



Buckingham County Planning Commission Work Session Agenda
Monday, December 21, 2020 6:00PM
County Administration Building
Peter Francisco Meeting Room
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The meeting is open to the general public but due to social distancing limiting the number of people the room can accommodate up to approximately 15 people, you may view the meeting by logging on to <https://youtu.be/pnMeTfQAXvI>

- A. Reconvene the December 14th Meeting of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors
 - 1. Chairman Bryant Considers Establishment of a Quorum

- B. Call the meeting to order by Planning Commission Chairman Bowe
 - 1. Establishment of a Quorum of the Planning Commission Members

- C. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

- D. ITEM OF BUSINESS FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS_
 - 1. Discussion and Fact Finding Session with Agency Experts Panel to include DEQ, DMME, Virginia Tech, VDH in regard to Mineral Exploration Activity/Drilling/Mining
 - 2. Consider Any Action from the Planning Commission Following the Discussion
 - 3. Consider Any Action from the Board of Supervisors as a Result of the Action of the Planning Commission

- E. ANY OTHER PLANNING COMMISSION BUSINESS

- F. RECESS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO RECONVENE MONDAY, December 28th, 2020 AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

- G. OTHER MATTERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- H. ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

In person attendance will be very limited at this meeting per the Governor's Safer at Home Guidelines please call and check for seating availability before attending.

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Expert Panel
Core Sampling-Commercial / Mineral Exploration Activity

Participating Agencies and Representatives

DEQ

James Golden
DEQ Director of Regional Operations
Piedmont Regional Director

DMME

Michael Skiffington
Director of Policy and Planning
Dept. of Mines, Minerals and Energy

David Spears
State Geologist
Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy

Damien Fehrer
Mine Inspector
Dept. of Mines, Minerals & Energy

VT

John Chermak
Collegiate Associate Professor
VT Geosciences

Erin Ling
Sr. Extension Associate and Program Coordinator
Virginia Household Water Quality Program
Biological Systems Engineering Department
Virginia Tech and Virginia Cooperative Extension

VDH

Paul Louis
Environmental Health Specialist Sr
Virginia Department of Health
Buckingham County

Rob Lanham
Aggregates Program Manager
Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance

Thomas Ullrich
Chief Executive Officer
Aston Bay Holdings

Nancy B. Thompson
Director, Government Affairs
Weyerhaeuser

David Brown
Buckingham Land & Timber

Spencer Young
Boxley Arvonnia Virginia

Matt Schiefer
Luckstone LS Bussiness Development
Vice President, Eastern Region

Kyanite TBD.

Pre- Submitted Questions

Pat Bowe

Ashton Bay- Thomas Ulrich

- We as well as yourself have heard many allegations about what Aston Bay has done here in Buckingham county, will you please tell us what has actually happened? And the environmental impact on our county?

Weyerhaeuser

- Weyerhaeuser is a large land owner in the county is core sampling activity common at other location that you own?

Spencer Young- Boxley

- You have worked in many different kinds of mines over the years, why are mines important to local economy and do they impose environmental issues to the locality in which they operate?

Damien Farrer

- The citizens fear that core drilling will 1) poison the ground water, 2) drain the aquifer, and 3) pollute the air, we have three open pit mines in Buckingham county that have been operating for many years. How often have you received complaints from the public about these concerns, and were they sustained?
- What kind of preventive measures does the state take to ensure that these problems do not occur?
- In your professional opinion does the public really need to worry about these things?

Rob Lanham

- How would it impact the aggregate industry if we require a special use permit for core drilling?

Steve Dorrier

- How does core drilling for gold compare to core drilling at places such as Kyanite and other mines in our county?
- If gold mining were to become a factor how does it compare to existing mines in Buckingham in ways such as environmental concerns, noise and water concerns?
- What is the impact on the people living near a gold mine versus living near current mines in Buckingham county?

Alice Gormus

- Does Core Sampling effect the water supply of the neighborhood wells?
- Are the Core Sampling rigs using any chemicals or water jet spray that would contaminate the neighborhood wells?

*The above question we're submitted in advance to the panelist at their request. The discussion will not be limited to just these questions if more information is needed please feel free to ask. *