

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
AGENDA**

**January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
5:00 p.m.**

- I. Agenda Changes
- II. Request to Advertise Subdivision Plot for Public Hearing
- III. Marina Property
- IV. Vacant Retail Properties
- V. General Information
  - 1 Renaming the Eltham Bridge
  - 2 Renovations to the Boat Ramp at Glass Island
  - 3 Aerial Ortho-Photography
  - 4 Dilapidated Property on 16<sup>th</sup> Street
- VI. Town Council Agenda
- VII. Next Meeting: February 9<sup>th</sup> 2015
- VIII. Adjournment

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
January 12th, 2015**

Mr. Lawson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Committee members present included Jack Lawson, Chairman; Deborah Ball and Paul Kelley.

Also present: Jim Hudson, Mayor; Bub Shreaves, Town Council Member; John Edwards, Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; Holly McGowan, Director of Community Development and Tim Sawyer, Building Official.

**I. Agenda Changes**

Mr. Edwards asked for the following items to be placed on the agenda under General information: 1) Renaming of the Eltham Bridge. 2) Renovations to the Boat Ramp at Glass Island. 3) Aerial Photography. 4) Dilapidated Property on 16<sup>th</sup> Street.

**II. Request to Advertise a Subdivision Plot for a Public Hearing**

Holly McGowan advised that Planning Commission reviewed an application by the Nguen family to subdivide property located at the corner of 3090 Mattaponi Avenue and Bagby Street into two lots. The Nguen family would like to build a house for another family member on one of the lots. The recommendation from Planning Commission is for Town Council to approve the request.

Mr. Kelley asked which Street the home would be facing.

Ms. McGowan advised Bagby Street.

Mr. Kelley stated that it would make a long narrow lot and asked what the minimum square footage would be.

Ms. McGowan advised 1500 square foot and that the request needs to be placed on the Town Council agenda for authorization to Advertise for a Public Hearing.

The consensus of the members present is for the request to be placed on the Town Council agenda.

**III. Marina Property**

Mr. Edwards advised that he has discussed engineering work with the Town Engineer to construct a pier at the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Marina, the estimate for the engineering work is approximately \$5,500. The completion date for the entire project including construction of a pier could be by the September and ready for boaters to use in 2016.

Mr. Lawson suggested that if this is the timeline, would it make sense to wait till next year to see if the owners commit to doing something.

Greg Kelly advised that he has made phone calls to Mark Eubanks and received no calls back.

Mrs. Ball asked Mr. Edwards if the Town has the funds.

Mr. Edwards advised yes.

Mr. Hudson advised that he knows Mark Eubanks and stated that he would call Mr. Eubanks.

Paul Kelley stated that the Town has the engineered plat to build a 460 pier at 5<sup>th</sup> Street, would it better serve the Town to construct the pier at 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

Jack Lawson advised that this is the beginning of budget time and this is a budget issue. Mr. Lawson also stated that the word from the public on the street in regard to the Town's tax rate and how high it is. Mr. Lawson stated that it is a lot of money to spend during budget time.

The consensus of the Committee is for Mr. Hudson to contact Mark Eubanks to see if 4 on the Shore intend to do anything with the property.

#### **IV. Vacant Retail Properties**

Mr. Lawson advised that the Community Development Committee does not have a citizens address on the agenda and asked if there are any citizens in the audience that would like to submit any comments to the committee.

Larry Fuccella advised that he is closing on the purchase of the Rennie property tomorrow and that he intends to build a car wash and possibly another business on the property. Mr. Fuccella stated that Blair Wilson is providing the engineer services and plans should be ready for the Town to review within the next few weeks.

#### **V. General Information**

##### **1. Renaming of the Eltham Bridge**

Mr. Edwards stated that he has received a phone call advising that some officials would like to rename the Eltham Bridge to the James Browder Bridge. Mr. Browder passed away in October 2013 and was an engineer that worked on the Bridge replacement project.

Mr. Hudson asked if Mr. Browder is from this area.

Mr. Edwards advised no.

The consensus of the Committee is that the renaming of the Eltham Bridge should be after a local person that has done something significant for the area and not someone that never lived in this area.

2. Renovations to the Boat Ramp at Glass Island

Mr. Edwards advised that the Game of Inland Fisheries are moving ahead with the renovations for the Boat Ramp at Glass Island, they should have a conceptual plan ready for review in the Spring.

3. Aerial Ortho-Photography

Mr. Edwards advised that 'Flying H. Aerial Pictures' will begin aerial photograph of phragmites in February.

4. Dilapidated Property on 16<sup>th</sup> Street Update

Tim Sawyer, the Building Official advised that the owners of 529 16<sup>th</sup> Street have agreed to demolishing the property. The owners of 525 have advised that they want to do some repairs to the property but they have not obtained any permits. The Town will move forward with the next stage of demolition for both properties.

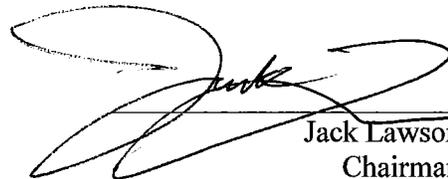
**VI. Town Council Agenda**

Mr. Lawson asked Mr. Edwards to place the Request for Authorization to Advertise a Public Hearing for the Nguen property on the Town Council Agenda.

**VII. Next Meeting Date:** February 9th, 2015.

**VIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Lawson adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

  
Jack Lawson  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Kareh M. Barrow  
Town Clerk