COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE TRANSMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SUMMARY OF PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

AGENDA TITLE: SP202100007 and SP202100008 Jefferson Mill Hydroelectric

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST:

Reuse of the existing dam and mill building on the Hardware River for hydroelectric power.

SCHOOL DISTRICT: Scottsville Elementary School, Walton Middle School, Monticello High School.

AGENDA DATE: July 21, 2021

STAFF CONTACT(S): Richardson, Walker,

Kamptner, Rapp, Herrick, Fritz

PRESENTER (S):

Bill Fritz

BACKGROUND:

At its meeting on June 1, 2021, the Planning Commission voted (5:0, Commissioners Moore and Bailey absent) to recommend approval of SP202100007 and SP202100008 Jefferson Mill Hydroelectric.

DISCUSSION:

The Planning Commission discussed this proposal and determined that it met the requirements of the ordinance for approval and was a net benefit. No changes were recommended by the Planning Commission. However, during the discussion some members of the Planning Commission stated an opinion that removal of the dam and restoration of the river to its natural course would be beneficial.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolution (attachment D) to approve SP202100007 and SP202100008 Jefferson Mill Hydroelectric.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A Planning Commission staff report
- B Planning Commission action letter
- C Planning Commission minutes
- D Resolution of approval