



Charles Elliott, Mayor

Town Council Present:

Sandie Puchalski, Vice Mayor

Stephen Joseph

Robert Bilicki

Glenn Schagelin

Craig L. Baker

Aileen Joeckel

Clerk: Lynne Rogers

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
February 13th, 2025
VIMS SEASIDE HALL**

Town Council Meeting

Meeting began at 7:00

I. Mayor Charles Elliott called the meeting to order.

II. Councilman Glenn Schagelin led the prayer and acknowledged the time, hard work and commitment outgoing Councilman Steve Joseph contributed.

III. Charles Elliott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Public Comments

Bob Williams spoke about drainage ditches, and asked the town to purchase a chainsaw, including the needed equipment to use with it and safety gear.

V. Approval of Minutes

Town Council Meeting -January 9th 2025 – Bob Bilicki made 1st motion to approve, Steve Joseph 2nd, all voted in favor.

VI. Review of Financial Report

Approve Financials – Town of Wachapreague – January 2025 – Aileen Joeckel made 1st motion to approve, Steve Joseph 2nd, all voted in favor

Approve Financials – Port of Wachapreague – January 2025 – Steve Joseph made 1st motion to approve, Bob Bilicki 2nd, all voted in favor.

Approve Town Audit Draft - Glenn Schagelin made 1st motion to approve, Sandie Puchalski made 2nd motion to approve, all voted in favor.

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Removal of Waterway Markers – Coast Guard Chief Amanda Monroe from Station Wachapreague, and Chief Adam Season Coast Guard Aids to Navigation Team in Chincoteague came to the meeting to address the Waterway marker status. Chief Season said that they hope to set the buoys back in place in

March for Wachapreague. Bob Bilicki asked about Station Wachapreague, and why they are no longer a response unit? Chief Amanda Monroe stated that due to a personnel shortage, they are unable to but will respond here if needed.

B. Maintenance – Glenn Schagelin discussed the option of purchasing a 2023 Garbage truck. Asking price was \$99,000. The truck is a 2023 with a 2016 packer. The truck does not require a CDL to drive and does not have air brakes. Price also includes delivery, and 36-month warranty. We can purchase the truck using capital reserved funds from the meals tax, Mary Jo suggested we can do 50% or 75% down cash, with a 1-year loan. Steve Joseph said he had a friend check it over, and it was good! Glenn Schagelin motioned to purchase the truck for \$98,000. Steve Joseph said town should buy the truck outright, without a loan. Mayor Charles Elliott and Aileen Joeckel agreed. Tax, title warranty included and take a Roll Call Vote to purchase.

Roll Call VOTE: For purchase of 2023 Garbage Truck for \$98,000.00:

Bob Bilicki – Yes
Aileen Joeckel – Yes
Stephen Joseph – Yes
Sandie Puchalski – Yes
Craig Baker – Yes
Glenn Schagelin – Yes
All in favor

C. Powell Park – Sandie Puchalski reported that the tarps at the court have been taken down until spring.

D. Seaside Park – Steve Joseph talked about the broken bench, and that Williams Funeral Home will fix it in about a month. He also said that the brackets for the Gazabo were found.

E. HRSD – Steve Joseph reported on the completion of Phase I Sewer. As for Phase II Sewer, Grizzly is 2k less. There are 18 properties that say yes, and 1 no. Vote to award bid for Phase II proceeded.

Roll Call VOTE: for award of contract for Phase II Sewer to lowest bidder Grizzly Underground, contingent upon ability to obtain adequate bonds, insurance and permits:

Bob Bilicki – Yes
Aileen Joeckel – Yes
Stephen Joseph – Yes
Sandie Puchalski – Yes
Craig Baker – Yes
Glenn Schagelin – Yes
All in favor

F. Derelict Properties – N/A

G. Marina – Sandie Puchalski reported that the scraping has been finished, and the work on the gangway and floating dock will begin in the month.

H. Tourism -Aileen stated ESVA tourism had 221 likes, and 60 shares. Further stats are listed below:

Wachapreague Facebook and Instagram: reached 5061 accounts, 221 likes, 21 shares.

Tiktok video about Wachapreague General Store: 917 views, 17 likes, 2 saves, 45 views on youtube.

Aerial view of Island House Restaurant on Tourism Youtube Campaign: 61,000 views

Sustainable Travel Video: 2000 view on Youtube

Sustainable Travel International Channel: 6,000 views.

Also, YTD Tourism Summit in Chincoteague is on February 24th.

I. Floodplain Administration/CRS Coordinator/RAFT – There will be a special session on the town Campground at our next town meeting.

J. Town Beautification – N/A

K. Safety/Security – N/A

L. Historic District – N/A

M. Streets and Drainage – Bob Williams spoke about the drain box that was repaired with 2 x 6 boards – and VDOT installed a new grate. It was too deep to raise. Randy Powell said he found old drainage drawings. Bob also asked about the towns purchase of a chainsaw to help make progress with the overgrowth. Sandie Puchalski made 1st motioned to purchase the chainsaw and needed other equipment to go with it. Glenn Schagelin 2nd the motion, Bob Williams said Bob Hipple will train town workers on how to use the chainsaw properly. He also said we still need a camera to investigate non functioning pipes / drains.

N. Planning Commission N/A

VIII. New Business – Mayor Charles Elliott reported in regard to Town Meeting Minutes, the Minutes do not get posted before they are approved by council.

IX. Adjournment