



Charles Elliott, Mayor

Town Council

Town Clerk: Susan Springer

Sandie Puchalski, Vice Mayor
Robert Williams
Aileen Joeckel
Robert Bilicki
Glenn Schagelin
Absent: Stephen Joseph

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 10th, 2024
7:00 PM AT VIMS SEASIDE HALL

- I. **Mayor Elliott called the Meeting to Order**
- II. **Councilman Glenn Schagelin led the Council in Prayer**
- III. **Mayor Charles Elliott led the Council for the Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Public Comments**
Discussion was given to the recent Brooklyn Street asphalt paving, removing of the same, and installation of a tar and chip surface. It was determined the tar and chip surface will be the final product and discussion of the drainage ditches was deferred to later in the meeting.
- V. **Approval of Minutes**
Town Council Meeting –September 12th, 2024
Councilman Bob Bilicki motioned to accept.
Councilman Sandie Puchalski 2nd the motion.
All in favor.
- VI **Review of Financial Report**
Approve Financials – Town of Wachapreague-September 2024.
Councilman Glenn Schagelin motioned to accept.
Councilman Bob Bilicki 2nd the motion.
All in favor.
Approve Financials – Port of Wachapreague-September 2024.
Councilman Glenn Schagelin motioned to approve.
Councilman Bob Bilicki 2nd the motion.
All in favor.
- VII. **Unfinished Business**

- A. Maintenance**
It was noted there is a Hometown Hero Banner in front of Wachapreague Inn torn vertically. Maintenance to investigate and remove if that is the proper action.
- B. Powell Park**
It was noted by Councilman Sandie Puchalski that the truck parking area could still use some further clean up.
- C. Seaside Park**
It was noted the collapsed stone bench on the north side of the park (along Main St) was still in need of repair.
- D. HRSD**
Councilman Steve Joseph reported all 17 properties in the first phase are hooked up and ready, the project is awaiting completion of the electrical work and start up of the pump station. Additionally, HRSD will need to sign off on the project. Councilman Bob Bilicki reviewed the process of repairing/replacing a grinder pump due to manufacturer defect vs. homeowner caused damage and suggested reaching out to DEQ to waive the requirement for an annual maintenance contract.
- E. Derelict Properties**
Councilman Sandie Puchalski commented that Patricia was still interested in selling the home on Main Street, and the Councilman believed she might have an interested party. Councilman Steve Joseph mentioned his offer to fix the porch.
- F. Marina**
Councilman Sandie Puchalski reported the sailboat removal process was proceeding in accordance with code and all the requirements are being met to take possession of the title.
- G. Tourism**
Councilman Aileen Joeckel reported all advertising renewals were going well. It was noted that the Sept 21st 2024 VIMS Marine Life Day was heavily attended and further noted that the VIMS campus will be a part of the May 3rd 2025 Eastern Shore Garden Club Spring Garden Tour, with a possibility of hundreds of visitors choosing to visit that garden stop throughout the day.
- H. Floodplain Administrator/CRS Coordinator/RAFT**
Councilman Bob Bilicki updated the Council on the effort to go forward with grant applications for DCR's Community Flood Preparedness Fund.
- I. Town Beautification**
Nothing new to report.
- J. Safety/Security**
Discussion was given to the decision to enforce the ordinance for annual golf cart inspections to be performed by Councilman Bob Williams at the time of sticker renewal and Councilman Williams explained his decision to add an inside-facing sticker on the driver's side to state clearly the operator must be licensed to drive on Virginia roads. Resident Bob Hipple shared the State Code of Definition for a Golf Cart. Further discussion ensued as the liability the Town is assuming by taking on the inspection. Councilman Bob Bilicki explained the Cape Charlies policy of requiring an inspection from a certified outside vendor who completes a checklist form and signs off on it.
- K. Historic District**
Town Clerk Susan Springer shared the application is still being reviewed.
- L. Streets and Drainage**
Discussion was given to the nature, members and goals of the Ditch Committee. Councilman Bob Williams shared the projected meeting date of the Committee as the first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM.

M. Planning Commission

Councilman Aileen Joeckel reported the planning was moving along on the Comprehensive Long Term Plan and hoped to have it completed by January. She further noted that the Planning Commission was going to contact Paul Morris and invite him to a Planning Commission meeting to share his plans for the old Wachapreague marina. It was then noted the Wachapreague Fireman's Carnival was approved for their new building, which will replace the former Merry Go Round and hold three historic rides for the youngest carnival attendees.

N. Technology Committee

No updates were available, however Town Clerk Susan Springer noted that Jim Bell was working toward forming the members and goals.

VIII. New Business

Award of Bid for Sewer Phase II

With the absence of Councilman Steve Joseph, the remaining Council elected to hold a special meeting to review and award the bid, along with the bid for grinder pump maintenance and tennis court revitalization. It was noted that if none of the bids were acceptable, the Council could vote to reject all and place the RFP's out for re-bid. The Council chose the meeting date of October 30, 2024, at 6 PM in Town Hall. The Meeting will be advertised October 18, 2024 in the Eastern Shore Post.

IX. Community Report

There was nothing new reported.

X. Adjournment

Councilman Sandie Puchalski motioned to adjourn.

Councilman Glenn Schagelin 2nd.

All in favor.