

**Town of Washington – Rappahannock County
Oral Presentations of Voluntary Settlement Agreement
Commission on Local Government
May 20, 2024
3:00 PM
Rappahannock County Court House
Washington, VA**

Members Present

Edwin Rosado
Diane Linderman
Terry Payne
Robert Lauterberg

Members Absent

None

Virtual

Ceasor Johnson

DHCD staff present for all or part of the meeting:

Legrand Northcutt, Senior Policy Analyst
Andrew Malloy, Policy Analyst
Chase Sawyer, Policy Manager (virtual)
Grace Wheaton, Senior Policy Analyst (virtual)

Call to Order	Mr. Edwin Rosado, Chairman of the Commission on Local Government, called the meeting to order at 2:48 PM.
Introductions	Mr. Rosado introduced members of the Commission and staff.
Overview	Mr. Northcutt gave an overview of the Commission’s review of the voluntary settlement agreement (VSA) between the Town of Washington and Rappahannock County.
Closing the Record	A motion was made by Mr. Lauterberg and seconded by Ms. Linderman to close the record for public comment on June 3, 2024. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote (YEAS: Rosado, Linderman, Payne, Lauterburg, NAYS: None).
Opening Statement	Mr. Joe Whitehead, Mayor of the Town of Washington, gave an opening statement expressing the Town’s support for the VSA.
Presentation of Evidence	Mr. Jon Foote, presented on the technical aspects of the development plan on the site being annexed by the Town. The goal of the property owner is to build affordable housing and provide a space for community-based services at no cost the

County and the Town. He highlighted plans to mitigate flooding on the site, plans to build housing for certain income groups, a food pantry and office space for senior services.

Mr. Foote responded to questions from the Commissioners about the site.

Mr. Steve Plescow, project manager, spoke on the residential units being constructed in the first phase of the project.

Mr. Garrey Curry, Rappahannock County Administrator, presented on the specifics of the VSA. The purpose of the annexation and VSA is to provide common zoning for the entire parcel and allow the Town to expand its water/sewer infrastructure to the new development. Mr. Curry highlighted the County's conditions in the VSA including dark sky compliant lighting, no additional residential development on the parcel, and a non-binding 5-year annexation moratorium.

Mr. Curry responded to questions from the Commissioners about the VSA.

Closing Statement

Mr. Whithead gave a closing statement, again expressing the Town's support for the VSA.

Closing Remarks

Mr. Rosado gave closing remarks on behalf of the Commission.

Mr. Northcutt shared the Commission will issue a report on the VSA on July 12, 2024. A public hearing will be held at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment

Mr. Rosado adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:39 PM.