

Notice of Public Hearings Sussex County

Pursuant to Section 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2229 of the Virginia Code, notice is hereby given that the Sussex County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting on Monday, December 6, 2021 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the General District Courtroom – Sussex Judicial Center, 15098 Courthouse Road, Sussex, Virginia 23884 to consider the following:

Comprehensive Plan Amendment: Proposed modifications to the 2004-2005 Sussex County Comprehensive Plan, Chapter II: Concerns and Aspirations, section B. Issues and Existing and Emerging Conditions, enumerated item 23 (as amended April 2, 2019) in consideration of land use policy guidance and recommendations for regulating utility-scale solar facilities and battery storage facilities including increasing the total size to 100 acres or more limited at 5,000 contiguous acres, appropriate layout, locating outside of prime agricultural land, preventing land fragmentation and adding provisions for battery storage facilities, etc.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment: An Ordinance to Amend and Reenact the following sections of the Sussex County Code, Appendix B, Zoning: Article I, Section 16-1 Definitions and Article XXIII, Solar and Battery Facilities for greater clarity and specificity for County reviews regarding renewable energy facilities, including adding definitions, changing the minimum development standards, increasing the minimum acreage for a solar farm to 100 acres, and adding provisions for battery storage facilities, etc.

A copy of the proposed amendments, along with supporting documentation are available for review in the Planning Department located at 20135 Princeton Road, Sussex, Virginia, during regular business hours Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Phone number (434) 246-1043.

Due to the ongoing COVID health crisis, if attending in person face coverings will be required and social distancing measures will be followed. Comments may also be submitted in writing to bwalkup@sussexcountyyva.gov or via mail to the Department of Planning, 20135 Princeton Road, Sussex, VA 23884, no later than noon on Monday, December 6, 2021. Any persons needing assistance or accommodations under the provisions of the American Disabilities Act should contact Michael Poarch at 434-246-1043 at least seven (7) days in advance of the hearing.

Submitted by: Beverly Walkup, Director of Planning