

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AGENDA
April 11th, 2016
5:00 P.M.**

- I. Agenda Changes

- II. Adoption of Minutes
1 March 14th 2016

- III. Animals and Fowl Ordinance

- IV. Public Land Request

- V. General Information
1 Boat Ramp Dedication

- VI. Town Council Agenda

- VII. Next Meeting: May 9th, 2016

- VIII. Adjournment

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
April 11th, 2016**

Mr. Lawson called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Committee members present included Deborah Ball and Paul Kelley.

Also present: Jim Hudson, Mayor; Tina Gulley, Wayne Healy and Chris Vincent, Town Council Members; John Edwards, Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; Holly McGowan, Director of Community Development and Tim Sawyer, Building Inspector.

I Agenda Changes

There were no changes made to the agenda.

II. Adoption of Minutes

March 14th 2016

Mr. Vincent made a motion to adopt the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Ball. Upon a unanimous vote the motion was approved.

III. Animals and Fowl Ordinance

Mr. Edwards advised that there was a complaint that a potbelly pig was being kept at a residence on Mattaponi Avenue. The Police was asked to investigate and found that there were two potbelly pigs at the residence. The police notified the owner that she was in violation of the Town Code and was told that the pigs had to be removed from the property. In the meantime Ms. Lynn Little, owner of the pigs has written a series of emails requesting permission to keep the pigs, and for the opportunity to address Town Council on the Town Code. Ms. Little was notified that the item was on the agenda this evening, but due to family issues Ms. Little was unable to attend and asked if the issue can be placed on a later agenda. Ms. Little also asked for enforcement to not occur until Ms. Little is able to address Town Council on the issue.

Mr. Edwards advised that two of Ms. Little's neighbors are present to address the issue.

1. David Layne, 940 Chelsea Run, West Point, Virginia advised that his property adjoins the back of the Washington property and stated that he supports the ordinance and would like to see the ordinance enforced. The pigs run loose at times and that the Town's ordinance does not allow pigs in Town. Mr. Layne showed pictures on his phone of the pigs roaming.

2. Edna Washington, 3180 Mattaponi Avenue, West Point, Virginia stated that there are 2 pigs at the residences and that they are kept in the house at night then outside during the day and they are noisy. Mrs. Washington advised that her husband has approached Ms. Little regarding the pigs in the yard because they root and dig up the yard. It makes it difficult to cut the grass. Mrs. Washington objects to the pigs.

Paul Kelley asked Mrs. Washington if she has a fenced in yard.

Mrs. Washington advised that there is no fence that separates the yards. Ms. Little did build a small fenced in area and the fence is not sturdy.

Mrs. Gulley advised that she has done some research on the issue and stated that on every web site that she researched, the site had a notice advising that before anyone buying or adopting a pig, a person should review the local ordinance to see if pigs are allowed, because in most localities pigs are not allowed. Mrs. Gulley advised that pigs are cute when they are small and easy to keep in the house, but when they grow it becomes hard to keep them in the house and owners will move them outside. A Vietnamese Pot Belly Pig can grow to be between 100 and 150 lbs.

The consensus of Town Council was that the Finance Committee meeting be held at 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 14th 2016 to give Ms. Little the opportunity to discuss the issue with Town Council.

Mr. Edwards advised that he would let Ms. Little know that the Finance Committee will review her request so that she can make arrangements to be at Town Hall for the meeting.

IV. Public Land Request

Mr. Edwards advised that Bill Hodges would like to request a portion of the North/South alley behind his house. Mr. Edwards advised that he was under the impression that Town Council vacated the alley in 1976, while researching the County documents, the alley has not been vacated. Some documents are showing that Safeway owned 5 feet of the alley.

Mr. Lawson stated that if the Town vacates the alley, Bill Hodges would have to buy the 5 feet.

Holly McGowan advised that the purchase price would be assessed at commercial value.

The consensus of Town Council is that the Town Manager have a conversation with Bill Hodges advising Mr. Hodges that he would have to buy the 5 feet.

V. General information

1 Boat Ramp Dedication

Mr. Edwards advised that the Boat Ramp Dedication will be on May 24th 2016 at 11:00 A.M. The State are organizing the dedication and that the Governor is expected to be present.

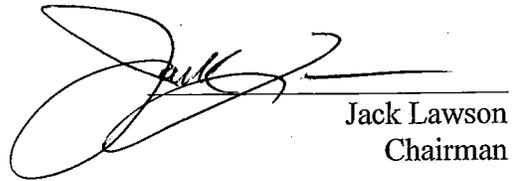
VI. Town Council Agenda

Mr. Lawson advised that there is nothing for the Town Council agenda.

VII. Next Meeting Date: May 9th 2016.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 P.M.



Jack Lawson
Chairman

ATTEST:



Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk