Willer, Chairman
- Victor Schaff, Vice-Chairman
- Frank Morris, Member
- John McCloskey, Member
- William Saunders, III, Member
- Dale Herring, Ex-Officio Member
- Bart Svoboda, Planning Director
- Shawn Leake, Zoning Officer
- Marsha Alley, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order and took a roll call for attendance.

WORK SESSION

Comprehensive Plan Work Session: WW Associates—Water/Sewer

Mr. Willer introduced the Comprehensive Plan revision process and welcomed those in attendance.

Mr. Svoboda introduced the representatives for WW Associates. He stated that this would likely be the final agency to address the Commission in this manner for the Comprehensive Plan review.

Herb White, of WW Associates, addressed the Commission. He reviewed the goals relating to wastewater. He explained that wastewater projects are proposed for various areas within the county and the Town of Stanardsville. He noted that there is a proposed project under consideration for a county reservoir. He reviewed the existing water sources and the community water system. He described the water demand trends since 2008 and projected through 2050. It was noted that this includes all water uses, residential, commercial, etc. He presented aerial photos of the proposed reservoir area which meets the necessary goals as dictated by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. He provided an overview of the permitting process which is already underway. It was noted that the current treatment plant would be converted to an intake facility. He reviewed the water treatment process. He displayed drawings of the project.

Mr. Willer asked if Mr. White could address water quality in the Town of Stanardsville.

Mr. White stated that those issues may not be addressed by the reservoir project. He added that a new water line is needed from Amicus Road into the Town. He described the needs and noted that they are currently unfunded projects.

Mr. Morris stated that the Commission has understood that the schools may not have enough water for fire suppression and that businesses are not interested after hearing about the current water situation.

Mr. Willer stated that a new line may solve the supply issue but may not solve the distribution issues.

Mr. White agreed that distribution is an issue in Stanardsville. He noted that those lines are owned by Rapidan Service Authority (RSA). He explained that WW Associates is the water and sewer consultant for the county.

There was discussion regarding the funding of projects and grant opportunities for water projects.

Mr. McCloskey asked if the water treatment requirements are being met.

Mr. White stated that he was not aware of any issues at this time. He gave an overview of the water treatment process and the recent national concerns for lead.

Mr. Morris asked how much RSA is contributing to the project.

Mr. White stated that he does not have all of the information to answer that question at this time. He addressed the current setup of usage and fees.

There was discussion regarding the possible usage of the reservoir for recreational uses.

Mr. White stated that the decision would be made by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Willer asked if there was information that would compare RSA provisions versus private wells.

Mr. White reviewed the projected water demand table and noted that it may be half.

There was discussion relating to the projected water demand table and conservation efforts.

Mr. McCloskey asked if there would be a buffer around the reservoir.

Mr. White stated that there would be a 100 ft. vegetative buffer.

There was discussion relating to the possible surrounding construction and property views of the water.

There was discussion regarding the construction of the pump station at the park and when it would be used. There was also discussion relating to the Stanardsville Treatment Plant and when it was built and what it is used for.

Mr. Willer asked what the project completion time may be.

Mr. White stated that the project could take up to four years.

There was discussion regarding the construction of the reservoir and if it would be lined, the evaporation rate, environmental assessments, surveys, etc.

There was a brief discussion as to where White Run is located along Route 29.

The Chairman opened the public work session.

Mr. Willer noted that Bill Martin and Dale Herring, with the Board of Supervisors, are in attendance and offered them the opportunity to speak.

Bill Martin, Board of Supervisors, noted that the property has been purchased and has been considered under long-term planning which needs to move to the next step. He suggested that Mr. White offer a brief description of mitigation credits.

Mr. White addressed the issue of wetland credits and stream credits. He explained that there would be a one to one credit meaning that the amount that is destroyed is the same amount that must be restored by credit purchases. He noted that the county must purchase credits to make that happen. He described that process.

There was discussion relating to the credit purchase process.

Dale Herring, Board of Supervisors, restated some information relating to the numbers as presented by Mr. White.

There was discussion regarding the desire to have RSA address the Commission to discuss water issue in the Town of Stanardsville. It was noted that they have been invited but have not attended.

There was discussion regarding fire flow issues and also the function of the water tower on Route 33 and the water tank on Amicus Road.

Mr. Willer thanked Mr. White for his input and information.

There being no further public comment, the public work session was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Alley
Secretary



Planning Commission, Chairman

3.16.16

Date