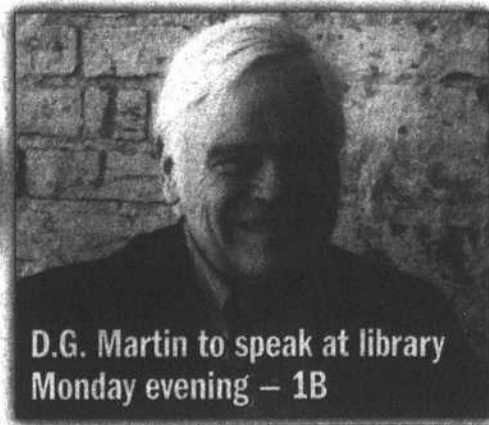


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Board approves permit for Timbermill Wind Project

BY REGGIE PONDER
Editor

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners approved Friday the conditional use permit for the Chowan portion of the Timbermill Wind Project.

The board's action, which followed nearly eight hours of deliberations on testimony presented during a quasi-judicial hearing held over two days in late August and four days in the last week of September, is subject to formal approval of a draft order that will be prepared by the county attorney for consideration by the board

on Nov. 14.

The board on Friday recessed its meeting until Nov. 14 at 5:30 p.m.

Don Giecek, senior manager of project development for Timbermill, a division of Charlottesville, Va.-based Apex Clean Energy Inc., said Friday that he was pleased with the board's decision.

"We've worked hard for several years to develop the best possible project for Northeast North Carolina, and though we have many other steps before beginning construction, this vote represents a huge milestone," Giecek said. "We appreciate the professionalism

and transparency with which the county approached our application, and we thank those members of the public who took time to view the proceedings.

"When built, Timbermill Wind will produce enough safe, clean renewable energy for 60,000 homes while providing a significant economic boost for the area," Giecek continued. "We hope to be a part of this community for decades to come."

The board met Friday to deliberate on Apex's application for a conditional use permit for the project.

Apex has proposed a 300-mega-

watt wind energy generation facility in the Bear Swamp and Center Hill areas of Chowan and Perquimans counties.

A separate conditional use permit is required for each county, which will cover the portion of the project located in that county.

The board approved the permit with more than a dozen conditions. Among those was one intended to address the objection raised by opponents of the project that environmental studies related to the proposed project have not been made public. Henry Campen, an attorney representing Apex,

proposed that one condition of the permit be that Apex would provide bird, bat and other wildlife and environmental studies to the county at the time the company submits a permit application to the state's Department of Environmental Quality.

County Commissioner John Mitchener called that condition, which the board approved unanimously, "a step in the right direction."

Patrick Flynn, a property owner and resident representing himself in opposition to the project, asked that the board adopt a specific

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NAVY VETERAN WISHES EVERYONE COULD KNOW MILITARY SERVICE

BY REGGIE PONDER
Editor

William "Bud" Stinson had a variety of experiences in the Navy, including working on reconnaissance flights in Vietnam at the height of the war there.

And he believes anybody would benefit from those kinds of experiences.

"I think everybody should serve," Stinson said. "I would love to see universal conscription. I think it would do a lot to stabilize some of the inner city hoodlums."

Even though he was from a small town in Ohio, Stinson said it was good for him, too.

"I liked it," he said. "I liked the regimentation. I liked the diversity in the work."

The people also were diverse, which was a good experience for someone from a small town in a rural area of the midwest.

"You meet tons of people," Stinson said. "Every new duty station you go to is a bunch of new folks."

Stinson served in Vietnam on a number of six-month deployments beginning in 1966 and lasting until 1969. He returned to Vietnam in 1972-1973 on the U.S.S. America CV 66.

His career in the Navy began in general aviation service, working in the arresting gear section on the flight deck of aircraft carriers.

From there he went to a reconnaissance in Jacksonville, Fla., where he worked on fixed wing recon airplanes and installed photographic equipment and control systems.

On deployments to Vietnam the planes would take pictures, then return to a ship - or sometimes to the beach - and unload. Stinson's unit was in Da Nang in 1968 and 1969.

Stinson said he enlisted in the Navy after seeing "a really good recruiting film" one day when he went to the movies. The film depicted a life of adventure and world travel, and he was hooked.

In addition, he said, the small town in northeastern Ohio where he grew up didn't have a lot of work available other than farming - and he didn't want to farm.

So he joined the Navy in 1961 and instantly took to Navy life.

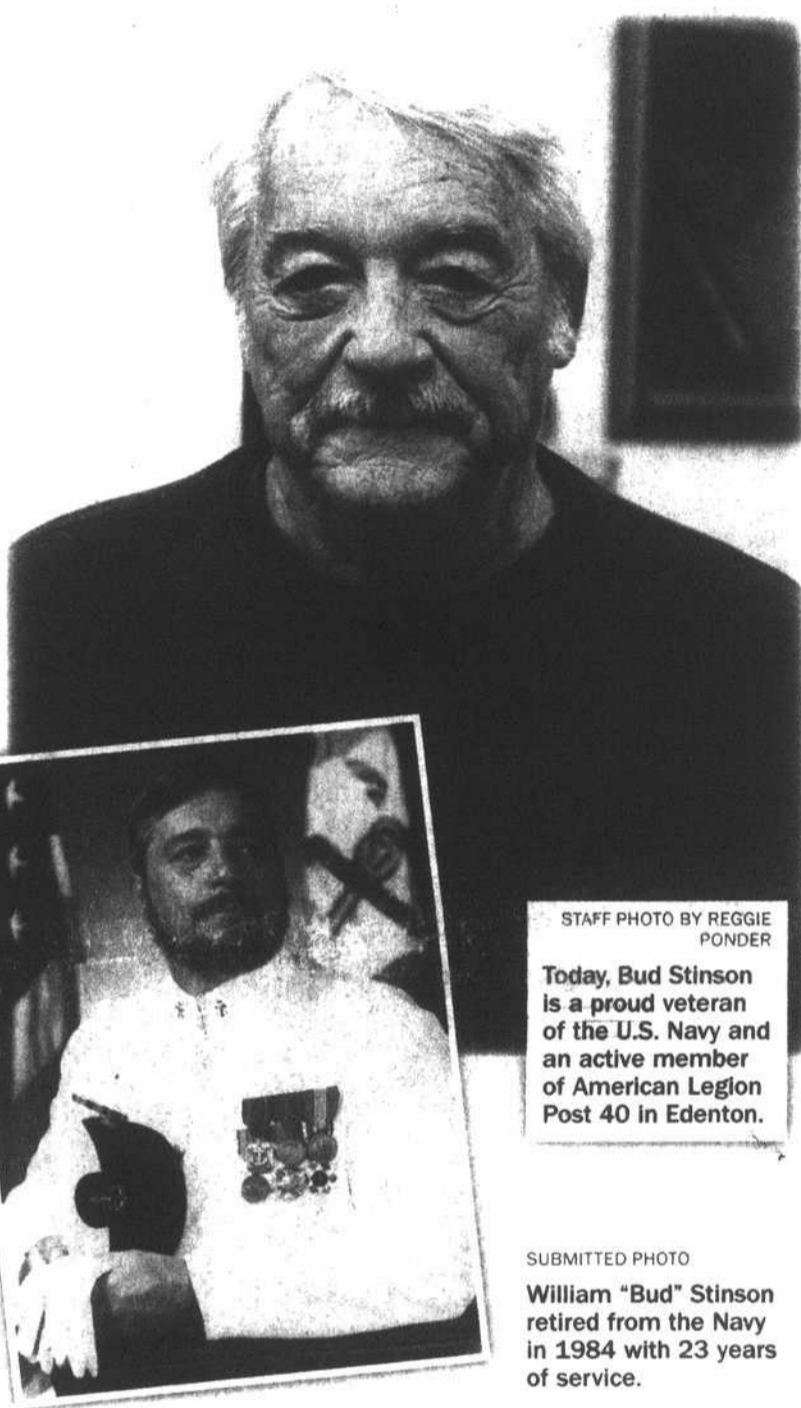
Another motivation for Stinson in joining the military was that his father had served in the infantry in World War II.

Stinson noted his Navy service was not just recon missions in Vietnam. It also included some very enjoyable times in places like Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Key West, Fla.

"I had so much fun it was unbelievable," Stinson said.

But dangerous missions also

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STAFF PHOTO BY REGGIE PONDER

Today, Bud Stinson is a proud veteran of the U.S. Navy and an active member of American Legion Post 40 in Edenton.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

William "Bud" Stinson retired from the Navy in 1984 with 23 years of service.

Local man killed in crash

BY REGGIE PONDER
Editor

A Chowan County man was killed in a single-vehicle crash on a rural road north of Edenton early Friday morning.

Narciso Dominguez-Elizalde, 46, of Willow Drive, Edenton, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident, according to Trooper Buddy Davis of the N.C. Highway Patrol.

Davis was dispatched to the scene at 5:53 p.m. Friday. The trooper said Dominguez-Elizalde was driving a 2002 Ford Econoline east on Wildcat Road when he apparently lost control of his van coming out of a curve.

According to Davis, Dominguez-Elizalde's van ran off the road on the right, returned to the road and then ran off the road again, overturning twice before coming to rest upside down in the front yard of a house.

The accident occurred about a tenth of a mile east

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Firefighters battle two blazes

BY REGGIE PONDER
Editor

Two separate fires in the Rocky Hock community late last week destroyed a mobile home and damaged a popular business.

A fire Thursday night damaged the Country Store, formerly known as Whiteman's Store, at the intersection of Rocky Hock Road and Dye Plant Road. The Center Hill-Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to the blaze at 9:38 p.m. and found the fire had started in a small attic area. The fire was contained to the center part of the store and firefighters were able to extinguish the flames in about an hour, according to Center Hill-Crossroads Fire Chief Mike Hamilton.

"It can be fixed," Hamilton said of the building's condition.

Hamilton said it took



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This mobile home across from the entrance to Arrowhead Beach on Rocky Hock Road was destroyed by fire Friday afternoon.

firefighters a while to get into the Country Store building because of steel bars on the doors and windows. The store was closed and no one was on the premises at the time the fire started.

The cause of the fire

has not been determined but it was probably electrical in nature, Hamilton said.

The Center Hill-Crossroads VFD also responded to a mobile home fire at 3340 Rocky Hock Road, across from the entrance

to Arrowhead Beach. The mobile home was destroyed in the blaze that began around 1 p.m. Friday. No one was home when the fire started.

The Edenton Fire Department also responded to both fires.

Election coverage in Daily Advance and on the web

Decision 2016

From staff reports

Because of the Tuesday afternoon presstime, the Chowan Herald is unable to publish results of Tuesday's election in today's newspaper. You can find coverage of the election in today's Elizabeth City Daily Advance and at www.dailyadvance.com.

The Chowan Herald will have followup coverage on the election in next week's paper.

The county has three contested races for county commissioner:

■ District 1 — Democrat James "Jill" White and Repub-

lican Ron Cummings

■ District 2 — Democrat Derrick Wadsworth and Republican Patti Kersey

■ At-large — Democrat Don Faircloth and Republican Brian Ferraraccio.

In District 3, Commissioner Greg Bonner is running unopposed.

Tuesday's Election included the closely watched — and very tight — presidential contest between Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump, as well as races for governor, U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, N.C. House and a number of other state and local offices.

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