

**TOWN COUNCIL
COMBINED COMMITTEE
MEETING
AGENDA
March 17th, 2021
4:30 P.M.**

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- II. Adoption of Minutes
 - 1. February 17th 2021
- III. School Board Updates
- IV. FY 2021-2022 Budget
- V. Certificate of Deposit
- VI. 816 Main Street
- VII. Emergency Operations Plan
- IX. Riverwalk Pavilion Update
- X. Spring & Summer Events
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**TOWN COUNCIL
EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MEETING
MINUTES
March 17th, 2021**

Mr. Ragsdale called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present: Mayor Hudson, John Ragsdale, Robert Lawrence and Jamie Pruett.

Members Present Via WebEx: Tina Gulley and Chris Vincent.

Members Absent: Deborah Ball and Jack Lawson

Also Present: John Edwards, Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; Donna Pauley, Human Resource Officer and Laura Abel, School Superintendent.

Also, Present Via WebEx: Walt Feurer, Director of Public Works; Susan Harlow, Town Treasurer and Holly McGowan, Director of Community Development.

I. Agenda Changes

There were no changes made to the agenda.

II. Adoption of Minutes

1. February 17th, 2021

Mr. Lawrence made a motion to adopt the minutes, seconded by Mr. Ragsdale. Upon a unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

III. School Board Updates

Mrs. Abel presented the attached FY 2021-22 school budget that has been adopted by the School Board and advised that the expected funds from the State has increase slightly so the School Board has reduced the amount of increase from the Town from \$150,159 to \$71,171. The \$71,171 is a required matching fund for the 5% salary increase that the State is proposing.

Mrs. Abel also stated that the schools will be opening 4 days a week with some students remaining in virtual learning. By March 25th 70% of school employees and staff will be fully vaccinated for COVID. Mrs. Abel presented the Metrics on the COVID numbers for the past year.

Mr. Hudson asked if any of the remaining 30% of unvaccinated employees plan to get the vaccination.

Mrs. Abel advised no, that there are some that never get any kind of shot, some that don't want to get the shot because they feel that the shot contains some kind of micro-chip and the remainder are not getting the shot for health reasons.

IV. FY 2021-2022 Budget

Mr. Edwards reviewed the proposed budget and stated that the budget will be on the Town Council agenda as a request for authorization to advertise a public hearing. Mr. Edwards also review the fund balance and stated that his proposed budget will include a recommendation to pay down some debt and keep the current tax rate.

Mr. Hudson stated that with the results of the County reassessment, the proposed budget is a good budget for the town, it reduces some debt that will prepare the town for future projects.

V. Certificate of Deposit

Mr. Edwards advised the renewal date of the Certificate of Deposit will be in October we will be talking about it again as we approach the renewal date.

VI. 816 Main Street

Mr. Edwards advised that Dominion Power has cut electrical services to the building and that Chad Redd will be demolishing the building the weekend of March 25th 2021.

VII. Emergency Operations Plan

Mr. Edwards advised that the EOP has been placed in dropbox. There is room in the plan for improvements and we will be updating the plan to comply with State requirements.

VIII. Riverwalk Pavilion Update

Mr. Edwards stated that the Riverwalk Pavilion has been opened and the public are using the picknick tables. The electrician has done some work in preparation for when Dominion Power installs electricity we are waiting on Dominion Power.

IX. Spring & Summer Events

Mr. Edwards stated that as the Governor opens up the State, the Town is prepared to easy back into events.

1. Farmers Market

Mr. Edwards advised that the Farmers Market should be ready to open sometime in May, our regular vendors will be returning this year and we plan to slowly increase the number of vendors. Mr. Edwards stated that there is an interest in a Crafters Market, Mr. Edwards asked if Town Council wanted to keep to the Farmer's Market regulations, or does Town Council want to open up to other types of vendors.

Mr. Ragsdale suggested that the Farmers Market be in the morning as normal and a Crafters Market in the afternoon and for the Town to consider letting the Chamber of Commerce handle the Craft Market.

Mr. Hudson suggested that we not plan anything that would encourage the public to cluster together in large groups, that slowly opening up is the safe way to go.

2. Food Trucks by the River

Mr. Edwards stated that as the Governor makes changes to COVID regulations we will begin to work on bring back the Food Trucks.

3. Chesty Puller Memorial 10K

Mr. Edwards advised that the regular annual date for the Chesty Puller 10K would be June 19th. This year June 19th is a State holiday and employees working that day would earn holiday pay. Town staff are recommending the event be scheduled for June 26th this year we will begin planning an event for the 26th.

X Closed Session

Mr. Lawrence made a motion for Town Council to enter into closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711(3), a matter involving the discussion or consideration of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body. Seconded by Mr. Pruett. Upon roll call, Mrs. Gulley, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Pruett, Mr. Ragsdale and Mr. Vincent all Voted "Aye". The motion was approved.

RECONVENE

Mr. Lawrence made a motion to reconvene in open meeting, seconded by Mrs. Gulley. Upon roll call, Mrs. Gulley, Mr. Pruett, Mr. Ragsdale and Mr. Vincent all Voted "Aye". The motion was approved.

Mr. Pruett made a motion to certify that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Council. Seconded by Mrs. Gulley. Upon roll call, Mrs. Gulley, Mr. Pruett, Mr. Ragsdale and Mr. Vincent all Voted "Aye". The motion was approved.

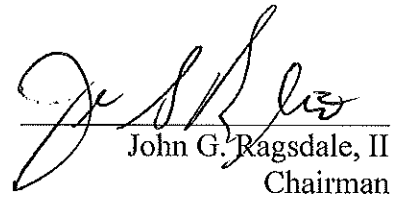
XI. General Information

Mr. Edwards advised there was nothing to report.

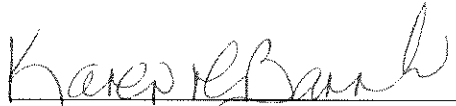
XII Next Meeting Date: May 19th 2021 @ 4:30 pm

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Ragsdale adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.


John G. Ragsdale, II
Chairman

ATTEST:



Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk