

MEETING MINUTES
Meeting of Eastville Town Council
May 6, 2013

Council Present: Eleanor Gordon, Todd Simpson, John Crockett, Ben Fox, Nancy Mulligan

Mayor Present: Jim Sturgis

Council Not Present: Edgar Sturgis

Town Employees Present: Linda Zieger: Bookkeeper, Jack Wescoat: Attorney, David Eder: Sargent, Jonny Stevenson: Clerk

Guest Speaker: Charles McSwain, Director Northampton Co Economic Development
Andy Snyder & Jason Garofalo, Draper Aden Associates representatives

Public Comments: Bonny Lewis, resident

At 7:00pm Mayor Sturgis called the meeting to order. **A motion was made by Councilwoman Gordon to approve the minutes, as corrected. Councilman Ben Fox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Sturgis called for comments from the public. Resident Bonny Lewis addressed the Council on behalf of several Eastville residents to ask if they might hold a town-wide yard sale on Saturday, May 25 the same day as the PowWow. Ms. Lewis felt that there would be increased traffic in Eastville making it a good day for a sale. She also addressed personal issue at her home. She stated when the town water pipes had been flushed it created a hole in her front yard. The fill that has been put in the hole is inferior and filled with shell. Ms. Lewis stated that no grass could grow the way it has been filled and requested the town correct the mess. She provided a picture of the spot for Council to see. **Councilman Simpson moved to allow a town yard sale between the hours of 8am-3pm with Bonny Lewis to head up the event. Councilwoman Mulligan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.** The Council also advised Ms. Lewis the filled spot on her lawn would be redone.

Financial Report: Linda Zieger, Bookkeeper, answered all questions from the financial report she distributed.

Police Report: Sgt. Eder distributed his police reports. He stated he was still in contact with VDOT concerning the street issue on Courthouse Rd. that they were to repair. Sgt. Eder advised he will contact Michael Brickhouse and have him correct the lawn issue at Ms. Lewis' home.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. OLD JAILS:** Councilwoman Mulligan met with The County Administrator as requested by the Council for the purpose of arranging a meeting with the Board of Supervisors and the Town Council members to discuss the possibility of reducing the scope of work and grant an extension of time for the restoration of the jails. At that meeting it was agreed that a scope of work outlined by the current architectural firm outlining a reduced scope of work would be drafted and submitted to the County Administrator with a timeline for completion of the work before a meeting could be scheduled. A subsequent meeting with the PVA and Jail committee members from Eastville met to discuss the possible reduced scope of work and possible aid in funds. It was agreed that an additional meeting with the County would be necessary before a scope of work could be established. A meeting with the County Administrator, Katie Nunez, County Economic Director, Charles McSwain, Mayor Jim Sturgis, Councilwoman, Nancy Mulligan, committee member Anouck LeFur and PVA members Nan Bennett and Eyre Baldwin took place on May 9, 2013. At this meeting it was determined that a meeting with the entire Town Council and Board of Supervisors was not necessary. It was suggested that a letter of condition be submitted to the Board of Supervisors identifying the proposed reduced scope of work. The PVA discussed their ability to help with costs and Mr. Baldwin stated that there would be donated labor to help offset the expense of the restoration. It was agreed that the council would send a letter to the PVA asking for a letter of intent regarding their plan to take over the costs and restoration of the smaller jail. The council will review the existing plan for renovations and determine what the reduced scope of work will be proposed to the Board of Supervisors. Mayor Sturgis stated that he was informed that an anonymous donor may cover the entire cost of roof replacement on the large jail. Councilwoman Mulligan stated that time was of the essence because it was

determined at the meeting of May 9th that the County would entertain a reduced scope of work provided the work moved along quickly but they would not entertain an extension of time on phase one of the restoration.

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Mayor Jim Sturgis then introduced the representatives from Draper Aden, Andy Snyder and Jason Garafalo, to review the options available to the Town concerning the renewal of their DEQ permit for the town water system.

- Negotiations with local farmer to share expenses was not a workable option.
- The Town has three options available for the test well:
 1. On the land where the current well is located
 2. At the Town Park site
 3. At the water tower site

Mr. Andy Snyder stated that the permitting process now requires the drilling of an observation well to determine which aquifer the Town water comes from. The Town options are to pay for the drilling of an observation well to determine the information at whichever site is decided to be the best location. Drilling just an observation well to determine the aquifer would be cheapest, but would not allow it to be used for a well in the future. The other option would be for the Town to drill a well for the information, and cap it so that it could be used in the future as a well. DEQ has requirements on distances from the well to obtain the required information. The Council and the representatives from Draper Aden then discussed each site with pros and cons and costs involved. Andy Snyder and Jason Garafalo presented their recommendation of the Town Park site with their reasons. They also stated they felt the Council needed to make a decision and move forward within the next 30-45 days. Mr. Snyder stated he would provide the Council with estimates on each option within the next two weeks for them to consider. He also stated the Town needed to address the water maintenance system, water mapping, and a rate system that can support the system. They feel the Town will not be eligible for grants due to the low rates of the town water.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **FY14 PREP:** Mayor Sturgis stated the Town will need to advertise the budget, FY14 meeting dates, acceptance of the new Code of Virginia Ordinance, and acceptance of the Northampton County Waste Management Program and have public hearings on them for the next meeting. **Councilman Simpson moved to advertise a public hearing on all items for the June 3, 2013 meeting. Councilman Crockett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**
2. **VML WORKSHOP:** Vice-Mayor Gordon advised that she would be happy to attend the VML Workshop being held in Exmore, Va. this month.
3. **BROADBAND:** Councilman Fox reported he had spoken with a gentleman who was interested in putting an antenna on the Town water tower to provide broadband to Eastville and surrounding areas. He stated they would like to have use of the water tower for the first two years free. The rate structure was presented and the Town would get free broadband service. Councilwoman Mulligan requested that Fox look into the concerns with the water tower insurance should something happen. She stated our tower was in excellent condition and would hate to see anything damage that. Councilman Fox agreed to bring more information to the June meeting, but stated that this would be happening quickly. **It was the consensus of the Council to allow him to agree should the opportunity arise, but only after checking the tower insurance issue.**
4. **BUDGET:** Councilwoman Mulligan reported she had been working on the budget for FY14 and trying to get it set up with more line items for our software in order for the tracking of it to be easier. The figures presented were discussed and changed by Council. Ms. Mulligan stated she would make the changes, as discussed, and email the revised proposed budget to Council before Monday so that it could be advertised.

At 9:45pm Councilman Simpson moved to recess the meeting until Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. Councilman Crockett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonny Stevenson
Town Clerk