

The Town of Washington

"THE FIRST WASHINGTON OF ALL"

June 23, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Approved Minutes

Continued meeting

- CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Joe Whited opened the continued meeting at 7:00 p.m. Council members Drew Beard, Jean Goodine, Patrick O'Connell, Brad Schneider, and Gail Swift were present with Fred Catlin absent. Town Manager Barbara Batson was present.
- a) Request of The Inn at LW, LLC, dba: The Inn at Little Washington is requesting that 2.0152 acres for the property 309 Main Street, Washington, VA 22747; Tax Map ID Number 20A-1-34 and part of 20A-1-37A from the current Village Residential (VR) to Village Mixed Use (VMU). The request is being considered in accordance with the Town of Washington Zoning Ordinance; Article 9, Amendments; Section 1, Paragraph 1.1, (c). The property is located in the Village Residential (VR) and Historic Zoning District Categories.

Mr. O'Connell recused himself from the meeting and left the building

Mayor Whited invited the two adjoining property owners to share their comments.

Ms. Wendy Murdoch shared that after last week's TC meeting Mr. Sliek (The Inn's legal counsel) came to her house to discuss a list of items that she wrote regarding what was important with the potential parking lot beside her house. She shared she hasn't heard back from The Inn at all. She doesn't feel safe that The Inn will keep their word, she doesn't trust them based on past experiences. My property will be extremely impacted from whatever will go into that space. She doesn't know if any of her request will be met. The only control is to delay or deny. Village Mixed Use doesn't cover buffers or landscaping. By right they can do whatever they want to do. She was no faith in what will go behind her house.

The Inn's architect and engineer shared that since the last meeting it was decided the lot will be done in asphalt, the existing landscape fencing will be continued around the lot with a 25' setback, and they are removing the trash compactor and landscaping bins.

Mr. Sliek said the bamboo behind Ms. Platt's house will be removed and there will be room behind the existing barn to be landscaped. He also shared that delivery trucks would not be in the rear parking lot before 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Schneider reminded everyone that tonight's agenda item was for rezoning only, it does not include site plan approval.

Mayor Whited expressed that he appreciates the concerns of the neighbors. We agree that there should be changes to the site plan for the lot. We are not voting on what will happen with the site plan.

Mayor Whited motioned approve rezoning Tax Map ID Number 20A-1-34 and part of 20A-1-37A from the current Village Residential (VR) to Village Mixed Use (VMU). Ms. Swift seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Beard "yes"	Ms. Goodine voted "yes"
Mr. O'Connell was not present	Mr. Schneider voted "yes"
Ms. Swift voted "yes"	Mayor Whited voted "yes"

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Whited motioned to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Swift seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Goodine voted "yes"	Mr. O'Connell voted "yes"
Mr. Schneider voted "yes"	Ms. Swift voted "yes"
Mr. Whited voted "yes"	

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL IS
September 8, 2025.

Barbara Batson, Town Manager/Clerk