



March 10, 2024
Town Council Approved Minutes

- CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Whited opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Council members, Drew Beard, Jean Goodine, Patrick O'Connell, and Brad Schneider were present; with Fred Catlin and Gail Swift absent. Town Manager/Clerk Barbara Batson was present and Town Attorney Mr. Martin Crim attended remotely.
- APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Mr. Beard made a motion to approve the agenda, Ms. Goodine seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

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| Mr. Beard voted "yes" | Ms. Goodine voted "yes" |
| Mr. O'Connell voted "yes" | Mr. Schneider voted "yes" |
| Mayor Whited voted "yes" | |
| And the motion passed 5-0, with Mr. Catlin and Ms. Swift absent. | |

- MINUTES: Mr. Beard motioned to accept the minutes for February 10, 2025, Mr. Schneider seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

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| Mr. Beard voted "yes" | Ms. Goodine voted "yes" |
| Mr. O'Connell voted "yes" | Mr. Schneider voted "yes" |
| Mayor Whited voted "yes" | |
| And the motion passed 5-0, with Mr. Catlin and Ms. Swift absent. | |

REPORTS:

Mayor's Report: Mayor Whited reported that he attended the board of supervisors meeting on March 3. He thanked the other town residents who also attended. He said that he appreciated the architects' drawings for the new courthouse but thought the building is too expensive for the community.

Plans are continuing for the spa at The Inn at Little Washington and Mr. Jim Abdo is hiring to begin to work on his properties. He also thanked Mr. Jerome Edwards for walking around in the woods with him to look at our water system. Mayor Whited will be calling a meeting of the Economic Development Administration next month. There are new businesses in town that may want to apply for a grant.

Treasurer report: Ms. Batson submitted a profit and loss statement in Ms. Swift's absence.

Town Attorney: Mr. Crim reported the boundary line agreement has been signed and fully executed. The hearing is on April 4 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rappahannock County courthouse.

Zoning Administrator: Mr. Steve Gyurisin submitted a written report.

Planning Commission (PC): Ms. Caroline Anstey reported the PC didn't meet in February because Black Kettle LLC. asked to postpone their presentation to April. She reminded council that the PC would like to receive a quarterly report regarding water consumption.

Architectural Review Board (ARB): Ms. Harris reported the ARB approved a footbridge at Rush River Commons.

Infrastructure update: Mr. Schneider said the contractors for the generator and propane are pulling their permits. There are new floats arriving tomorrow at the wastewater treatment plant and ESS will inspect them. He will then start putting together a work plan to install them.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Land Sale: Mayor Whited said there are about 2.25 acres that are under consideration for sale. Mr. Schneider thought it would be reasonable to consider selling the parcel. Ms. Goodine asked if anyone could bid on the property. Ms. Batson explained that the sale would have to be advertised so it would be open to any other interested parties. Mr. Beard said that he felt the sale should progress to the next step as long as the wastewater treatment plant has room to grow.

Mayor Whited motioned to make the lots available for sale, Mr. O'Connell seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Beard voted "yes"

Ms. Goodine voted "yes"

Mr. O'Connell voted "yes"

Mr. Schneider voted "yes"

Mayor Whited voted "yes"

And the motion passed 5-0, with Mr. Catlin and Ms. Swift absent.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business

PUBLIC FORUM: Mayor Whited opened the public forum at 7:23 p.m.

Ms. Anstey asked if the sloped area would still be in town limits if the land sale went through. She expressed that area could be used for solar panels. Mayor Whited confirmed it would be.

Mr. Michael Dennis, President of Historical Society stated that the Historical Society has a new Board and they were working towards reopening for visitors.

Mayor Whited closed the public forum at 7:25 p.m.

Mr. Beard made a motion to adjourn at 7:26 p.m., Mr. O'Connell seconded, and a roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Beard voted "yes"

Ms. Goodine voted "yes"

Mr. O'Connell voted "yes"

Mr. Schneider voted "yes"

Mayor Whited voted “yes”

And the motion passed 5-0, with Mr. Catlin and Ms. Swift absent.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL IS
April 14, 2025

Barbara Batson, Town Manager/ Clerk

Attachments:

Zoning Administrator’s report