

The Town of Washington

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June 11, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Approved Minutes

- CALL TO ORDER: Mayor John Fox Sullivan called the Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members Mary Ann Kuhn, Jerry Goebel, Fred Catlin, Katharine Leggett, Patrick O'Connell, and Brad Schneider were present. Town Attorney John Bennett and Town Clerk Laura Dodd were present.

Mayor Sullivan asked the Council to amend the agenda to include: 1) A Dark Skies Park letter of support, 2) A review of the process and issues of Boundary Line Adjustments, 3). A discussion of a Stub-Street vacation request. He discussed that no decision would be made on items 2 and 3 that evening.

Council agreed by consensus to amend the agenda to add items 1 through 3 listed above.

- MINUTES: January 8, 2018: After giving Ms. Dodd some typographical and grammatical corrections, Ms. Kuhn made a motion to approve the January 8, 2018 minutes and Ms. Leggett seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- 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.

Ms. Leggett made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Ms. Kuhn seconded and the motion passed 6-0 with Mr. O'Connell abstaining due to the Inn Stock contribution included on the Bills-To-Be-Paid list.

Mr. Goebel corrected the Treated but not billed number on the Bank Account Summary from 1,248,665 gallons to 12,335 gallons.

Planning Commission: No Report

Architectural Review Board: Mayor Sullivan reported that the ARB would not be meeting in June as there were no applications.

- TOWN ATTORNEY: No Report.

- OLD BUSINESS: a). Approval of FY 2018-2019 Budget: Mayor Sullivan discussed that a public hearing had been held at the May meeting and the budget had been approved but legally the Budget was required to be passed at the June meeting.

Mr. Goebel made a motion to approve the FY 2018-2019 Budget and Mayor Sullivan seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Schneider voted "yes" Mr. Goebel voted "yes"

Mr. O'Connell voted "yes" Ms. Leggett voted "yes"

Ms. Kuhn voted "yes" Mr. Catlin voted "yes"

Mayor Sullivan voted "yes"

And the Budget was approved 7-0.

b). Task Force Appointments Update: Mr. Catlin discussed that three of the five Task Forces had met and were working on goals. He discussed the Market Task Force would be meeting on June 13, 2018 and that the Housing Task Force would meet on June 11, 2018.

Drew Harris reported that the Business Task Force was looking at marketing and branding and would be meeting on July 17, 2018.

Mr. Schneider discussed that the Finance and Administration Task Force and the Infrastructure Task Force had not yet met but he would be announcing meeting dates soon.

• NEW BUSINESS: a). RCRFA Dark Sky Park Letter: Mayor Sullivan discussed that Rick Kohler, of the Rappahannock Council Recreational Facilities Authority (RCRFA), was asking that the Town send a letter of support of the RCRFA's efforts at being recognized as an International Dark Sky Park by the International Dark Sky Association.

After a short discussion, Mr. Goebel made a motion to approve the Mayor signing the attached letter of support and Ms. Leggett seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

b). Process and issues of Boundary Line Adjustments: Mayor Sullivan discussed that Boundary Line Adjustments had been highlighted in the Comprehensive Plan and that the Town wanted to see growth both in the town and also by bringing in land adjacent to the town through Boundary Line Adjustments. He discussed that no specific properties were being considered at that time but the Fire Department had informally expressed interest in being brought into town and in having sewer.

Mr. Bennett reviewed the Boundary Line Adjustment process. He discussed that a Boundary Line Adjustment would require an agreement between the Town and the County and that details would have to be addressed including sewer rights for property owners and zoning issues. He discussed that a joint public hearing would have to be held with the Town and the County after a petition for the Boundary Line Adjustment had been filed, along with a survey, before the Circuit Court judge for review. After the public hearing, if the agreement was approved by the Board of Supervisors and the Council it would be recorded at the Court House.

There was a discussion of various aspects of the process, including what services the Town might have to provide to the incoming property owners; who paid for the survey and engineering services, usually the property owner. Also discussed were and VDOT and vehicle access and road, zoning, and Historic District issues.

Mr. Bennett discussed that the property owner, who wished to be brought into town, would need to submit a request to Town, including a site plan. Also discussed was bring into town properties that currently were bisected by the Town line.

c). Requirements for Stub Street Abandonment: Mayor Sullivan discussed that the Town had received an application from George Eatman and Fredette Eagle for the Town to abandon the Gay Street Stub Street.

There was a discussion of the application during which Mr. Bennett advised the Council that as part of the vacation the Town could sell the stub street parcel and that the associated costs of an appraisal would be the property owners' responsibility. He discussed that the Council would need to approve the appraiser. He discussed that the Town would need to assess any possible future of the stub street before approving a vacation.

Council agreed by consensus to have Mike Brown, acting on behalf of the property owners, come back in July with some names of some appraisers.

- PUBLIC FORUM: Mayor Sullivan opened the Public Forum.

Nancy Buntin discussed that if the Fire Department wanted sewer than the Town should try and act quickly so the process wouldn't go on for years.

Mr. Goebel asked about the post office move.

Mayor Sullivan discussed that there were currently three locations being considered for the new post office: Dr. Martin's office in town, and Jimmy DeBergh's and Jay Miller's properties, both outside of town on Route 211. He discussed that negotiations were continuing.

Mayor Sullivan closed the Public Forum.

- CLOSED SESSION: There was no closed session.

- ADJOURNMENT: 8:47 p.m. Mayor Sullivan moved to adjourn and Mr. Goebel seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING ON JULY 9, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Dodd

Attachments:

Treasurer's report

Additional Bills to be Paid

Bills to be Paid

Approved FY 2018-2019 Budget

RCRFA Dark Sky Support Letter

Eatman/Eagle Gay Street Stub Street Abandonment Request.