

MEETING MINUTES
Meeting of Eastville Town Council
July 1, 2013

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

Mayor Present: Jim Sturgis

Council Not Present: Edgar Sturgis

Town Employees Present: Linda Zieger: Bookkeeper, Sgt. David Eder: Police Chief, Jack Wescoat: Town Consul, Jonny Stevenson: Town Clerk

At 7:00pm Mayor Sturgis called the meeting to order. **Councilman Simpson moved to table the accepting of the minutes. Councilwoman Gordon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

FINANCIAL REPORT: Linda Zieger, Bookkeeper, answered questions from the financial report. She also stated that she was working on closing the FY13 books and beginning the new FY14 books. She reminded the Council that William Drennin, Town Auditor, would be meeting with her and Councilwoman Gordon and Councilwoman Mulligan next Monday, July 8, 2013 in the Town office. A meeting with Edmunds & Associates is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, August 5 & 6, 2013 in the Town office for additional software training.

POLICE REPORT: Sgt. Eder distributed the monthly activity report. He reported the Dodge needed to have the seat belt repaired and that it might still be under warranty. Sgt. Eder reported he had spoken with Gary Wagner about repairing the road on the East side of Willow Oak Rd. Mayor Sturgis reported he had a rabid raccoon in his yard last weekend. Sgt. Eder reported he had already put down three raccoons and a fox this month. Sgt. Eder suggested the Town put the town residents that graduated from the Fire Academy this week on our Town website.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **DEQ PERMIT:** Mayor Sturgis reported the town had received an email from Jason Garafalo from Draper Aden that quoted estimates for the back up well at all proposed sites. The Council discussed all options available and compared cost effectiveness and what they felt was in the best interest for the town. After consulting Jack Wescoat, Town Attorney, and discussing best options for financing the well the Council decided to notify Draper Aden of their decision. **The unanimous Consensus of the Town Council was to move the test well at the Water Tower lot.** Councilman Gordon will notify Draper Aden of the decision.
2. **OLD JAILS:** Councilwoman Mulligan presented the letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting a change to the lease making it more achievable. The Council also discussed working with the Northampton Historical Preservation Society (formerly PVA) and their willingness to take on responsibility for some of the work to be done. The consensus of the Council was to open a separate bank account to deposit the balance of the donation from PVA and the matching amount from the town for better tracking of funds for the Old Jails. The total amount of matching funds was \$10,000, with a check for \$940.72 deducted for the building consultation.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT:** Mayor Sturgis began the discussion on the proposed boundary adjustment. The Council discussed ideas for where the boundary should be moved. A decision was made to schedule a work session to work on the boundary adjustment and the water tower assessments for Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Town Office.

At 8:30pm Mayor Sturgis recessed the meeting until July 16, 2013 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonny Stevenson, Town Clerk