

**9. PUBLIC HEARING
REZONING REQUEST – PETER COPELAND**OPENING STATEMENT

This public hearing is held pursuant to § 15.2-2204, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended to receive public comment on the application of Peter Copeland, owner, requesting a change in zoning classification from M-1, Limited Industrial to C-B2, Conditional General Business of approximately 2.3 acres for the purpose of business uses, as conditioned. The property is located on the south side of New Market Road (Rt. 688) approximately ¼ mile east of the intersection with Southampton Parkway (Rt. 58) and is further identified as a portion of Tax Parcel Number 76-31E. The property is located in the Franklin Magisterial District and Franklin Voting District.

The notice of this public hearing was published in the Tidewater News on November 30 and December 7, 2008 and all adjacent property owners were notified in writing by first class mail as required by law. Following its public hearing on November 13, 2008, the Southampton County Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend approval.

After conclusion of this public hearing, the Board of Supervisors will consider the comments offered this morning and may act upon the application or defer action until such time as it deems appropriate.

Mr. Jay Randolph, Assistant County Administrator and Secretary to the Planning Commission will provide introductory remarks after which all interested parties are invited to come forward and express their views.

MOTION REQUIRED: If the Board is so inclined, a motion is required to accept the Planning Commission recommendation and rezone the 2.3 acres described above.