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## County to proceed with review of project

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
News Editor

Perquimans County rejected a request to table plans for a wind project in Bear Swamp, setting the stage for the planning board to review the document Tuesday night.

The attorney for some residents opposed to the Timbermill Wind project argued Apex Clean Energy did not submit a complete Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application.

Attorney Chad Essick

called on Planning and Zoning Director Donna Godfrey to put review on the project on hold.

Attorney Douglas Hanna, who was hired to represent the county, countered Essick's letter saying Godfrey does not have the legal authority to stop the review.

"The letter requesting a formal zoning determination fails to cite any legal authority for this request," Hanna wrote. "After reviewing the Perquimans County Zoning Ordinance and applicable legal authority, we conclude

that such a request would be improper in connection with the review of the pending Conditional Use Permit submitted by Timbermill. As such, the request for a formal zoning determination is hereby denied."

The main issue Essick brought up in his July 21 letter was noise, but he also questioned the documentation on what would happen if ice formed on a turbine blade and was thrown off. He also questioned the data

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## Chowan Board OK's Apex plan

BY REGGIE PONDER  
Chowan Herald

EDENTON — The Chowan County Planning Board voted 3-2 Wednesday to recommend that the Chowan County Commission approve a conditional use permit for the Timbermill Wind project.

Planning Board member Linda Peterson made

the recommendation to approve the permit with the conditions staff recommended.

Peterson, Chairman Warren Hare and board member Bobby Winborne voted in favor of the motion and Jim Leggett and Jim Robison voted against it.

In addition to backing the conditions proposed

by Chowan Planning Director Elizabeth Bryant, the board also recommended that Chowan commissioners establish procedures to regularly assess and adjust the cash bond for decommissioning wind turbines and towers to ensure it's adequate to cover all decommissioning costs.

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## Building inspector honored

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
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Perquimans County Building Inspector Virgil Parrish was honored last week as the Building Inspector of the Year by a state organization.

Parrish, 59, has worked as a building inspector since 1993, and assumed the Perquimans County job in 1999.

The North Carolina Building Inspectors Association made the presentation at a banquet held at Atlantic Beach.

Amy Britt, the new president of the NCBLA, said the organization seeks out recommendations for the award when they hold regional seminars. A committee then makes the final choice.

Britt works for the Town of Clayton.

"Virgil is just a great guy," Britt said. "The great thing is he's been on both sides. He understands what contractors are going through. I've heard that a lot. I can also say Virgil is always willing to help out with other jurisdictions if they need him."

Glenn Batten, a retired building inspector in Kernersville, and ex-officio member

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STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS  
Viviana Redondo, a volunteer from The Hydrant Church in Golsboro, helps clean up the home economics area at Perquimans County High School last week as part of Love PQ.



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Trevor Smith (right) uses an edger at a home on Edenton Road Street as part of Love PQ Week. Dozens of volunteers took part on projects big and small throughout Perquimans and Pasquotank counties.

## Horton facing charges

From Staff Reports

An Elizabeth City city councilor and Hertford funeral home operator was cited Thursday for driving while his license is revoked by a Perquimans County

Sheriff's deputy who has just served criminal papers on him and warned him not to drive.

Perquimans County Sheriff Eric Tilley said the deputy went to Darius Horton's business — Horton's Funeral Home and Creations, 141 South Ocean Highway to serve Horton with a criminal summons. A former employee swore out warrants against Horton for communicating threats and assault inflicting serious injury. The incident apparently happened in June at the funeral home.

During the visit Thursday, Horton, 29, got a phone call, Tilley said.

"My deputy said Horton told the caller 'I'll be there in five minutes,'" Tilley said. "At that point my officer said 'you do know your license is suspended,' and Horton told him, 'yeah, yeah, I know.'"

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## Perquimans hosting regional tourism workshop

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
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About a dozen state tourism officials will be on hand for a regional seminar in Hertford Aug. 11 to talk about what services are available to help local tourism related business.

The event at the Perquimans County Recreation Center will be one of four offered across the

state this year, according to Andre Nabors, a representative with Visit North Carolina — a business unit of the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina.

The Aug. 11 event will run from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. It's billed as a "come-when-you-can/stay-as-long-as-you'd-like" opportunity

"One of our colleagues called it 'speed dating for the tourism industry,'" Nabors said of the out-

reach sessions. "We each have our own tables and people can come and go as they please and ask questions."

Representatives from the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina, the Department of Commerce, the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources and NC GreenTravel will also be on hand to discuss services they can provide businesses,

including strategic planning, assisting with identifying funding sources and serving as liaisons with other local, state and federal agencies.

"It's sometimes a little daunting to get everybody together," Nabors said.

Visitors to the event can get information about how to add or change information to the Visit NC web site.

The events have been held in the past in Henderson in Vance County, Greenville and New Bern.

"We've tried to get in the heart of the areas that could use help, including rural places and smaller towns," Nabors said.

For additional information or to learn more about scheduling a TRAC visit, contact andre.nabors@visitnc.com or call him at 919-447-7771.

## Perquimans High fishing team wrapping up good year

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
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Fresh off a win near Raleigh, a pair of Perquimans County High School students are poised to win big in the season finale Saturday in Plymouth.

Dylan Valousky and Timothy Estep easily won a bass fishing tournament July 23 at Falls Lake with a

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grand total of 22.5 pounds of fish. The second place team caught 11 pounds. Each team can record five fish and all fish are released after weigh-in.

The win, plus their results in earlier tournaments, put the duo one point out of first place and in a three-way tie

for second, according to Matt Leicester, the advisor for the PCHS team.

Not too shabby considering this is the first year PCHS has fielded a fishing team.

Fishing is not a sport sanctioned by the N.C. High School Athletic Association. The tournaments PCHS competes in are sponsored through Fishing League Worldwide (FLW) a group created in 2007.

The Perquimans team does not get funding from the school system, but it is

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Dyland Valousky and Timothy Estep captured first place recently for the Perquimans County High School fishing team.

