

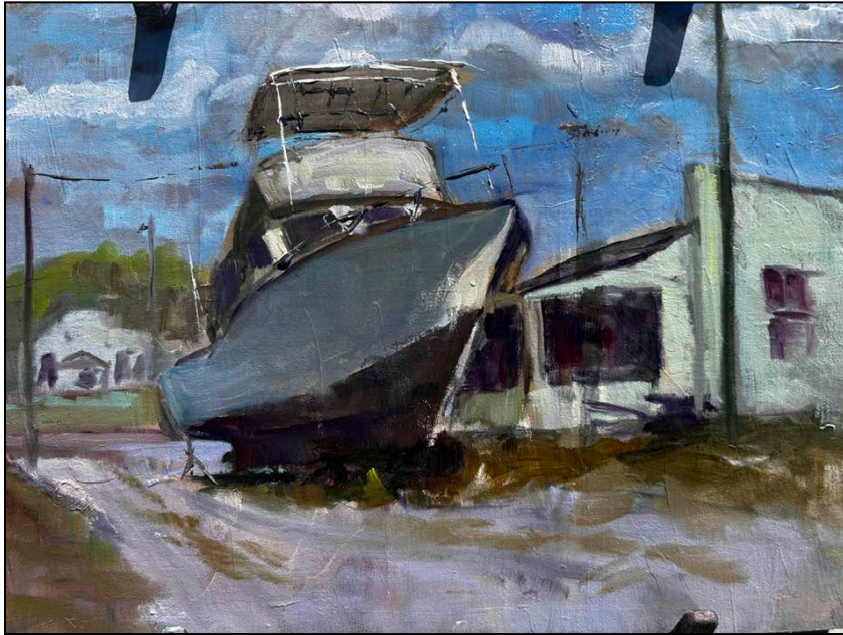
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"Canyon Lady" by Ted Leonard. His work is available at Current Reflections Gallery on Main.

You Can Have a Voice in Our Town's Future

THE TOWN'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN is up for review. The Planning Board will take comments by citizens in a meeting on Thursday at 6 p.m. in Seaside Hall at VIMS.

The plan is on the Wachapreague website, <http://wachapreague.org>. On the home page, scroll down to "2025 Comprehensive Plan," and "read more." Then click "click here to continue," and then click "click to view."

The state requires local planning commissions to create comprehensive plans at least every five years. The plans generally look at the towns as they are today, then draw conclusions about what the towns and its citizens will need and want in the coming years, to "best promote the health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity and general welfare of the inhabitants, including the elderly and persons with disabilities."

Here are some of the highlights of the proposed comprehensive plan

VISION STATEMENT "Over the next five years, our small coastal town envisions transforming into a thriving tourism destination that celebrates its natural beauty, preserves its cultural heritage, fosters sustainable economic growth, and offers visitors unforgettable experiences while maintaining a high quality of life for our community members."

Along with a brief overview of our history, the plan touches on some of the town's assets - the cleanest waters on the East Coast, beautiful marshes, barrier islands, the rich fishery, VIMS and more.

"Residents enjoy a peaceful community without the clutter of fast-food chains and

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Drainage Ditch to Get Help

By Margo Digan

ON AUG. 2, Robert Hipple, Wachapreague Town Council member, provided information regarding the Bradford Road/Bayview Avenue Ditch Project to a number of residents, all of whom live on Bayview Avenue.

The good news is that Accomack County will fund the cost of clearing out debris and the built-up sediment in the Bradford Road/ Bayview Avenue ditches. The most recent ditch clearing was 27 years ago! Those ditches should be cleaned out every 15 years.

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Photo by Dave Groshong

This and That

ON THURSDAY, AUG. 7, early in the afternoon, several very large booms were heard, in central Accomack County and into Northampton. In Wachapreague, the booms were incredibly loud, and it felt like they shook our houses.

Margo Digan, who lives in town, reached out to the Naval Air Station Patuxent River (NAS Pax) Noise Hotline. A spokesperson there said they didn't know the cause of the booms, but that "for supersonic flights over land, the FAA requires military jets to operate above 30,000 feet. Over water, flights must be above 10,000 feet and at least 15 miles from shore. Supersonic flights are tested in the Atlantic Ocean and sometimes

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