

# The Town of Washington

August 8, 2022  
Council Meeting  
Approved Agenda  
7:00 p.m.

- CALL TO ORDER Action
- APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Action
- MINUTES                      • July 11, 2022 Council meeting minutes Action
- REPORTS                      • Mayor's Report: Mayor Catlin Information  
   • Treasurer's Report: Ms. Swift Information  
   • Town Attorney Mr. Crim Information  
   • Zoning Administrator: Mr. Gyurisin Information  
   • Public Works Committee Information  
   • Planning Commission Information  
   • Architectural Review Board Information
- OLD BUSINESS                      a) Tap fees Possible Action  
   b) License for the trail to the post office Possible Action
- NEW BUSINESS                      a) Planning Commission recommendations Possible action
- PUBLIC FORUM
- ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL  
September 12, 2022

# The Town of Washington

"THE FIRST WASHINGTON OF ALL"

August 8, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Approved Minutes

- CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Fred Catlin opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Council members Drew Beard, Patrick O'Connell, Brad Schneider, and Gail Swift were present. Jean Goodine and Mr. Whited were absent, and Town Attorney Martin Crim and Town Administrator/Clerk Barbara Batson were present.
- APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Mayor Catlin asked to add under old business b) license for the trail to the post office. Ms. Swift made a motion to approve the amended agenda and Mr. Schneider seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Mr. O'Connell voted "yes"

Mr. Schneider voted "yes"

Ms. Swift voted "yes"

Mayor Catlin voted "yes"

The motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Beard abstaining and Ms. Goodine and Mr. Whited absent

- MINUTES: Ms. Swift motioned to accept the minutes for July 11, 2022, Mr. Schneider seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Mr. O'Connell voted "yes"

Mr. Schneider voted "yes"

Ms. Swift voted "yes"

Mayor Catlin voted "yes"

The motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Beard abstaining and Ms. Goodine and Mr. Whited absent

## REPORTS:

Mayor's Report: Mayor Catlin spoke with the builder for the post office regarding the outdoor lighting. Previously the builder said the work would be done on August 2 but due to supply issues he is still waiting for delivery of the lights.

Mayor Catlin thanked the Board of Supervisors for approving the license agreement to traverse their property with the trail to the post office. This will allow safe passage from Gay Street to the post office. There is a condition the path will be open for dawn until dusk. He is looking forward to receiving a final report of the study done on the town's sidewalks and pathways. This study was funded by a state grant.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Swift reported that the second round of funding from the American Relief Plan Act has been received. She is also working on the zoning fee ordinance and hopes to have a draft at the next meeting.

Town Attorney: Mr. Crim welcomed Mr. Beard to the town council. He reported that the case of Stover vs the town will be appearing in the Fairfax County Courthouse the week after next. He

has also been working with the Rush River Commons attorney regarding collecting boring samples of Leggett Lane, road maintenance, and easement access on Leggett Lane.

Zoning Administrator: Mr. Steve Gyurisin was not present, he provided a written report.

Public Works Committee: Mr. Schneider reported that he and Mr. Whited are working to get the antennae for the new water meter system installed. He is also working with Electrify America on the possibility of having an eCharging station at the post office. He said the post office and property owner are both in favor of the plan.

Planning Commission (PC): Ms. Caroline Anstey reported the PC met on July 15 and dealt with three items; rezoning of the “blue house” from village residential to village mixed use and special use permits for the “blue house” and Cook’s Cottage. The PC wants to have a joint public hearing on September 26 with the town council regarding these applications. She also reported that Mr. Beard was still serving on the PC but has stepped down from being the secretary.

Architectural Review Board (ARB): There was no report from the ARB. Next week’s meeting has been canceled.

- **OLD BUSINESS:**

- (a) Tap fees:

Ms. Swift shared that the current tap fees haven’t been updated in a long time and recommends increasing rates by 6%. She recommends a 6% increase. She hopes to have a draft for TC’s review at the September meeting and schedule a public hearing in October.

- (b) Pathway license: Mayor Catlin shared that the county doesn’t currently have a plan for the new layout of the courthouse complex and they don’t want the permanence of an easement. The license agreement before council has been approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Mayor Catlin motioned to approve the path license, Ms. Swift seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Mr. O’Connell voted “yes”

Mr. Schneider voted “yes”

Ms. Swift voted “yes”

Mayor Catlin voted “yes”

The motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Beard abstaining and Ms. Goodine and Mr. Whited absent

**Mr. Whited joined the meeting at 7:25 p.m.**

- NEW BUSINESS:

- (a) Planning Commission recommendations:

- Mayor Catlin motioned to hold a joint public hearing with the PC on September 26 to discuss the special permit and rezoning applications currently before the PC, Ms. Swift seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Schneider voted “yes”

Ms. Swift voted “yes”

Mr. Whited voted “yes”

Mayor Catlin voted “yes”

The motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Beard and Mr. O’Connell abstaining and Ms. Goodine absent.

PUBLIC FORUM: Mayor Catlin opened the public forum at 7:29 p.m.

Mr. Robert Fasce (The Inn at Little Washington’s General Manager) asked the TC to consider giving businesses in town a discounted rate or waiver regarding tap fees.

Ms. Anstey asked Mr. Crim if he could provide an overview of the Stover vs Town of Washington case. Mr. Crim said that it was a slip and fall case and the plaintiff was suing the town and the White Moose Inn.

The public forum was closed at 7:37 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Swift made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. and Mr. Schneider seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Beard voted “yes”

Mr. O’Connell voted “yes”

Mr. Schneider voted “yes”

Ms. Swift voted “yes”

Mr. Whited voted “yes”

Mayor Catlin voted “yes”

The motion passed 6-0 with Ms. Goodine absent.

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Barbara Batson, Administrator/Town Clerk

Attachments:

Zoning Administrator’s report

Pathway license