



**TOWN COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Joint Public Hearing**  
**Town Hall**  
**September 10, 2013**  
**6:00 p.m.**

At 6:00 p.m. Chairman Dennis McCoy, having established a quorum, called to order the Public Hearing of the Planning Commission. In addition to Chairman McCoy, present were Commissioners Andy Buchholz, Dan Burke, Joan Natali, Sandra Salopek, Bill Stramm, and Mike Strub. Also in attendance were Town Planner Rob Testerman and Town Clerk Libby Hume. There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

Mayor Dora Sullivan, having established a quorum, called to order the Public Hearing of the Town Council. In addition to Mayor Sullivan, present were Vice Mayor Bannon, Councilmen Godwin, Sullivan and Wendell and Councilwoman Natali. Councilman Bennett arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Dennis McCoy announced that the evening's Joint Public Hearing was to hear public comment regarding the proposed modifications to the Cape Charles Zoning Ordinance Section 3.9 – Harbor District.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

*Councilman Frank Wendell, 515 Monroe Avenue*

Councilman Wendell stated that he had spoken to Town Planner Rob Testerman regarding the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) concept and had asked him what other localities in Virginia and the Delmarva region used FAR and whether they were pleased with the concept. Councilman Wendell went on to state that when you went to the doctor, you got second opinions and checked references and advised that the Town do the same in regards to FAR and suggested that more study was needed. The Town needed to find out where it had worked and/or not worked before moving forward.

*Dorie Southern, 104 Monroe Avenue*

Ms. Southern stated that she was curious where the 1.25 FAR came from and what it meant regarding development in the Harbor area. Ms. Southern then asked if there was a reason to do it that way and added that Tom Bonadeo had said that it would keep people from building underground garages. Ms. Southern suggested making a rule that prohibited underground garages vs. using FAR. Ms. Southern concluded by asking what the purpose was and whether the people understood the concept.

There were no other public comments to be heard nor any written comments submitted prior to the hearing.

**Motion made by Joan Natali, seconded by Bill Stramm, to close the Planning Commission Public Hearing. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.**

**Motion made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Vice Mayor Bannon, to adjourn the Town Council Public Hearing. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.**

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Chairman Dennis McCoy

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Mayor Dora Sullivan

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Town Clerk