

Resolution 103 of 2020. *Town of Caroline Land Use and Economic Development Task Force* to research development guidance tools in support of the community vision

Whereas, the Town adopted a 180-day Moratorium on June 10, 2020, to allow completion of the update to the Town's Comprehensive Plan in order to ensure that future residential and commercial land use developments are in congruence with the Town's vision of the community; and

Whereas, the draft updated Comprehensive Plan reiterates and amplifies many of the goals concerning small businesses in Caroline expressed in the 2006 Caroline Comprehensive Plan of:

- i. increased town pride, civic engagement, and community investment,
- ii. increased support of local businesses and opportunities for new small and home-based businesses, central to continued viability of the town,
- iii. economic development in hamlets compatible with other long-term goals,
- iv. encouraging locally-owned businesses that integrate with the rural residential and agricultural nature of the town, and discouraging commercial development that would negatively affect local agriculture, business, and residential communities, and
- v. encouraging businesses to protect air and water quality, reduce impact on traffic density and road quality, use clean and renewable sources of energy, and embrace sustainable business practices; and

Whereas, through its work on the revised Comprehensive Plan for the Town, the Planning Board identified a number of important tools for guiding future land use to promote the community vision that the Town may wish to implement, chief among them Formula Business Restrictions, Economic Impact Review Laws, and Zoning Laws; and

Whereas, achieving the goals of a Comprehensive Plan requires identification and careful development of appropriate regulatory tools; therefore be it

Resolved:

1. There is hereby created the ***Town of Caroline Land Use and Economic Development Task Force*** charged with researching tools (laws, ordinances, and regulations, etc.) that promote the values and vision of the Town as expressed in the Comprehensive Plan. The Town Board shall appoint members and a Chairperson, and a member of the Town Board shall serve as Liaison. The committee may adopt its own internal procedures and shall be an advisory committee to the Town Board. The Town Board shall appoint the Chair annually at its organizational meeting. The Town Board may hire a Planner and/or Attorney to support this effort. Interested persons should submit an application to the Town Clerk (Volunteer Application Form on the Town Committees page of the town website, <http://www.townofcaroline.org/volunteer-application-form.html>)
2. The committee shall keep minutes of meetings and submit them to the Town Clerk. The committee may request minute-taking assistance. The committee may work on issues as a whole or in groups, but any recommendations to the board should have the endorsement of a majority of the members.

3. The committee shall pursue and examine the following matters and charges identified by the Town's Planning Board in its update of the Town's Comprehensive Plan in respect to its basic mission to make recommendations and findings as will promote the values and vision of the Town:

i. Formula Business Restrictions

ii. Zoning Laws

iii. Economic Impact Review Laws

iv. Solar/Wind Siting Law

v. any other tools that may promote the Town's vision at the discretion of the committee and subject to guidance and/or recommendations from the Town Board.

4. The Town hereby solicits applications to serve on the Land Use and Economic Development Task Force immediately. Upon appointment of a Chair, the Task Force is charged to begin work.