

**MINUTES OF THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
CHESAPEAKE BUILDING \* LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND  
Monday, June 14, 2010**

Members present were Brandon Hayden, Chairman; Joe Meinert, Susan McNeill, Martin Siebert, and Lawrence Chase. Members excused were Shelby Guazzo and Merl Evans. Department of Land Use & Growth Management (LUGM) staff present were Derick Berlage, Director; Bob Bowles, Planner IV; Dave Chapman, Capital Facilities Planner; and Amber Guy, Recording Secretary. Deputy County Attorney David Weiskopf was also present.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – The minutes of May 24, 2010 were approved as presented.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**CWSP #10-200-001 – Margaret Brent Middle School/Chopticon High School**

Mr. Chapman gave an overview of the request to amend Section 4.5.2.B to include the interconnection of existing private sewerage systems at Chopticon High School (CHS) and Margaret Brent Middle School (MBMS), lines connecting the two facilities would be “denied access” and would not provide service to intermediate properties.

Mr. Meinert asked if the term “efficiency” could be further explained. Mr. Chapman stated efficiency means taking advantage of the existing capacity at the High School as well as cleaner effluent going back into the ground. Mr. Meinert asked if Margaret Brent would have to come before us for a category change as well. Mr. Chapman stated both properties are in the appropriate service categories, while no amendments to the map will be made we will be revising our system descriptions in the Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan.

Mr. Clements gave an overview of the request stating this will utilize available capacity at Chopticon for use at Margaret Brent. Chairman Hayden opened the hearing for public comment, hearing none, closed the hearing to public comment.

***Mr. Meinert made a motion in the matter of Margaret Brent Middle School/Chopticon High School Connection, Case CWSP #10-200-001: having accepted the staff report dated May 25, 2010, and having held a public hearing on the request to amend the text of the St. Mary's County Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan (CWSP), and having made findings of adequacy with respect to the objectives and policies of the CWSP as required by the Environment Article of the Maryland Annotated Code and of consistency with the St. Mary's County Comprehensive Plan, and recognizing that the sewer mains to connect the existing systems will be “denied access” mains, I move that the Planning Commission recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that Section 4.5.2.B of the CWSP be amended to include the interconnection of existing private sewerage systems at Chopticon High School and Margaret Brent Middle School. I further move that the Chair be authorized to sign a resolution on behalf of the Planning Commission to transmit this recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners and Ms. McNeill seconded. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Annual Growth Policy (AGP) Presentation**

Mr. Chapman gave an overview of the Annual Growth Policy. After discussion, ***Mr. Siebert made a motion having reviewed the residential development activity for FY 2010 with respect to the Annual Growth Policy, I move that the Planning Commission recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that the AGP, including the 1.9% growth limit, remain unchanged for FY 2011 and Ms. McNeill seconded. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.***

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Amber Guy  
Recording Secretary

Approved in open session:      June 28, 2010

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Brandon Hayden  
Chairman