

CRIMEWATCH

EDENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTS

■ Aug. 10 - Austin David Scott, 20, of Shan-nonhouse Road, was issued a citation for possession of less than 1/2 ounce of marijuana, a Schedule VI controlled substance.

■ Aug. 9 - Marcus Elijah Powell, 28, of West Carteret Street, was arrested on one felony count of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to cause serious injury.

■ Aug. 9 - Jason Scott Ferrer, 41, of Coke Avenue,

was arrested on one misdemeanor count of probation violation.

■ Aug. 9 - Giuliano Gian-none, 50, of Paradise Road, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of failure to appear.

■ Aug. 8 - Melissa Marshall Bond, 34, of Windsor, was charged with one misdemeanor count of assault with a deadly weapon.

■ Aug. 7 - Curtis Michael Angelo Johnson, 39, of Paradise Road, was charged with one misdemeanor count of assault.

■ Aug. 6 - Marlon O'Neal Dillard II, 19, of White Oak Drive, was arrested on two misdemeanor counts of trespassing and two misdemeanor counts of resisting arrest.

■ Aug. 5 - Steven Michael Cayton, 30, of Wedgwood Apts., was arrested on one felony count of breaking and entering a motor vehicle, one misdemeanor count of larceny from a motor vehicle and one misdemeanor count of larceny of a motor vehicle.

■ Aug. 4 - Rayshawn

Lamont Anthony, 24, of Reginald and Mary Avenue, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of failure to appear.

■ Aug. 1 - Terry Nevin Jones Sr., 47, of Center Hill Church Road, was arrested on three misdemeanor counts of failure to appear.

INCIDENTS
■ Aug. 11 - Hit and run on Virginia Road.

■ Aug. 8 - Discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling on West Carteret Street.

■ Aug. 8 - Vandalism on

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue.

■ Aug. 5 - Injury to personal property on East Gale Street.

■ Aug. 1 - Breaking and entering and larceny at NAPA Auto Parts on North Broad Street.

CHOWAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARRESTS

■ Aug. 10 - Corey Venters, 26, of Charlotte, was arrested on one felony count of probation violation.

■ Aug. 9 - Travis Andrew Byrum, 29, of Cannons Ferry

Road, was arrested on one felony count of possession of heroin, one felony count of possession of a Schedule I controlled substance, and two misdemeanor counts of possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ Aug. 9 - Christopher Michael Bateman, 33, of Gatesville, was charged with one felony count of possession of heroin and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia.

INCIDENTS
■ None reported.

Council approves downtown overlay district

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

The town council has approved the formation of a proposed overlay district in the downtown area that would prohibit the establishment of residential space on the ground floor of commercial buildings there.

The vote, at council's Aug. 9 monthly meeting, provided a no-

table exception for the establishment of live/work space in the rear of residential buildings.

"A special use permit could be applied for from the Board of Adjustments in those instances," Knighton said.

Another exception, she said, would be for buildings where residential space already exists on the ground floor of commercial buildings in downtown Edenton.

A public hearing held prior to the vote drew comments only from John Mitchener, a retired businessman and county commissioner. He pointed out that the proposed district encompassed buildings only to the foot of Broad Street except for Edenton Office Supply and the Chowan Arts Council building, both located just beyond that area. "I would hope it (overlay district) would include businesses down

the side streets that intersect with Broad Street," he said, pointing out that there are businesses on Queen Street as well as Water Street that were not included in the plan.

Knighton said that those businesses would be covered under town zoning ordinances but had not been included by the council as part of the proposed new district.

"The only properties would be those that abut Broad Street," she

said. "I think you need to take another look at that," Mitchener said. "I would encourage you to consider (including) those business locations that exist outside Broad Street."

With no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Roland Vaughan closed the public hearing and the council unanimously approved establishment of the district.

Teen injured in Aug. 8 shooting on Carteret Street

From staff reports

An Edenton man has been charged in connection with the Aug. 8 shooting of an Edenton teen.

Marcus Powell of West Carteret Street was charged with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious

injury and placed in the Chowan County Jail under \$40,000 bond, according to Sgt. Laura Wilkins of the Edenton Police Department.

Kristopher Rome, 17, of Cabbarus St. was treated and released at Vidant Chowan Hospital after suffering a single gunshot

wound shortly after 11:45 a.m. on Aug. 8, Wilkins said.

The incident occurred on Carteret Street near the intersection with Granville Street, Wilkins said.

Rome told police that he and a friend were walking on North Granville

Streets when they heard gunshots and started running, Wilkins said. Rome said he then realized he had been shot, according to Wilkins.

Rome was driven to the hospital by private vehicle.

Wilkins said police found .40-caliber shell

casings at the scene.

There were four shell casings found and witnesses reported hearing four shots fired, Wilkins said.

A vehicle parked on West Carteret Street was struck and damaged by one of the shots, Wilkins said.



POWELL

Wind project controversy culminates in hearings next week

BY PETER WILLIAMS AND REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writers

A year-old debate in Perquimans County over a new wind farm project will come down to two days of hearings next week. In Chowan County the debate has been going on longer but it, too, is coming down to two days next week.

The Perquimans County Board of County Commissioners is scheduled to hold quasi-judicial hearings to consider the Apex Clean Energy project on Aug. 24 and Aug. 25. Both

meetings start at 5:30 p.m. and will be held in the second floor courtroom at the Perquimans Courthouse Annex.

In Chowan, hearings are slated for 6 p.m. on Aug. 22 and 23 at the Northern Chowan Community Center.

The Perquimans meetings cap a process that started last summer when crowds started to pack county commission meetings to voice their concerns about the project.

Apex's Timbermill Wind project would span 16,000 acres of Perquimans and Chowan counties, and include 105 wind turbines more than 500-feet tall. The project is expected to cost between \$300 million and \$400 million. The project is expected to generate millions of dollars in

local tax revenue over the 25-year life of the project.

The Perquimans commission has approved a similar wind project in the past - what is now called Amazon Wind Farms East. However residents in the Bear Swamp community and elsewhere argued the zoning laws dealing with wind weren't tough enough or they didn't want to see the new project at all.

In October, the six-member county commission agreed to put a four-month moratorium on new wind projects to give the county planning board a chance to review the rules.

The planning board is made up of people appointed by the commission to make recommendations when it comes to interpreting the zoning code. The board members are paid \$50 each time they meet.

Many of the issues the planning board deals with aren't as big as the decision involving multi-million dollar wind power projects. In March, the board considered a case involving a grandfather who wanted to carve out a two-acre parcel to

give to his grandson but on the surface the code didn't allow that.

During the moratorium the planning board did meet and on Dec. 8 a majority voted to recommend that the county increase the setback between the turbines and existing homes to one half mile (2,640 feet). The ordinance at the time and now set the defacto setback at 1,500 feet.

In favor of the vote were Brenda Lassiter, Donald Manley and Lewis Smith. Opposed was A.O. Roberts. Paul Kahl, the chairman, did not vote.

The planning board also recommended the county require Apex pay \$50,000 to set up a fund that the county could use if it needed outside experts to review the project. The board did not take up the issue of requiring the developer to guarantee that property values wouldn't decrease because the project was built.

In February, the county commission resumed discussing the issue and in the end deadlocked in a 3-3 vote along political lines when it came to increasing the setback requirements. The commission did agree

to require the developer set up the \$50,000 fund. The commission also asked Apex to address the issues of "blade drop" and "ice throw" when it came time to submit a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) request. Blade drop is when for some reason a turbine blade might fly off. The issue was how far would it go. Ice drop concerns what would happen if ice formed on a turbine blade and was somehow thrown off.

After two more years of research Apex submitted a CUP request in May.

The Chowan County Planning Board in the spring of 2015 recommended much stricter standards for the wind ordinance, including a one-mile setback and a 35-decibel noise limit. The county commissioners extended the setbacks slightly and tightened the decommissioning requirements, but otherwise mostly rejected the planning panel's proposal.

While the Perquimans County setback require-

ments weren't changed, 50 of the 57 turbines proposed by Apex for Perquimans County are a half mile (2,649 feet) or more from the nearest occupied building or residence, based on the CUP request. Twenty are a mile (5,280 feet) or more.

According to the CUP application, the nearest home or building is 1,952 feet away from a wind turbine. There are four in Perquimans that are more than 9,000 feet away.

About 10,000 acres of the 16,000 acre project is owned by Weyerhaeuser, a timber company.

The planning board reviewed the CUP application in July and again earlier this month. In the end it concluded the application Apex submitted complied with the county's zoning rules.

Just one of the members voting - Lassiter - voted "no" to one of the four recommendations. It had to deal with if the project was in "harmony" with the area.

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Seeking to fill volunteer positions for the Chowan County Joint Community Advisory Committee serving long term care residents - Major Responsibility: Uphold the intent of the Resident's Bill of Rights. Committee member must reside in Chowan County and cannot live in, work at, or have a financial interest in a nursing home. Immediate family members of people in those categories cannot serve. To serve, generally you must be 18, live in the county and be willing to give 8-20 hours per quarter of your time and expertise attending quarterly meetings, conducting visits, and other activities to benefit long term care residents. (Additional application needed, please contact Susanne Stallings for more information)

Chowan County Tourism Development Authority
Seat 6 - Applicant must be currently active in the promotion of travel and tourism in Chowan County. Chowan County Planning Board Applications are being considered for Area "D" at this time.

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