

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AGENDA
November 5th, 2018
10:00 A.M.**

- I. Agenda Changes

- II. Adoption of Minutes
1 September 10th, 2018

- III. Public Land Request, Pierce Lane Farms, LLC

- IV. Public Land Request, Steve & Judy Shaw
License Discussion

- V. Rt. 33 R/W Discussion

- VI. General Information

- VII. Town Council Agenda

- VIII. Next Meeting: December 10th, 2018

- IX. Adjournment

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
November 5th, 2018**

Jack Lawson called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Committee members present included Jack Lawson, Chairman and Gail Nichols.

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

I Agenda Changes

There were no changes made to the agenda.

II. Adoption of Minutes

September 10th 2018

Jack Lawson made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented, seconded by Gail Nichols. Upon a unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

III. Public Land Request, Pierce Lane Farms, LLC

Holly McGowan advised that the Planning Commission has reviewed the request and held a public hearing. The Planning Commission is recommending that Town Council abandon the L shape alley North of Magnolia Avenue and a portion of the unnamed Street Identified as Parcel 3. Planning Commission is not recommending approval of the sale of York Street located in Parcel 1.

Richard Foard, representative for Mrs. Pierce advised that Mrs. Pierce inherited the property from her parents. The property had been conveyed several times before the inheritance, at some point during a conveyance, York Street, the Alley and the Unnamed Street was not included in the surveyed plat. Mr. Foard asked that the Town abandon the Street's and Alley so Mrs. Pierce can sell the property.

Mr. Hudson advised that the Town's policy has always been that the applicant pays for the alley, the property is abandoned by a quit claim deed and Town Council would set the sale price.

Mr. Foard stated that this issue has existed for a very long time and it would not be fair for the Town to charge Mrs. Pierce for the property when all Mrs. Pierce is trying to do is ratify the issue.

Mr. Edwards advised that before any Street or Alley is abandoned a public hearing is required by State Code. A public hearing is scheduled for the November 27th 2018 Town Council meeting .

Ms. McGowan advised that in the past the normal procedure would be to put the item on the Town Council agenda for authorization to advertise for a public hearing.

Mr. Edwards stated that a recent discussion of Town Council is that we would not request authorization to advertise a public hearing, that a public hearing would automatically be advertised once a recommendation is received from Planning Commission.

The consensus of the Committee is that the request be advertised for a public hearing at the November 27th 2018 Town Council meeting.

IV. Request for Public Land, Steve & Judy Shaw, License Discussion

Mr. Edwards advised that there has been some discussion on issuing a license for the use of the alley for parking. The Town has a provision in the code for obstruction of an alley, the Town can issue a permit to do that. There is a procedure we would need to go through and it would not be for a restricted use, it would apply to all users of the alley. Mr. Edwards asked for direction on how to proceed with the request. A license for a restricted use for one person would require research with the State Code.

Steve Shaw advised that his wife has a beauty shop and that customers have to park in the street when they visit the beauty shop.

Mr. Hudson advised there are two ways that Town Council can issue a license for the alley. The Town Attorney and Town Staff are reviewing the two ways and the Town will go with the option that will be the least expensive for Mr. Shaw. The Town Manager will bring a recommendation to the Community Development Committee when the research is complete.

V. Rt.33 R/W Discussion

Mr. Edwards advised that since the VDOT road improvements on route 33 or 14th Street, there are questions regarding the ownership of the right-of-way. Some of the land is deeded to VDOT but VDOT is advising they don't own it. Mr. Edwards suggested the Town obtain a quote for a survey to clarify the situation and to see if the Town is interested in acquiring the property.

The consensus of the Committee is for the Town Manager to proceed with the research of the right-of-way.

VI. General Information

1 Elections

Mr. Edwards advised that the elections is tomorrow and that the voting location will be at the Auditorium not at the Armory.

2 Town Manager Out of Town

Mr. Edwards advised he will be out of Town from Thursday Till next Monday.

VII. Town Council Agenda

Mr. Lawson asked the Town Manager to place the Pierce Farms Lane Public Land request on the November Town Council agenda for a public hearing.

VIII. Next Meeting Date: December 10th, 2018

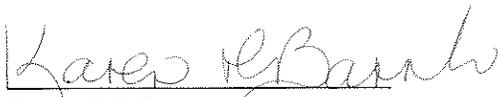
VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 A.M.



Jack Lawson
Chairman

ATTEST:



Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk