

MEETING MINUTES-Reconvened-CORRECTED
Meeting of Eastville Town Council
From January 7, 2013
January 14, 2013

Council Members Present: Councilman Todd Simpson, Councilwoman/Vice-Mayor Eleanor Gordon, Councilwoman Nancy Mulligan, Councilman John Crockett, and Councilman Ben Fox and Mayor Jim Sturgis

Council Members Not Present: Councilman Edgar Sturgis

Town Employees Present: Sgt. David Eder: Town Sergeant, Jack Wescoat: Council, Jonny Stevenson: Town Clerk

Guest: Peter Stith, Northampton County Long Range Planner

At 7:00pm Vice-Mayor Eleanor Gordon reconvened the meeting from January 7 and introduced Peter Stith, Northampton County Long Range Planner. Mr. Stith asked for comments from the Town Council concerning the draft plan that was previously provided each council member. After some discussion, the Council agreed that on page 36 of the draft, wordage should be changed from *shall* to *should*. The Council also wanted any photos that were actually out-of-town to be removed from the draft and update another photo. It was agreed that the document was then able to go to a joint meeting with the Northampton County Planning Commission and public hearing.

Councilman Simpson moved to accept the changes as stated and go to a joint public hearing with the Planning Commission on February 5, 2013 at 7:00pm in the Board Chambers. Vice-Mayor Gordon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **EASTVILLE INN:** It was reported that The Eastville Inn will be closing. The Abrahams have asked the County to let them out of the lease and the County agreed. The Inn will be closing on January 27, 2013. There was much discussion as to what will be happening with the Historic Eastville Inn in the future.
2. **DRAPER ADEN:** Jason Garafalo from Draper Aden sent the Town an email with their suggestions as to the type of lease the Town should have with Jimmy Hopper for the drilling of the test well partnership. Town Attorney, Jack Wescoat, had looked over the information sent and would be making his suggestions and thoughts on the project.
3. **DRAINAGE DITCH EASEMENT:** Mayor Jim Sturgis suggested that the area allotted for the easement was not enough to allow a dump truck to be positioned beside the ditch to haul off what was cleared from the ditch. He suggested it be at least 20' wide from the center of the ditch on whichever side the truck would be travelling. **Councilman Simpson moved to let Town Attorney, Jack Wescoat, figure the proper terminology for the travel of the truck on the plat as discussed. Councilwoman Mulligan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**
4. **LEASE FOR TOWN OFFICE:** The suggested lease has been distributed to Council for input.
5. **RURAL WATER UPDATE:** Vice-Mayor Gordon reported that Kenny Reynolds had been assigned our area for his duties with Rural Water so he will be our representative. He also stated that he was almost finished training the new employee and would be visiting us again soon in February. Mr. Reynolds also stated he had an extra cut-off valve in his office and would be bringing it with him for our use. Our contractor for the water system, David Sumners, advised the Council to put the cut-off valves in the lines instead of on the hydrants as it would help isolate problems better. Mayor Sturgis suggested putting three valves at that important hydrant by the Social Services Building.
6. **PVA/OLD JAILS:** Councilman Crockett stated he had been unable to board up the 1899 Jail as his truck was in the shop. He stated when he got the truck out he would make the jail secure. It was also suggested that the Town try to obtain the estimated that the PVA had obtained from their representatives for the cost to stabilize the Old Jails.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **FORCLOSED HOUSE:** Jonny Stevenson, Town Clerk, reported that David Sumners, Town Water Contractor, had questioned whether the Town could cut off the water to a foreclosed house, or did they

need to wait until the bill was overdue? Jack Wescoat, attorney, suggested a notice be hung on the door that the water was due to be turned off. He then stated the Town could file a report with the Commissioner of Accounts within six months of the foreclosure to find out who foreclosed on the property. We would then be able to contact them. Mr. Sumners also stated that the water meter at 5337 Willow Oak Rd would need to be replaced. The Council agreed.

2. **POW WOW:** Jonny Stevenson reported that the contract with the Accohannock Tribe for the Pow Wow would be for \$4500.00. She stated that Chief Rudy Hall stated he could get vendors that would be paying about \$1500.00 in fees. Ms. Stevenson also reported the Town could expect donations from the attendees to cover more of the cost. She agreed to check with the Chief for a more detailed breakdown of the contract costs. **Councilman Crockett moved to allow the contract to be signed. Councilwoman Gordon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

At 9:00 Councilman Simpson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Crockett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonny Stevenson
Town Clerk