

Cheriton Council Minutes

July 25th, 2018; 7pm

Town of Cheriton

Attendance:

Mayor- Larry LeMond

Vice-Mayor Wesley Travis

Matthew Yancy

Norma Spencer

Jackie Davis

Barry Downing

Robert Bo Lewis

Staff:

Clerk- Stacey Sparrow

Chief of Police: Marc Marshall

Members of Public- 7

6pm Strategy Session:

The Strategy session was called to order at 6:02pm.

The purpose of the strategy session was for council and the public to come together and create a list of goals and visions for the town. Some of the ideas given at the strategy session for the town are as follows,

1. Update Comprehensive Plan and Town Codes
2. Encourage Business
3. Continue Park Improvements and utilize park as main asset to town to generate revenue.
4. Promote Cheriton as Family Friendly and affordable
5. Set Reachable goals for the next two years
6. Business Recognition (old & new)
7. Apply for grants
8. Open Communication with residents and Business owners
9. Beautify Downtown to attract business
10. Boundary Line Adjustment
11. Affordable housing (Apartments, Condos, Town Homes)
12. Develop Cheriton's own Identity
13. Available business location handout or information packets
14. Reach out to small business that exists that may be struggling in other locations
15. Farmers Market

Also Mayor LeMond spoke to council about the development of more committees, and spoke to the public about a possible Business Association.

During the strategy session one new committee was formed, the human resources committee. Jackie Davis and Matthew Yancy were appointed to the HR Committee.

The Finance Committee will remain the same as the previous year with Bo Lewis and Norma Spencer remaining.

The Visionary Committee will be taken over by Clerk Stacey Sparrow with prior councilwoman Mary Mears remaining on the committee along with all members of the public who are interested.

The Maintenance Committee will now be Barry Downing and Wesley Travis.

The Planning Commission had four new members interested in serving, Marc Marshall, Rita Berger, Scott Berger and Nancy Brauer.

At 7pm the strategy session was closed.

The regular meeting of council was called to order at 7:04pm, By Mayor LeMond.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation- Councilman Barry Downing

Adoption of Agenda Motion Bo Lewis, 2nd Norma Spencer, Unanimous.

Election of Vice Mayor-

Nominations were opened to council for the nomination of the Vice Mayor, Barry Downing made the motion to nominate Robert Bo Lewis it was 2nd by Norma Spencer and unanimous, no other nominations were made. Robert Bo Lewis was appointed as Vice-Mayor.

Public Comment # 1:

Danielle Romeo (Mill Street)- Requesting to let the public know when to stay after an executive session if it is known a possible decision will be being made.

Rita Berger (Mill Street)- The streets and gutters need to be cleaned due to standing water.

Town Clerk Report-

The DMV Connect team will be at the office on Thursday August 30th for driver's license transactions.

VML Risk Management grant request needs to be finalized to submit items for consideration.

A motion by Norma Spencer to request funding for playground mulch and Road Closure equipment was made and second by Barry Downing and was unanimous.

Police Report-

ID Networks has started the upload of the software and the equipment has arrived for install. If everything goes smoothly should go live by the end of September or October.

The Speed limit change has a tentative date for the install of the signs of August 20th.

Speeding in town continues to be a problem and in the reckless driving range.

Holland lane continues to be an ongoing problem; Warren Wisneski has a plan to force clean, continually trying to get Ben Burton to take responsibility of his actions. He was given to July 29th to remediate the problem.

A motion was made by Wesley Travis to pursue as aggressively as possible the illegal dumping on Holland Lane and was second by Bo Lewis and Unanimous.

Chief Marshall asked council to review several ordinances in the municipal code and make changes to the curfew and noise ordinance.

New Business-

Chesapeake Bay Phase III Plan- Curt Smith Letter

Curt Smith is asking for the all towns including the town of Cheriton to participate in phase III so a fifty thousand dollar grant from DEQ can be received. It will be about best management practices and someone will need to attend the meetings. Norma Spencer made the motion to participate in Phase III and to attend the meetings. It was second by Barry Downing and Unanimous.

Mayor LeMond asked council about possibly changing the Election month from May to November to help the town cut down on elections costs. It currently costs the town every Two years around 1900.00 to hold the election and a drastic reduction in cost would come with the change to November. A Public Hearing will be held at the August meeting to consider a resolution to allow the change to be made beginning with the 2020 election. *It will make the current terms of council run six months longer.*

Committee Assignments-

At the strategy session held prior to regular session all council members agreed to hold seats on the town committees, the following committees were assigned

Human Resources- Jackie Davis and Matthew Yancy

Finance and Budget- Norma Spencer and Robert Bo Lewis

Maintenance- Barry Downing and Wesley Travis

Visionary- Stacey Sparrow

Also in the strategy session members of the public interested in serving on the Town Planning Commission Scott Berger, Rita Berger, Marc Marshall and Nancy Brauer were appointed with a motion from Norma Spencer and second from Barry Downing and was unanimous.

Jackie Davis and Mayor LeMond met with the Northampton County Administrator early in July to talk about the possibility of putting a bike repair station in the town of Cheriton. It would be a tourism infrastructure committee project that would come with no associated costs for the town but be a huge help to bikers who come from all over to the shore for the multiple bike tours held here. The station would include an air station and other tools needed for quick on the road repairs or replenishment. The station would be 56 inches tall and 29inches wide and would be placed at the Town office to be on the direct bike trail.

Council agreed that this would be a great addition to the town and Mayor LeMond stated he will send an email to the county admin to get us put on the list to possibly have in place before the fall CBES bike tour.

Clerk Stacey Sparrow requested the council to allow the funds for the donations budgeted for be released. A motion to release the donated funds to the Cheriton Volunteer Fire Company and the Randy Custis Memorial Park were made by Norma Spencer and second by Bo Lewis and was unanimous.

Public Comment #2-

Rita Berger- Mill Street, The ditch area between the park and playground needs to be addressed it is severely overgrown with poison ivy and other plants.

Nancy Brauer- Sunnyside Road, Very Disappointed and frustrated at the Budget and town council, let Chief Marshall do his job and stop beating a dead horse.

Danielle Romeo- Mill Street, I have started a fundraiser for the town and fire department to get AED machines which include pediatric pads. At this time 600 dollars has been raised for the cause and the total is \$2962.00 needed to supply these two machines. All donations are accepted and appreciated.

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Warren Wisneski- Bayside Road, Northampton County does not do soil and erosion control in the town of Cheriton. Council can adopt the code so it can be pursued and enforced, it would also help with ditches and the Chesapeake Bay Phase.

Dave Fauber- Oyster, VDOT held a meeting regarding the Stone Road and Route 13 improvements.

Everyone is encouraged to make comments in writing and submit it for options to the improvements.

Being no further items, a motion from Wesley Travis was made to adjourn with a second from Bo Lewis and was unanimous.

Adjourned 8:45PM.

Stacey A. Sparrow

Clerk

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