

# The Town of Washington

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June 17, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Town Council Meeting

Approved Minutes

• CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Sullivan called the Town Council to order at 7:02 p.m. Council members Alice Butler, Jerry Goebel, Mary Ann Kuhn, Gary Schwartz, and Patrick O'Connell were present. Council member Dan Spethmann was absent. Town Attorney John Bennett and Town Clerk Laura Dodd were present. \_

• NEW BUSINESS: a). Trinity Church Parking Lot Beautification: Rev. Jenks Hobson presented plans for renovating the Trinity Church parking lot in partnership with the Inn. Patrick O'Connell discussed plans for landscaping the Middle Street Stub Street and asked The Town to consider the vacating of the stub street to the Inn. Rev. Jenks asked the Council to consider contributing to the project.

• OLD BUSINESS: a). Approval of the FY 2013/2014 Budget: Ms. Kuhn made a motion to approve the 2013/2014 Budget as presented at the public hearing and Mr. Schwartz seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Butler voted "yes"

Ms. Kuhn voted "yes"

Mr. Goebel voted "yes"

Mr. Schwartz "yes"

Mayor Sullivan voted "yes"

Mr. O'Connell voted "yes"

And the motion passed 6-0.

• NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED: a). Trinity Church Parking Lot Beautification:

After a short discussion, Ms. Kuhn made a motion to expend the sum of \$15,000 from this year's budget and \$5,000 from the FY 2013-2014 Budget both from Category 4010, Town Promotions and Beautification, and to authorize the Mayor to expend such sums in one or more payments, not to exceed collectively \$20,000, to parties performing the work, or other parties responsible for the enhancement of the Trinity Church Parking lot. Mr. Schwartz seconded the motion. Mr. O'Connell recused himself.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Butler voted "yes"

Ms. Kuhn voted "yes"

Mr. Goebel voted "yes"

Mr. Schwartz "yes"

Mayor Sullivan voted "yes"

And the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Sullivan moved that the July Council meeting date be moved from July 8, 2013 to July 15, 2013 and Mr. Goebel seconded and a roll call vote was taken: \_

Ms. Butler voted "yes"

Ms. Kuhn voted "yes"

Mr. Goebel voted "yes"

Mr. Schwartz "yes"

Mayor Sullivan voted “yes”      Mr. O’Connell voted “yes”  
And the motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Sullivan made a motion that the Council authorize and publicize a public hearing for July 15, 2013 to vacate the Middle Street stub street to the Inn and Ms. Kuhn seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Butler voted “yes”      Ms. Kuhn voted “yes”  
Mr. Goebel voted “yes”      Mr. Schwartz “yes”

Mayor Sullivan voted “yes”  
And the motion passed 5-0.  
Mr. O’Connell recused himself.

Mr. O’Connell left the meeting.

b). Farm Tour /Avon Hall: Ms. Kathy Schiff, representing the Rappahannock Farm Tour, requested permission from the Town to use the Avon Hall grounds as a staging area for the Farm Tour on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Goebel made a motion that the Avon Hall grounds could be used for the Farm Tour as long as the Farm Tour had appropriate insurance and Mr. Schwartz seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Butler voted “yes”      Ms. Kuhn voted “yes”  
Mr. Goebel voted “yes”      Mr. Schwartz “yes”

Mayor Sullivan voted “yes”  
And the motion passed 5-0.

- MINUTES:      January 14, February 11, March 11, and April 5, 2013: Mayor Sullivan made a motion to approve the January 14, February 11, March 11, and April 5, 2013 minutes and Mr. Goebel seconded. Ms. Kuhn abstained stating that she had not had the time to read through all the minutes. The motion passed 4-0.

- REPORTS:      Treasury Report: Mr. Goebel reviewed the attached Bank Summary Report, the Bills-To-Be Paid List, and the Additional Bills to Be Paid List. Mr. Schwartz made a motion to approve the Treasurer report and Ms. Kuhn seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

- Planning Commission: No Report.

Architectural Review Board: Mayor Sullivan reported that the Council had received the ARB’s Annual Report, which showed that there were twenty-five applications for renovations this year compared to three the previous year.

Website: Ms. Kuhn reported that a new business, the Washington Spa, had been added to the Town’s website and that the Guy Street Inn entry had been updated to show new ownership.

- TOWN ATTORNEY:      Mr. Bennett: No report.

- OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED: b). Nature Trail Grant Update: Mayor Sullivan discussed that the Town had received a check for \$4,640 for a grant from the Culpeper Water and Soil Conservation District for the Nature Trail. He also discussed that the Town would be receiving a grant for the Rain Garden project and he made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$1,800 on the Rain Garden with the expectation that most of it would be reimbursed by a grant for the Water and Soil Conservation District and Ms. Kuhn seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Butler voted “yes”                      Ms. Kuhn voted “yes”  
 Mr. Goebel voted “yes”                     Mr. Schwartz “yes”  
 Mayor Sullivan voted “yes”  
 And the motion passed 5-0.

- c). ESS Contract Renewal: Mayor Sullivan made a motion to renew ESS’s Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations contract for 2013/2014 for \$97,850.00 and Mr. Goebel seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Butler voted “yes”                      Ms. Kuhn voted “yes”  
 Mr. Goebel voted “yes”                     Mr. Schwartz “yes”  
 Mayor Sullivan voted “yes”  
 And the motion passed 5-0.

- d). ESS Replace Chemical Feed Line Proposal: Mr. Schwartz made a motion to approve the ESS proposal to replace a chemical feed line for \$5,926 with the condition that Mr. Schwartz and ESS work-out differences on how the repairs should be accomplished. Mayor Sullivan seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Butler voted “yes”                      Ms. Kuhn voted “yes”  
 Mr. Goebel voted “yes”                     Mr. Schwartz “yes”  
 Mayor Sullivan voted “yes”  
 And the motion passed 5-0.

- PUBLIC FORUM: Mayor Sullivan opened the public forum.  
 Ms. Kuhn asked Ms. Nancy Buntin if she had concerns regarding the Foster Harris House serving meals to non-guests.  
 Ms. Buntin discussed that she felt there would be no problems.  
 Mayor Sullivan closed the public forum.

- CLOSED SESSION:

- ADJOURMENT: At 10:20 p.m. Mr. Goebel moved to adjourn the meeting and Mayor Sullivan seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL ON JUNE 17, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Dodd  
 Town Clerk

Attachments:

Bank Summary Report  
List of Bills-To-Be-Paid  
Additional Bills Paid  
ESS Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations Proposal  
ESS Replace Chemical Feed Line Proposal