

MEETING MINUTES-Corrected
Meeting of Eastville Town Council
December 3, 2012

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

Council Members Not Present: Councilman Edgar Sturgis & Mayor Jim Sturgis

Town Employees Present: Linda Zieger: Bookkeeper, Sgt. David Eder: Town Sergeant, Jonny Stevenson: Town Clerk

At 7:05pm Vice-Mayor Gordon called the meeting to order. The Town Clerk had mailed revised minutes of the October 1, 16, and 23, 2012 meetings for their review. Also mailed were the minutes for the Council meeting on November 5, 2012 and the Old Jail Committee meeting minutes from November 8, 2012. A motion was made by Councilman Simpson and seconded by Councilwoman and Vice Mayor Gordon to approve all three sets of minutes subject to minor grammatical changes to the November 5th minutes as noted. Motion approved.

Financial Report: Linda Zieger, bookkeeper, stated that there was no outstanding issues at this time.

Police Report: Sergeant Eder reported that the town is due approximately \$8,000 in fines, including \$3,700 still not received from prior court dispositions.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **DRAINAGE DITCH:** Vice-Mayor Gordon submitted a copy of the plans drawn up by Jim Latimer regarding the drainage ditch on located at 16463 Holland Court. Councilman Simpson made a motion to appoint Jack Wescoat to act as the legal representative and signatory regarding the Council's approval regarding the easement of the drainage ditch located on Eleanor Gordon's property identified as lot 58A1-1-20, 19 & 20A. Councilman Crockett seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.
2. **TOWN OFFICE:** It was discussed that the Council should enter into a lease agreement with the current landlord, Bouy 38LLC. Included in the correspondence should be a list of items that have been left outstanding since the town took occupancy. Linda Zieger sent a letter with the current rent check that indicated next month's rent would be reduced by \$112.56 due to lighting repairs made by the town as the responsibility of the landlord.
3. **PVA/OLD JAILS:** Vice-Mayor, Eleanor Gordon, reported on a meeting she attended with Anouck Lefur and members of the PVA Northampton. The PVA is postponing their vote to assume the lease on the old jails due to the language regarding costs involved with potential demolition. Anouck Lefur submitted minutes of said meeting held on November 9, 2012.
4. **VERIFICATION OF CENSUS NUMBERS:** Vice-Mayor Gordon reported the Town had received a letter from the Census Bureau stating the figures for the town population had been officially adjusted down. The population figures decreased from 305 to 157. Peter Stith, Long Range Planner for Northampton County, will revisit the results of the census and contact us regarding their findings.
5. **DEQ:** Vice-Mayor Gordon, reported on her discussions with Draper Aden regarding the possible test well with Mr. Hopper. Representatives of Draper Aden suggested that if the Town was to entertain the prospect of splitting the cost of a test well with Mr. Hopper, we should enter into a contract stating that the Town be refunded in full for their portion of the costs, should the test well fail.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **TOWN EVENT:** After discussion regarding the OpSail event planned in 2012 and the way in which the Cape Charles event committee had perceived Eastville’s involvement, **Councilman Todd Simpson motioned and Councilman Ben Fox seconded, the council send a letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding the fact that Eastville will be hosting a separate event in May and will not be taking part in the Op/sail event in June 2013.** Motion was carried unanimously.
2. **FEDERAL HISTORIC TAX CREDIT:** An email was received from Estelle Murphy which asked that the following information be forwarded to all Mayors in Virginia. The email stated: “The Federal Historic Tax Credit is a powerful tool that has created 2.2 million jobs, saved 38,000 buildings, and attracted \$100 billion in investment to communities nationwide. Now the tax reform threatens the credit and its positive impacts. Join us in our efforts to protect the credit by urging Congressional support for the “Creating American Prosperity through Preservation Act,” recently introduced Preservation Virginia and the National Trust for Historic Preservation want to thank the following Mayors for signing onto a letter to Virginia’s Congressional delegation.” Councilman Todd Simpson motioned and Councilman Ben Fox seconded, that the Vice-Mayor be authorized to sign a letter to Michael Phillips regarding the tax credit support as stated. The motion was carried unanimously.
3. **ACCUMULATION OF GRASS & WEEDS:** Letter to be sent to a town resident regarding their failure to comply with ordinance # 2011-004, State Code References Authority in Code of Virginia 15.2-901.

Councilman Todd Simpson requested a closed session to discuss employee bonuses in accordance with Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended:

Paragraph 1: Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of any public body.

Roll Call was taken stating that only issues covered under that section would be discussed in the closed session:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Todd Simpson	X	
John Crockett	X	
Eleanor Gordon	X	
Nancy Mulligan	X	
Ben Fox	X	

Motion to reopen closed session made by Vice-Mayor, Eleanor Gordon, seconded Councilwoman, Nancy Mulligan.

Vice Mayor Gordon declared the closed session ended. A Roll Call was taken stating that only the topic mentioned was discussed during closed session:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Todd Simpson	X	
John Crockett	X	
Eleanor Gordon	X	
Nancy Mulligan	X	
Ben Fox	X	

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mary Miller reported that the Planning Commission has a request for a newly created position. Therefore: A motion was made by Councilman John Crockett and seconded by Councilman Todd Simpson that the governing body move to authorize the Planning Commission to create the position of Secretary and staff the position as needed. Motion was carried unanimously.

At 8:39 pm Councilman Crocket moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Fox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mulligan, Councilwoman