

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AGENDA
March 9th, 2015
5:00 p.m.**

- I. Agenda Changes
- II. Adoption of Minutes
 - 1. February 9th 2015
- III. York River Scenic River Designation Request
- IV. Property @ 14th & Main Street
- V. Boat Ramp Improvement – Conservation Easement
- VI. FY 2015-2016 Budget
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- X. Adjournment

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
March 9th, 2015**

Mr. Lawson called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. Committee members present included Jack Lawson, Chairman; Deborah Ball and Paul Kelley.

Also present: Jim Hudson, Mayor; Chris Vincent and Wayne Healy, Town Council Members; John Edwards, Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; Bobby Mawyer, Chief of Police; Holly McGowan, Director of Community Development; TC Moore, Town Treasurer; Donna Pauley, Director of Human Resources and Tim Sawyer, Building Official.

I. Agenda Changes

There were no changes made to the agenda.

II. Adoption of Minutes

1 February 9th 2015

Chris Vincent made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Paul Kelley. Upon a unanimous vote the minutes were approved.

III. York River Scenic River Designation Request

Michael Steen, Director of Education at the Waterman's Museum presented a power point program that would education the public on the waterways for the region. The objective of the program is to have the York River designated as a State Scenic River and to assist with tourism, to bring people to the area. This is a grant based program that would include, Gloucester County, York, James City, New Kent and King and Queen County, there are no fees involved. A letter is required to be sent to DCR requesting the river study, DCR would then do a river study at no charge to West Point.

Mr. Edwards presented the Committee with portions of the State Code that could affect future projects in West Point. 1) §10.1-401 Powers and duties of Director; Acquisition of property. 2) §10.1 – 402 Development of Water and related resources and evaluation as scenic resources” and 3) §10.1 – 407 Act of General Assembly required to construct, etc., dam or other structure.

Michael Steen asked Town Council to consider signing the letter so that DCR can do the survey.

Mr. Lawson asked what other Counties are on board with the project.

Michael Steen advised that Gloucester County and York County have approved the letters.

Jack Lawson asked if any delegates are involved with the project.

Michael Steen advised that the process is to discuss the project with local jurisdictions first then we will get delegates involved.

Mr. Lawson suggested the item be placed on the Town Council Work Session for March 31st 2015 for discussion.

IV. Property at 14th Street and Main Street

Mr. Edwards advised that Mr. Guy has agreed with most of the requirements of Council except, the 2½ year buy back, Mr. Guy is requesting it be 3 years plus and any fees he pays out. Mr. Edwards also stated that Town Council would need to hold a public hearing for disposition of public land.

V. Boat Ramp Improvement – Conservation Easement

Mr. Edwards reviewed the plans from the Game of Inland Fisheries for the renovations to the Boat Ramp at Glass Island. The anticipated cost of the project will be \$400,000 that will include \$300,000 in federal funds and \$100,000 from the Game of Inland Fisheries. In order for the project to work they need a match, they are hoping that the Town will offer some property with a conservation easement on it as a match. The Town would continue to cut the grass, clean up the trash cans. Mr. Edwards asked if Town Council would be comfortable with the lots becoming a conservation easement.

Jack Lawson and Mayor Hudson both agreed that there is no other use for the property and it would improve parking and water access for the area.

The consensus of the Committee is for the Town Manager to move forward with the project.

VI. FY 2015-2016 Budget

Mr. Hudson asked the Town Manager where he is with discussions with Town Council.

Mr. Edwards advised that he has meet with Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Gulley, Mr. Vincent, Mr. Lawson and Mr. Kelley. He still needs to meet with Mr. Shreaves and Mr. Healy.

Mr. Hudson advised that he has spoken with the Chairman of the School Board and Mr. Edwards has spoken with the School Superintendent. There are not ongoing discussions with the School Board.

Mr. Edwards stated that the discussions with Council Members is two possibilities, one is no additional funds the second is to give them what we have. There will be a Town Council Work Session at the Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, March 12th 2015

at 4:30 PM. The School Board will be meeting on Tuesday, March 17th 2015 to adopt their budget.

VII. General Information

1 Chamber of Commerce Annual Auction

Mr. Edwards advised that the Chamber Annual Auction was this evening at the Country Club Estates. If you asked for a ticket, the ticket will be available for you to pick up at the door.

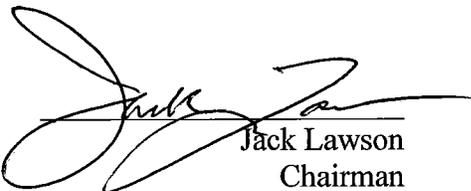
VIII. Town Council Agenda

Mr. Lawson asked the Town Manager to place the Request from the Waterman's Museum on the York River on the Town Council Work Session agenda and for the 14th Street & Main Street property to be placed on the agenda as a request to advertise a public hearing.

IX. Next Meeting Date: April 13th, 2015.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Lawson adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.



Jack Lawson
Chairman

ATTEST:



Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk