

**COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE
TRANSMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

SUMMARY OF PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

<p>AGENDA TITLE: SP202000007 Rappahannock Electric Cooperative</p> <p>SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Install "pole topper" extensions on existing power line poles to increase the height of the poles from an average of 46 feet to a new height of an average of 82 feet in order to install a new 115-kiloVolt powerline, on an existing transmission line route of approximately 1.6 miles, along an existing utility easement proposed to increase from 40 feet in width to 75 feet in width.</p>	<p>AGENDA DATE: April 21, 2021</p> <p>STAFF CONTACT(S): Scott Clark</p> <p>PRESENTER (S): Scott Clark</p>
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BACKGROUND:

At its meeting on February 2, 2021, the Planning Commission voted 6:0 to recommend approval of SP202000007, with conditions. The Planning Commission staff report, action letter, and minutes are attached (Attachments A, B, and C).

DISCUSSION:

At its public hearing, the Planning Commission had several questions for the applicant, primarily about the proposal's effect on vegetative cover along the Route 29 entrance corridor. In addition, two neighboring owners expressed concerns both in writing (Attachment A.6) and during the public comment portion of the Planning Commission meeting. Again, however, following the public hearing, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment D) to approve SP202000007 subject to the conditions contained therein.

ATTACHMENTS

- A – Planning Commission Staff Report
 - A.1 –Map
 - A.2 – Project Narrative
 - A.3 – Conceptual Plan
 - A.4 – Illustration
 - A.5 – Draft Integrated Vegetation Management Plan
 - A.6 – Public Input
- B – Planning Commission Action Letter
- C – Draft Meeting Minutes from 2/2/2021 PC Public Hearing
- D – Resolution to Approve SP202000007