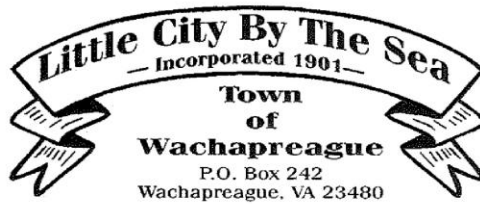




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**TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
2025 Comprehensive Plan
November 13, 2025
6:30 PM AT VIMS SEASIDE HALL
MEETING MINUTES**

I. Call to Order

II. Public Comment on the Town of Wachapreague 2025 Comprehensive Plan

History: The Wachapreague Planning and Zoning Commission, following Public Notice and Hearing in accordance with Chapter 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia, voted on October 07, 2025 to certify and recommend the 2025 Comprehensive Plan to the Town Council by adoption of Resolution No. PC-2501.

Public Comment: The question was raised why the copy on the Town Website could not be printed. Clerk Springer explained if no further revisions were requested the Council would pass a resolution to adopt the Plan at the December meeting, at which time it would be available for printing from the Town Website. Printed copies were passed among the Council members and the Public. Councilman Bilicki request page 17 be edited to more clearly define and color the waterfront commercial district, noting this does not include Brooklyn Ave, which is residential commercial, but rather just the water front commercial district. Councilman Joeckel asked if there were any further comments. A question was raised as to why the Main St Commercial District did not extend further West on Main St. Councilman Joeckel replied that was due to the original zoning and would require a zoning change/amendment.

Planning Zoning Chair Jim Bell clarified the review of the Comprehensive Plan was a 5 year cycle, however it can be amended at any time. Councilman Joeckel encouraged everyone to review the 4 goals and the strategies to reach the goals, which can be found on the back page.

Discussion was given by residents with concerns relating to the lack of reliable cell phone service with public safety concerns ranking highest. Note: this is included in the Comprehensive Plan, page 24. It was noted by Vice Mayor Puchalski that the Town has tried in the past to improve cell service including having a tower or booster installed within the Town itself. Comment was made as to size of the population in Wachapreague when appealing to large carriers for assistance. Comment was made that cell phone extenders can be purchased from individual carriers, such as Verizon, and do boost reliability of cell phone service to the residents who purchase them. The Council committed to continue pursuing a solution to the cell phone service concern.

There was no further discussion on the 2025 Comprehensive Plan and the Adoption of the Resolution accepting the 2025 Comprehensive Plan will be placed on the Town Council December 11, 2025 Agenda.

III. Adjournment