



**Talbot County Planning Commission  
Final Decision Summary**

Wednesday, July 16, 2021 at 2:00 pm.

Bradley Meeting Room

11 N. Washington Street, Easton, Maryland

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**Attendance:**

Commission Members:

Phillip “Chip” Councill, Chairman  
William Boicourt, Vice Chairman  
Michael Strannahan  
Lisa Ghezzi

Staff:

Miguel Salinas, Planning Officer  
Brennan Tarleton, Assistant Planning Officer  
Patrick Thomas, County Attorney  
Andy Meehan, County Attorney

**1. Call to Order**—Commissioner Councill called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm.

**2. Old Business**— None

**3. New Business**

**a. Closed Session**

**Commissioner Boicourt moved that the Planning Commission continue in a closed session pursuant to § 3-305(b)(7 and 8) of the Maryland Open Meetings Act.**

**Commissioner Strannahan seconded the motion.**

<u>Vote</u>	<u>4-0-1</u>
FOR:	4- Ghezzi, Strannahan, Boicourt, Councill
AGAINST:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	1 – Spies

**Adjournment for Closed Session** – Commissioner Councill adjourned the meeting for closed session at 2:05 pm. (see attached closed session summary).

**Call to Order**—Commissioner Councill called the meeting to order at 3:37 pm.

**Commissioner Boicourt moved that the Planning Commission hold a work session to discuss matters and formulate questions to interested parties that the Commission would like to have answered regarding the Town of Trappe**

52 **Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Application for State Discharge Permit**  
53 **19DP3460, National Pollution Discharge Elimination System, for Trappe East (a/k/a**  
54 **Lakeside) Wastewater Treatment Plant to the Maryland Department of the**  
55 **Environment in anticipation of preparing written comments to MDE. Commissioner**  
56 **Ghezzi seconded the motion.**

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58 Vote 4-0-1  
59 FOR: 4- Ghezzi, Strannahan, Boicourt, Councill  
60 AGAINST: 0  
61 ABSTAIN: 0  
62 ABSENT: 1 – Spies

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64 Mr. Salinas announced that the work session will be held on July 21, 2021 at 2:00 pm in  
65 the Main Meeting Room at the Talbot County Free Library, 100 W. Dover Street in  
66 Easton.

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68 **Commissioner Boicourt moved that the Planning Commission request that the**  
69 **County Council approve independent Council for the Planning Commission.**  
70 **Commissioner Ghezzi seconded the motion.**

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72 Vote 4-0-1  
73 FOR: 4- Ghezzi, Strannahan, Boicourt, Councill  
74 AGAINST: 0  
75 ABSTAIN: 0  
76 ABSENT: 1 – Spies

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78 **4. Discussion Items— None**

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80 **5. Staff Matters— None**

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82 **6. Work Sessions**

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84 The joint work session with the Public Works Advisory Board to review the pending  
85 comprehensive update to the Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan will happen the first  
86 Wednesday of every month in August, October, and November, 12:30 pm at the Talbot  
87 County Free Library.

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89 **7. Commission Matters — None**

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91 **8. Adjournment– Commissioner Councill adjourned the meeting at 3:50 pm.**  
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**SUMMARY OF CLOSED SESSION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2021**

**1. *Statement of the time, place, and purpose of the closed session:***

Time of closed session: 2:05 p.m.

Place (location) of closed session: Bradley Meeting Room, Talbot County Courthouse

Purpose of the closed session: Motion to go to closed session pursuant to § 3-305(b) 7 and 8 of the Maryland Open Meetings Act.

**2. *Record of the vote of each member as to closing the session:***

Names of members voting aye: Phillip Councell, Bill Boicourt, Lisa Ghezzi, Michael Strannahan

Members opposed:

Abstaining:

***Statutory authority to close session:***

This meeting was closed under the following provisions of General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b):

➔ **Topic #1:** § 3-305(b)(7) ➔ **Topic #2:** § 3-305(b)(8)

**3. *Listing of each topic actually discussed, persons present, and each action taken in the session:***

Topic description	Persons present for discussion	Action Taken/Each Recorded Vote
#1: Obtain legal advice from Acting County Attorney and Planning Commission Counsel regarding sewer and related land use matters	Phillip Councell, Bill Boicourt, Lisa Ghezzi, Michael Strannahan, Patrick Thomas, Andrew Meehan, Bill Anderson, Miguel Salinas	N/A
#2: Consult with Acting County Attorney and Planning Commission Counsel regarding potential and pending litigation	Phillip Councell, Bill Boicourt, Lisa Ghezzi, Michael Strannahan, Patrick Thomas, Andrew Meehan, Bill Anderson, Miguel Salinas	N/A