

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
June 12th, 2017**

Jack Lawson called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Committee members present included Jack Lawson, Chairman; Deborah Ball, Paul Kelley and Gail Nichols.

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

I Agenda Changes

There were no changes made to the agenda.

II. Adoption of Minutes

May 8th 2017

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

III. On-Street Truck Parking

Mr. Kelley provided some pictures of the Dean Greer property and tractor trailers and stated that sometime ago a citizen complained about a tractor trailer that was parked on Kirby Street. The owner would leave the truck overnight, go home in New Kent County and comeback in the morning leaving his personal vehicle on Kirby Street during the day while he went to work. A citizen complained that a truck was being left on the Streets in West Point and the owners were not paying taxes on those vehicles. Because the Town didn't do anything with the one truck a few years ago it has now grown to five trucks downtown with several trucks and trailers at Dean Greer's property.

Mrs. Ball advised that while she worked at the Commissioner of the Revenues office she was able to manually bill personal property taxes for two trucks that were parked on Kirby Street. There were pictures of the truck that was used for information, it was not a lot of revenue, but we have been able to collect taxes on trucks in the past.

Mr. Kelley also commented on the Cat Caretakers and reviewed the feeding stations located at Dean Greer's property.

Mrs. Ball asked what kind of kind of business operating at Dean Greer's property.

Mr. Edwards stated that Dean Greer has informed the Town that he has rented the property to a business man in King and Queen County.

Mr. Kelley advised that the trucks come in on a Thursday and leave on a Monday. This past weekend there was three tractor trailers, five trailers plus the truck on the Greer property. The Town is trying to bring businesses to Town, when people drive around town or if they come by boat, this is what they see, a dilapidated building and tractor trailers.

Mr. Lawson stated that if you approach Dean Greer about the truck and trailers, then you will have to stop the logging business at Herbie Milby's on Glass Island Road. Mr. Lawson suggested that the Town find out what can and what cannot be done legally with the trucks.

Mr. Edwards advised that he has started to do some research on street parking. You can restrict truck parking in a commercial business district with a 2 hour limit on parking but you cannot prohibit truck parking. You would need to go to the State to obtain special legislation restricting truck parking.

Mrs. Ball asked what regulations Williamsburg has for trucks.

Mr. Edwards advised that they have special legislation from the State. Mr. Edwards also stated that this conversation is currently discussing more than one issue, Trucks and Property Maintenance.

Tim Sawyer, the Building Official stated that the police have been called many times for trespassing at the Greer property. When the police respond, Mr. Greer does not want to prosecute trespassers.

Mr. Kelley stated that the Town spent time and money to demolish two homes on 16th Street, but the Town is not dealing with the Greer property. Children hang out at the property smoking, it is only a matter of time before someone gets hurt.

Tim Sawyer advised that he can obtain an estimate to demolish the building and stated there could be an asbestos issue with items in the building.

Mr. Hudson suggested the Town Manager contact the Town Attorney to find out what the Town can do regarding trucks.

The consensus of the Committee is for The Building Official to obtain an estimate to demolish the building and for Mr. Edwards to check with the Town Attorney on truck parking.

IV. Public Land Request Discussion

A. Shirley Pierce Request for Public Land

Mr. Hudson advised that Shirley Pierce owns property on Magnolia Avenue, the house was built in part of a Street, Ms. Pierce is asking for the Town to abandon the

Street and for the Town to deed 33 feet of the Street to Ms. Pierce then Ms. Pierce would deed the alley she owns known as Parcel 1 back to the town. Mr. Hudson also stated that a bad survey was done on the property some time ago and that there was not a clean title search to the property. The Street and Alley transactions will not provide a clean title search to the house, there will be some other issues.

Mr. Edwards stated that the Town sells streets and alleys and that the remaining street would be offered to the adjoin property owner. It would not be an exchange of a street for an alley.

Mr. Hudson also stated that he has told Ms. Pierce to submit the application so that Town Council can review the request.

B. George Carter Request for Public Land on 23rd Street

Holly McGowan advised that a portion of George Carter's mother's house on 23rd Street is built on town property and another adjoining property owner. Mr. Carter would like to buy the small section of property owned by the Town and request that the town abandon a North/South alley. (See attached plat.)

The consensus of the Committee is that the Town will work with the property owner on the request.

V. General information

Mr. Edwards advised that there will be another Food Truck event on Friday, June 23, 2017 from 5:00 P.M. till 8:00 P.M., the vendors will be Carytown Burgers, Cheesziller, Sweet Frog and Gauthier Winery. The organizing Committee will be meeting to discuss what worked and what didn't work for these events and review the possibility for additional events.

VI. Town Council Agenda

There were no items for the Town Council agenda.

VII. Next Meeting Date: June 12th 2017

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.


Jack Lawson
Chairman

ATTEST:



Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk

