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Hearing on Timbermill permit set for Aug. 22-23

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Editor

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners will hold a hearing on the application for a conditional use permit for the proposed Timbermill Wind Project Aug. 22 and 23 at the Northern Chowan Community Center.

The hearing is slated to begin at 6 p.m. each of the two days.

Charlottesville, Va.-based Apex Clean Energy Inc. has proposed

the 300-megawatt wind energy facility in Chowan and Perquimans counties.

The county held an informational meeting for the public Aug. 2 at its office building on Freemason Street. At that meeting County Attorney Lauren Arizaga-Womble explained the process that will be followed at the board's quasi-judicial hearing on the permit application.

The hearing will generally follow the rules of evidence, Arizaga-

Womble told the audience at the meeting.

Arizaga-Womble said that so far the county had not been contacted by any attorney representing opponents of the application. Any attorney representing opponents of the application should contact the county as soon as possible to aid county officials in planning the logistics of the hearing, she said.

HDR, the company that Chowan County has hired to assist county

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staff in reviewing the Apex application, will have staff present at the hearing, according to Arizaga-

Womble.

As the hearing progresses the board will be able to examine witnesses and attorneys for the applicant or for an opponent of the application will be able to cross-examine witnesses, she said. There will be an opportunity for the presentation of rebuttal testimony, she said.

In order to participate in the hearing you must be found by the

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STAFF PHOTO BY REBECCA BUNCH

Steve and Betty Tyler and their son Kelsea enjoy the view from the historic 1886 Roanoke River Lighthouse on the downtown Edenton waterfront Sunday afternoon during the National Lighthouse Day celebration. The Tylers were visiting from Dunbar, SC near Charleston.

Many tour historic Roanoke Lighthouse

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Logan Gilbert got to celebrate his fifth birthday in an unusual place on Sunday - in Edenton's Colonial Park in the midst of large num-

bers of families coming to the historic 1886 Roanoke River Lighthouse to celebrate National Lighthouse Day.

At the end of the day, officials said, 147 adults and 32 children had toured the lighthouse.

While Logan was more inter-

ested in enjoying his party, his dad Eric took a few minutes to talk about his family's love of lighthouses.

"We've climbed the lighthouse at Chincoteague," he said, adding that his family was excited to have the chance to

learn more about Edenton's lighthouse.

James and Abigail Stanbery and their nephew Zac Bare of Miller's Creek in Wilkes County said they had been on vacation

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Environmental group partnering with NOAA

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Volunteers from the Chowan Edenton Environmental Group have begun a unique partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The effort, designed to provide the agency's Charleston, S.C., office with valuable information about the presence of blue green algae in Chowan County waters. To provide the information, CEEG members have received special training to identify five of the more common species of blue green algae

in these waters that will allow them to continue year-round sampling of the water that they began doing last Wednesday.

Colleen Karl is one of those leading the effort.

"Every week we will be taking samples and using a special digital microscope to view the images which we will be able to transmit as photographs along with a report concerning the samples we took," she said.

The microscope was purchased by the CEEG using grant funds from the North Carolina Community Foundation. Each

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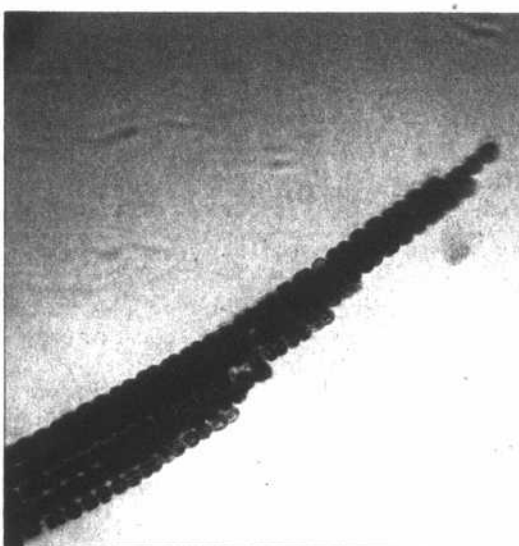


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This digital picture taken with the CEEG microscope shows Anabaena sp. (Genus and species) observed from a water sample taken at the Edenton town dock on the morning of Aug. 3. The magnification is 400x.

Archeology is very slow and very hit or miss, Willard said. This dig is a very longterm project, he said.

Under Willard's proposal the county would own any artifacts found but the Center would require the artifacts to be curated in a way that would make them accessible to researchers.

The Lost Colony Center for Science and Research would have rights to movies and other productions based on the research, Willard said.

Willard asked for permission to begin negotiations with the county attorney on the details of a contract between the county and the Center.

Commissioner Alex Kehayes asked how the archaeological dig would affect access to the millpond for fishing and picnics.

Willard said there would be no effect at all on those recreational activities at the millpond.

State senator enjoys up-close glimpse of history

BY REGGIE PONDER
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Sen. Erica Smith-Ingram was excited to be among the cheering throng when Hillary Clinton accepted the Democratic Party's nomination for president week before last in Philadelphia.

Smith-Ingram, the Northampton County Democrat who represents Chowan and seven other northeastern North Carolina

counties in the N.C. Senate, was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention and participated in the history that was made there.

"It was awesome to be there and see history being made," Smith-Ingram said last week of her role as a delegate at the convention, which marked the first time a major party in the United States had selected a woman as its presidential nominee.

Smith-Ingram was in Edenton Aug. 2 to visit the Summer Reading Program for children at the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library. She said she also found it exciting to be present as people from across the

country became acquainted with the Rev. William Barber – already familiar to North Carolinians because of his leadership of the state's NAACP and the Moral Mondays movement.

"He preached to the nation," Smith-Ingram said, grinning.

Because Smith-Ingram faces no Republican opposition on the ballot in November she does not have to campaign in order to remain in the General Assembly. But she will do plenty of campaigning between now and the General Election on behalf of Clinton and the Democratic Party's candidates for other seats in the General Assembly.

Smith-Ingram said she believes Clinton's historic campaign for president will energize voters and work to the advantage of Democratic candidates in the state. She said she expects the Democrats to pick up seats this year in both the N.C. Senate and the N.C. House of Representatives.

"This presidential campaign will help us up and down the ballot," she said.

Because North Carolina is regarded as a critical background state in this year's presidential election, Smith-Ingram said she expects Clinton and vice presidential nominee Tim Kaine

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Sen. Erica Smith-Ingram, D-Northampton, visits the Summer Reading Program at the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library.



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