

**Denton Planning Commission**

**Minutes**

**Town of Denton**

**August 25, 2020**

**Planning Commission Members:**

Doris Walls, Chairperson\*

William Quick\*

Sue Cruickshank\*

Joseph Mayer, Jr.\*

Lauren Shilling\*\*

Stephen Mead\*

\* Those Present

\*\* Excused

\*\*\* Absent

**Participants:**

Councilman Walter Keith Johnson  
Planning Commission Representative

Donald H. Mulrine, Jr.  
Town Administrator

**Recording:**

Donna Todd, Planning and Codes

Lieutenant George W. Bacorn, Jr.

## PROCEEDINGS

### **Call to Order:**

The Planning Commission Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Walls at 6:25 p.m., on August 25, 2020, at the Denton Town Office, leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

This Meeting was made available to the public via Zoom Video Conferencing and access to the meeting was made available on the Town website.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

The June 30, 2020, Planning Commission Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously as submitted.

**Old Business #1 – Other:** None.

### **New Business #1 – Nuisance Flooding Plan:**

Mr. Mulrine provided a brief overview of the Nuisance Flooding Plan (“Plan”) that was required by the State of Maryland. Denton has one area that meets the State’s criteria for nuisance flooding. The area identified in the Plan is Crouse Park. Tidal changes twice daily affect the amount of flooding in the boat ramp parking area and the Visitor Center’s rain garden.

Staff coordinated with David Dahlstrom, Maryland Department of Planning, to develop the required Plan.

During the past several years, Town staff has monitored the nuisance flooding and met with staff from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to discuss possible solutions. MDE will not close off the area that causes the tidal influence from the river. The tides and years of erosion causes the flooding when the tides change. Dredging the river would mitigate the flooding.

Commissioner Cruickshank motioned to accept the Nuisance Flooding Plan as proposed.

Commissioner Mayer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (5:0)

**New Business #2 – Other:** Peter Johnston will be providing the Commission with a zoning amendment to the infill and redevelopment zone at the September Meeting. The objectives for this zoning revision are to allow flexibility in the land use development process, reduce the time and cost of development approvals, encourage adaptation and innovation, and increase the supply of affordable low-income and workforce housing.

**Staff Item #1 – Other:**

None.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.