

NO MEETING WAS HELD ON AUGUST 11, 2015 AS THERE WAS NO QUORUM

TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

COUNCIL PRESENT: Fred Janci, Mayor, Bonnie Munn, Vice Mayor, Susie Atkinson, Stuart Bell, Aileen Joeckel and John Joeckel
ABSENT: Sandi Wood
TOWN CLERK: Lynn Weeks

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

I. Public Comments –

- Bruce Mathews of the Wachapreague Marina, LLC requested the Town approve an 18 month extension of the pump and haul permit with the Town to allow preparation for the start of construction of their new septic system. Mr. Mathews indicated Boggs is ready to start the installation of the new tank. The Marina has an existing Permit with the Health Department that will run out by September 26th. He advises an Ordinance by the Town would be necessary and that they will give the Town a Surety Bond in an amount of \$2,500 to \$3,000.
- Mayor Janci advised the Town would be liable should they default in replacing the existing septic system and that a Surety Bond in that amount would not come near what the Town would have to pay.
- John Joeckel mentioned the Town had approved the work to be done over two years ago and the work has never begun.
- Bonnie Munn mentioned speaking with the Health Department who advised they have gone out of their way to accommodate the Marina to date, but that when the existing Permit expires it will cost the Marina far more money and they will be required to meet stricter requirements.
- Chris Wardius spoke up to say he would not like to see a business in this community fail over a septic and sewer system issue.
- Michael Fitzgerald spoke about missing street signs. His address is 26 Park Avenue and there is no street sign for it. There are signs on Bayview, West Street and Church Street. It is difficult for him to give directions to anyone for this reason and, emergency services would not be able to find him.
- Z.R. Lewis advised there are two No Wake signs missing at the entrance to the Wachapreague Channel and Mr. Joeckel also noticed this. The Town had replaced several last year and will look into replacing these.
- Mimi Sedjat advised of a blinking light at Liberty and Lee Street which looks like a disco ball. Stuart Bell said he would look into this immediately.

II. Call to Order

Mayor Janci called to Order the Town Council Meeting at 7:25 p.m. on September 8, 2015 in the Wachapreague Town Hall.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Janci led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- IV. Approval of Minutes –** Council had no comments on the Minutes of the July 14, 2015 Town Council Meeting. There are no Minutes for the August 11, 2015 scheduled Meeting as there was no quorum.

Bonnie Munn made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the July 14, 2015 Meeting and Aileen Joeckel seconded the Motion. There being no further discussion the Minutes of the July 14, 2015 meeting was voted upon and passed unanimously.

V. Review of Financial Report – John Joeckel reported

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- Checking and Savings for the first two months of this Fiscal Year is \$114,000 versus \$146,000 due to the purchase of the spoil site property for \$50,000.
- Total Assets reflect the purchase of this property in real property assets \$429,000 versus \$411,500 last year.
- Total Income for the year is pretty much equal \$6,600 versus \$7,200 last year.
- Expenses were basically equal \$12,500 versus \$12,500.
- Net Income was a negative -\$6,000 versus -\$5,500 last year.

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- Checking and savings is \$97,500 versus \$92,000 last year.
- Total Assets are up by \$6,000.
- Expenses are about equal this year versus last, when you take away the VPA Grant for the electrical work.
- Net Income is also about the same this year versus last. The Marina seems to be doing somewhat better.

Mayor Janci questioned the Seaside Park entries on the last few financials and is awaiting a response from Mary Jo Tatum. The entries in question are under Income \$1,346.75 and Equity \$515.00 with an approximate difference of \$300. John Joeckel indicated that funds not used during the fiscal year do not carry over to the next year, only donations do.

Aileen Joeckel made a motion to accept the Financials as of August 31, 2015 and Bonnie Munn seconded the Motion. There being no further discussion the Financials were voted on and passed unanimously.

VI. Old Business

A. MARINA – John Joeckel reported

- The Department of Health has re-inspected the pump out station at the Town Marina and received a certificate of approval. Some nozzles had to be replaced and everything is fine.
- Mr. Joeckel has nothing new to report on the floating docks but mentioned the Grant he is looking to apply for is the Department of Health's.
- Mr. Joeckel mentioned the Coast Guards aids to navigation were missing but have now been replaced with flashing buoys. However, the Coast Guard still refuses to replace the two day markers in the east-west direction that were destroyed during the dredging project as they want out of this business. The Coast Guard although having promised to assist they have removed all Virginia Inside Passage markers from Assateague to Fisherman's Island.

B. TOWN AND MARINA CASH ASSET DISPOSITION – Mr. Joeckel plans on having some recommendations for the Council at the next scheduled meeting.

C. TOWN MAINTENANCE/GARBAGE – Bonnie Munn advised

- A new inside tire for the trash truck was purchased for \$349.
- Susie Atkinson in response to the July 14th meeting got in touch with Waste Management but they do not cover this area. She then spoke with Davis Disposal who presented a proposal on August 12, 2015. They would provide 95 or 64 gallon containers to each household as directed by the Town. Pickup would be one time per week and will charge the Town \$15 per container for resident dwellings. Additional containers will be billed at \$10 each per month. Businesses would be charged \$20 per month for the first container and \$12 for each additional one. The

Town office, fire department and all churches would not be charged for pickup. A 3-year contract would be required due to the purchase of containers. Thereafter the contract would be negotiable.

- John Joeckel made an evaluation of the Town's garbage and brush service taking into consideration the trucks used by the maintenance employees for the Town and all of the services they perform that, should an outside service have to be hired, would be a cost the Town would not be able to control. This analysis between Davis Disposal versus Town employees would require an increase in real estate taxes for each resident from the current \$.13/\$100 to \$.20/\$100 or a 7 cents/\$100 increase in the real estate taxes.
- Mr. Joeckel concluded it is significantly more beneficial to residents of the Town of Wachapreague to continue town weekly trash collection as a provided town service with town employees and town equipment versus this service being performed by an outside contractor. Town services include weekly limb/brush removals which contractors do not. Town maintenance personnel also perform additional town duties that would continuously need to be performed, e.g., grass cutting, flags, Christmas light, etc. Without our part time town employees not being employed for weekly trash removals, the town would inevitably lose their services due to reduction in their weekly part time employment and subsequent lost hours with reduction in their weekly wages which they could not afford to sustain. This will be discussed further at the next Town Council Meeting.

D. Powell Memorial Park – Ms. Munn advised there have been several parties in the Park which the Town was aware of through Parks & Recreation. In review of the Park the only thing done to date is the removal of stake that held the merry-go-round. Ms. Munn is to speak with Wayne Burton as to the status of the remaining items promised.

E. Town Hall Beautification/Maintenance – Ms. Munn advised there is nothing new to report.

F. Street and Drainage – Stuart Bell advised

- The Town is in receipt of a Grant from Stewart Hall of the Accomack County Public Works Department in the amount of \$821. This Grant is to cover the 3-4 manhole covers missing along the culvert that runs from Finney to Atlantic.
- Mayor Janci looked into the cost of galvanized manhole covers which would cost a total of \$450. This does not include the installation.

Stuart Bell made a Motion to purchase galvanized manhole covers for a total cost of \$450 and to further hire Mayor Janci to install these covers using the remaining balance for labor, not to exceed the \$821 Grant which Motion was seconded by Aileen Joeckel. As there was no further discussion a Roll Call Vote was taken and passed unanimously.

- Stuart Bell went on to discuss "No Parking" signs along the sidewalk on Main Street. He advised the State will make the signs for the Town. It was asked if A&N would allow these signs to be placed on their poles, but council felt it was doubtful. Mayor Janci believed just renting a hole saw and then cement the signs in, in front of the telephone pole. To be discussed further.
- Mr. Bell called Chris Isdell of VDOT and thanked him for the guard rails placed along Drummondtown Road. Mr. Isdell informed Mr. Bell they had a little extra money and picked Wachapreague.

G. Safety/Security – Stuart Bell has had no reports of any incidents.

H. 911 System – Bonnie Munn has furnished Lynn Weeks with additional names and forms for residents to sign and they have all been mailed out.

I. Seaside Park – Mayor Janci asked the status of the Annual Award and Town Resolutions

- Mr. Joeckel advised Ms. Weeks is working with the printer to modify the Town logo and deciding on the type of paper to use for the Resolutions. Mr. Joeckel has been provided the name of the company the County uses for their plaques and advises the plaques have a plexiglass front where the document can be slipped into it. The plaques are very affordable and with the paper Ms. Weeks is looking into Mr. Joeckel will draft a boiler plate Resolution where specifics can be added and done right here in Town Hall.
- Mayor Janci discussed the Litter Grant the Town is in receipt of and prior discussions on pet waste stations, two at Seaside Park and one at Powell Park. All council were in agreement to go ahead and orders these.

Aileen Joeckel made a Motion for the Town to purchase three pet waste stations in an amount not to exceed \$1,200 and Bonnie Munn seconded the Motion. As there was no further discussion a Roll Call Vote was taken and passed unanimously.

- Mayor Janci advised council 7 spindles were broken in the gazebo. It was brought to Mayor Janci's attention that in the past Bill Burnham had repaired them. Mayor Janci is to speak with Mr. Burnham.
- Mr. Joeckel suggested trimming the hedges around the gazebo and Mayor Janci is thinking of removing them all.
- Mayor Janci discussed the 501-C-3 "Friends of Wachapreague" and found out it would require a \$100 fee to the State, \$400 per year to the IRS and Tax Returns. Council have decided to pass on this at this time.

J. Delinquent Real Estate Taxes, Vehicle & Golf Cart Tags – Mayor Janci advised

- Ms. Weeks has been sending letters to all delinquent taxpayers, excluding golf cart decals. In review Mayor Janci has asked if no response to latest letter to Juliana Riahi regarding unpaid taxes then Ms. Weeks is to forward this matter over to the Town Attorney.
- John Joeckel advised there is approximately 25 golf carts in Town, 5 of which have not paid for their Town decal nor had the annual safety inspection performed. Mr. Joeckel would like the delinquent golf cart owners be added to the Customer Balance Sheet for the Town and letters be sent advising them they are subject to a \$100 fine as well as the \$10 fee.

K. FEMA/CRS – Mayor Janci discussed Christina Groves, CRS Specialist, who was here on May 29th but who has not responded to phone messages nor emails since then. Mayor Janci spoke with Charley Banks of DCR who has in turn spoken with Ms. Groves' supervisor and advised she will be contacting us soon. Mr. Joeckel asked if the Mayor has made a decision as to accepting the position of Floodplain Administrator/CRS Coordinator which was replied to affirmatively.

L. Planning Commission – Town Comprehensive Plan –

- David Van de Graff, a member of the Planning Commission addressed council and presented them with the Final Draft of the Town Comprehensive Plan 2015. Members, Z.R. Lewis, Jackie Zang, Robert "Pete" Hodgson and Aileen Joeckel with John Joeckel providing the frontage, graphs, county information and stats on population for inclusion into the Plan, were all an integral part of the drafted Plan. Mr. Van de Graff indicated the document with the illustrations and Goals and Strategies, although 75 pages long, is a pleasure to read. He feels the Plan enhances the value of the Town and is a great tool to use for families interested in purchasing property in the Town of Wachapreague.
- Mr. Van de Graff outlined some of the goals and strategies as follows:
 1. Review, update and enforce Town Ordinances, as well as evaluate and create new ones, as necessary.

2. Maintain Wachapreague's small town atmosphere, lack of crime and safe streets and continuing viable incorporated township.
 3. Maintain Wachapreague as a destination.
 4. Keep a viable commercial/recreational working waterfront.
 5. The beginning revisions of the Accomack and Northampton County Hazard Mitigation Plan and the detrimental effects on coastal erosion and coastal flooding are addressed here.
 6. Develop a closer relationship with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS).
- Mr. Van de Graff concluded this draft is ready for review by the council for their input and commends all of the committee members for all of their time and effort. Council too thanked everyone.
 - Mr. Joeckel stated the last time a Comprehensive Plan had been passed was in 1986. There was one in 2006 but it was never finalized. Mr. Joeckel indicated the draft is in compliance with the law but at the same time is a document for visitors possibly looking to visit or purchase property in Town and gives access to the existing property owners.
 - Mr. Joeckel requested council to review and make any comments and direct them to him on or about October 5th. This will allow him time to make the appropriate revisions. At the Town Council meeting of October 13th the revised Plan will be presented to council for a vote and then posted on the Town's website www.wachapreague.inf. Thereafter a Public Hearing will take place on November 10 before the regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting. At the Town Council Meeting of December 8th a final vote on the Comprehensive Plan will take place and will be posted on the Town website. This matter should be reviewed and updated every 5 years.

M. Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan – John Joeckel advised the meetings will begin again in October.

- Mr. Joeckel advised of a meeting with the Nature Conservancy, Army Corps of Engineers and 8 scientists from the University of North Carolina, all discussing Cedar Island and the Wachapreague Inlet. This is in conjunction with the separate study being done of all barrier islands along the East Coast with Hurricane Sandy funds. The Army Corps of Engineers is doing a study of Cedar Island for a Federal Determination of Interest. If the Corps does determine the Federal Government has an interest then there is a potential of a remediation project and mitigation of the loss of the salt marsh but will do nothing to save Cedar Island due to the ongoing shoaling.
- Mr. Joeckel indicates there is a lot more to be done and will require getting our Senators, Congressman and local councilmen involved and the need for support in the State from either VMRC or DEQ to help fund a project to stabilize the area behind Cedar Island.
- The Provisional Committee established by the Accomack County Board of Supervisors consisting of representatives from Accomack and Northampton County will hold their first meeting on September 28th, of which Mr. Joeckel is a member.

N. Tourism/Business and Tourism Advisory Board – Aileen Joeckel asked

- Council for a vote on the Eastern Shore Welcome Center Light Box in the amount of \$850, which is the annual fee.

Aileen Joeckel made a Motion for renewal of the Light Box at the Welcome Center in the amount of \$850 and Bonnie Munn seconded the Motion. As there was no further discussion a Roll Call Vote was taken and passed unanimously.

- Ms. Joeckel advised committee members have been very busy and there has been no follow through, but that it should calm down soon.
- As to the Town website, Ms. Joeckel and Mona Cossitt, are anxious to complete this project. The Town website will be www.wachapreague.org and the tourism site will be www.wachapreague.inf.

- The Crab Cake Cook-Off is set for September 26th in Seaside Park which is the same day VIMS is having their Science Fair. There will be a \$45 fee for all entrants. They will need to bring their own fixings for the crab cake but the crab meat will be provided in the \$45 fee. The Gazebo will be where the contest will be held and crab cakes cooked. What is needed are Bunson burners or camp grills. There will also be the apple pie bake off which is not affected by the Health Departments requirements.
- Mr. Joeckel suggested the Town making crab cakes or hamburgers as a way to capitalize on this event but no one was interested in doing this.
- The Wachapreague Billboard on Route 13 was discussed and Ms. Weeks has furnished council with the restrictions and permits needed to make any changes. This is to be discussed at a later date.

O. Board of Zoning Appeals Appointments –Ms. Joeckel advised she needs two more volunteers to complete the list of 5 people needed. Lynn Weeks has furnished her with a complete list of property owners in Town.

P. Town Ordinance – Limitation of Helicopter Landings – Mayor Janci once again asked council if they had read the emails on Mr. Joeckel’s proposed Ordinance and his suggested changes which was before the council two meetings ago. As no one replied, Mayor Janci said “let’s just forget about helicopter landings, just move on and let them land wherever they want to land.” Mayor Janci went on to the next item on the Agenda.

Q. Town Property – Mayor Janci advised

- He has made numerous attempts to retain Gillespie Consulting to survey the 22 acre property owned by the Town. Lynn Weeks also has made attempts by phone and email with no response. The Eastern Shore Surveyors in Exmore has also given the Town a proposal in the amount of \$3,840. John Joeckel made a Motion to retain the Eastern Shore Surveyors of Exmore to survey the 22 acres of Town property for \$3,840 and Bonnie Munn seconded the Motion. As there was no further discussion a Roll Call Vote was taken and passed unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS –

(1) Broadband Service and Communications Tower – John Joeckel advised

- At this time Eastern Shore Communications (ESC) is unable to give a timeline of when they will begin this project. However, Mr. Joeckel asked and was advised by ESC the cost of a Tower would be somewhere in the range of \$4,000-\$6,000. The expenditure to the Town would be around \$10,000-\$15,000 which would include shipping and installation.
- Mr. Joeckel asked council if the Town would wish to be the owner of the tower so it could charge rental for its use and eventually pay off the cost or, negotiate with the ESC to put up the tower which would equate to higher costs for each subscriber.
- As to the location of the Tower, Mr. Joeckel suggested Seaside Park, Marina parking lot or on the newly purchased property just outside of Town.
- Bonnie Munn was able to give Mr. Joeckel the name of the Verizon wireless Regional Director for this area. Mr. Joeckel has been in contact with him by phone and email and is awaiting a call from the Project Manager. If the Town is the owner of the tower Verizon could put a micro cell up which is limited geographically but would give the Town of Wachapreague and some surrounding areas cell phone service.
- Mr. Joeckel advised the Broadband equipment will end at the tower with each subscriber having a receiver. He went on to say he has spoken with VIMS and they are expecting him to make the arrangements with the tower as they want wireless too, to accommodate the researchers use of their PDA’s while out in the marsh.

- Mayor Janci questioned the fiber ending at the tower, as he had been advised by Nick, the General Manager of ESC that the fiber would be ending at VIMS.
- Mr. Joeckel indicated he will double check, although that was not what he was told.

VERBATIM DISCUSSION

- **FJ** – No cost to town?
- **JJ** – Again, all we have to do is call ESC that the tower is going to be theirs and there will be no cost to the Town. There will be a cost to the users and the Town does not get any revenue.
- **FJ** – It's going to be that \$39 - \$59 - \$69 a month charge?
- **JJ** – If Verizon cell service comes in we will not get revenue either.
- **FJ** – Have you discussed with Fire Department this Verizon . . . Fire Department had been told by Verizon they did not think there is a viable business in Wachapreague. If we get Verizon then they are ruled out.
- **JJ** – That is why we are proposing, otherwise no cell to Town because no tower.
- **FJ** – As it stands right now I do not know if they have definitive answer. Best they have . . .
- **JJ** – I am talking to the Verizon guy who is responsible.
- **FJ** – Maybe you should talk to Jeff Pitts or David find out status.
- **JJ** – I am talking to Verizon guy who will do tower
- **FJ** – Then we are going head to head with Fire Department?
- **JJ** – Who is building tower, Verizon or Fire Department?
- **FJ** – Fire Department has been counting on Verizon tower for revenue source for Fire Department. Now we are going to get a tower and Verizon. Sounds like we are going head to head with Volunteer Fire Department.
- **JJ** – Verizon has said . . .
- **FJ** – Why not get together with Jeff Pitts regarding this.
- **JJ** – I am talking to Verizon people who make that decision. It is not a Fire Department decision.
- **BM** – Sounds like Fire Department not going to get it anyway. Jeff Pitts told me a financial position. Since then you said they weren't going ahead.
- **FJ** – Same thing. I don't know. They think they are having same problem as John, don't know who to talk to.
- **BM** – John knows who to talk to.
- **FJ** – So John and Fire Department should get together.
- **AJ** - Just to make sure if Fire Department is going forward or not.
- **FJ** – Pulling rug out . . . exactly stepping on their toes.
- **JJ** – One more time, Fire Department not building the tower.
- **FJ** – They told you that?
- **JJ** – Verizon building tower
- **FJ** – No, American Tower builds tower.
- **JJ** – American Tower does all construction for Verizon
- **FJ** – When Verizon says there is a need then American Tower builds tower. American Tower has permits.
- **SB** – American Tower builds tower.
- **FJ** – correct
- **SB** – Verizon, AT&T whoever it may be pays American Tower. Verizon rents on Tower at my place of work. Verizon etc. rents space on tower. American Tower pays rent for tower to Fire Department.
- **BM** – If American Tower is not going to build tower if not enough business.

- **FJ** – Talk to Fire Department first. Not in best interest of Town to pull rug out from under Fire Department. Talk to them anyway.
- **JJ** – Again Fred, if not going to build tower anyway how are we pulling rug from under them?
- **FJ** – I don't know have you talked to Fire Department John?
- **JJ** – As far as I am concerned they are not a player.
- **FJ** – okay
- **SB** – I've got a number for the American Tower Supervisor and I will give it to Lynn tomorrow morning. Tower will not be built in Wachapreague until Verizon agrees to go on. Tower not coming till Verizon says yes.
- **FJ** – In all fairness I am going to let Dave Fluhart know tomorrow what plan is.
- **JJ** – That is fine with me.
- **BM** – Don't know what plan is yet.
- **FJ** – Sounds to me like town is going on its own to build cell phone tower regardless of what Fire Department is doing.
- **JJ** – Do we want cell phone or not?
- **BM** – If they are not putting up tower
- **FJ** – I don't know, did you talk to them John or not?
- **JJ** – I'm talking to Verizon.
- **FJ** – I don't know John, you are the one pushing this.
- **AJ** – Best to check with them again.

(2) Tax Bill Inserts; Taxpayer Information, Year in Review, etc.

- Aileen Joeckel mentioned the positive feedback she had received last year on these inserts. Council agreed to prepare another year in review and make some changes to the Taxpayer Information sheet.

(3) WHSRN (Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network)

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FJ – Everyone know what it is? Would Town like to support petition circulated, letter of support or opposition?

BM – Letter will not do anything. They are going to do what they want, if 10,000 signatures or 3. When it comes down to it, it will go through anyway. Board of County Supervisors was just courtesy vote, no power. Don't think we will either. Just my opinion.

AJ – I am not interested in supporting it. Let them do whatever they want to do.

BM – They will do what they want anyway.

Michael Fitzgerald – Can we go on record to be for?

FJ – Board of County Supervisors voted 8-1 against endorsing. Nature Conservancy asking for endorsement. Then go to VMRC with endorsements and get VMRC to agree because they have endorsements. VMRC as of next day, after the Board of County Supervisors vote and presentation of petition. VMRC will table request from Nature Conservancy, table and back to executive committee. Nature Conservancy has position on their board assume Nature Conservancy will recuse itself. I don't know. Petition to Board of County Commissioners was presented by me, introduced as Fred Janci, Mayor of Town of Wachapreague, however I am not speaking for council as council has not discussed issue. I am here speaking as citizen. Then presented petition. Petition had 285 names, 225 from Eastern Shore and 113 with Wachapreague address. Some names: Swick, Wardius, Lindsey Paul, Nat Atkinson, Susie Atkinson, Carol Burnham, Bill Burnham, Pat Hart, Tommy Hart, Eshlemans' ZR Lewis, Johnson, Adams, Boyd, Blaine, Susan Parker, Weisner, Swineford, Zdrakovich, Jeff Pitts, Savage, Judah, Fountain, Watkinson, Jackie Zang. Don't know how council feels. Seems folks in Town have voiced their thoughts. Nature Conservancy says designation only, however, in the whole thing you are admitting,

acknowledging that this land, you admitted it is a prime habitat for 2 species of birds red knot and whimbrel, not endangered at this time but threatened. Where does it leave us if become endangered.

JJ - Same way if WHSRN or not.

AJ – Same with bald headed eagle if on your property

JJ – There are federal laws Fred. Nothing to do. It is the endangered species act nothing to do with shore bird thing. If there are going to be restrictions placed on piping plovers, rules and regulations and laws on the books whether this is designated as shorebird or not. Frankly this issue has moved on. It would serve no purpose for this council to get in middle at this time. This issue has moved on. Board of County Supervisors voted 8-1 because they knew it was a wasted vote. They knew their vote was meaningless. They are not a player in this. This issue has moved on.

ZR Lewis– Board of County Supervisors was against it personally. Nature Conservancy is asking to use my private property and once they use it you have lost it.

FJ – John you’re talking . . .

JJ – Look fellas, I’ve worked with environmental laws for 40 years as part of my job.

ZR – Personally worked with them, right of first refusal . . .

JJ – More than Nature Conservancy, they are only one player in this whole thing.

ZR – They’ve taken over the world.

FJ – If we don’t take a stand at least people on petition can say they took a stand. The Board of County Supervisors made their vote. I don’t know how John knows that they did it just for . . . I don’t know what their thoughts were behind it. I’m not privy to their deliberations or why they voted as they did. Rob?

Someone – Rob Bloxom?

FJ – Not Rob Bloxom, but I had met with him and he was adamantly opposed. He said to me before Board of County Supervisor’s meeting he thought that the Board of County Supervisors of Accomack would do right thing. In the end, they did. I don’t know we can say what they did was just for nothing. Northampton passed it with no chance for people to speak. Accomack gave us a one month reprieve. Lucky Accomack Board of Supervisors said no, we want to wait. Whereas Northampton didn’t.

JJ – Fred, is this thing proceeding with 8-1 vote? Is it moving forward anyway?

FJ – This is gone . . . what we need to be done now is . . .

JJ - Is it moving forward anyway?

FJ - Moving forward where

JJ – Has Board of Supervisors stopped it moving forward?

FJ – They have not given their endorsement.

JJ – Has it stopped it moving forward?

FJ – Yes it has, temporarily because they tabled it, they were going to have it on this meeting and pass it.

JJ – It is going to go through irregardless of what Board of Supervisors have done. It is out of their hands.

FJ – That’s not a reason to not stand up for what you feel. I can’t believe we are going to stand here and say we can’t do anything about it and put our heads in the sand.

JJ – Train has left the station Fred.

FJ – The vote has not been taken yet. If you want your chance to speak now is the time. If you don’t want to then put your head in the sand. You have 113 signatures with Wachapreague addresses.

JJ – 113 signatures. We have part timers on there.

FJ – Property owners.

JJ – PO Boxes signed and not residents of Town.

FJ – Correct

JJ – 113 probably 95 or thereabouts that are residents.

FJ – Okay, 95.

JJ – This Town has 233 resident.

FJ – So 50% of population said “No”.

JJ – Less than 50%

FJ – 48% say “No” and you’re going to sit here and say that we are in agreement with Nature Conservancy?

JJ – 50% may not agree with that, town is evenly split.

FJ – I haven’t canvassed the Town. I’m surprised of some of the names. People that don’t speak up on stuff on there. People you don’t see saying anything on it. (Fred to ZR) your voice will not count.

ZR Lewis– Hate to think town will not do it. We pay taxes. A lot of valuable waterfront property. I want nothing to do with Nature Conservancy.

FJ – Richard (Hambly) take this with you, that this is what happened at Town of Wachapreague. Chris (Wardius) you have vested interest in Wachapreague, take that with you.

AJ – Chris (Wardius) how did this work out with, Board of Supervisors, when Fred mentioned your name and that you don’t have birders.

Chis Wardius – They don’t stay there.

FJ – They don’t

AJ - Nikki told me they didn’t have any more . . .

FJ – Scientists and researchers, hundreds that Mr. Pruitt talked about.

AJ – Well Nikki said Kellam needed hotel rooms for bird festival and Nikki said we’d love to. Roberta Kellam heard that and said no birders stay in Wachapreague?

CW – Bird festival not first year. Rarely, since ’08, hardly any birders since ’08, so woman misinformed. . . not what was said. I love birds but, want no problems down the road.

LW - I agree

FJ – Can I make a Motion?

BM – I don’t think so.

FJ – Am I not allowed to? I would like to step down. I want to join public. I want it on record.

BM – This is not public comment session.

FJ – 100% feel that Town should support the petition. WHSRN doesn’t, it’s perfectly fine undeveloped as is. Not like development is encroaching. Like something is going to happen to it tomorrow that land will stay like it is. If Town Council votes “No” or does not vote I want all to know that I am not part of it.

SB – Motion to vote

LW – How will we word . . .

FJ – opposition to designation of marshes, state owned marshes . . .

LW – Second? Guess not.

SA – Already signed petition that I am against it.

FJ – I am simply trying to get endorsement of Town of Wachapreague.

BM – Won’t make any difference.

MF – If you’re not going to back up people in the Town . . . 50% for it, 50% don’t care.

BM – We don’t know they don’t care.

Michael Fitzgerald – I’m a resident here. I signed opposing – why can’t council act?

JJ – Because official elected position of making a vote. More than just being a citizen. One of the reasons why I objected to the Mayor presenting the petition to the Board of Supervisors, because what Fred said he said he was the Mayor that made it official. That’s what all of the news organizations passed on. That it was the official Town position, no need for us to take a position on this. That’s my position. There is no need to take a position. The Board of Supervisors voted against it. The train has moved on. What there is no reason . . . The petition has been signed. It’s been submitted. The Board of Supervisors voted against it. The train has moved on. The issue has moved on. What are we being asked to do at this late date?

ZR Lewis But if it happens in the future

JJ – That would be a different story.

ZR – Talked to Board of Supervisors . . .

JJ – Since we don't have a motion I'll make one. Town Council believes that the issue does not call for us to take a position at this time.

FJ – This is a save your ass position, to try to save your face when you all said no you are not going to support the position. Listen to this . . . stop playing games with me John. You know you will get a second.

JJ – Then no motion at all.

FJ – As far as this is concerned, I am going before the VMRC and I already stated this in my email. I believe everyone got it and I am going to the VMRC and will present this petition without the blessing of the Town Council.

BM – I thought you already presented it.

FJ – No, they tabled it, hasn't come up yet and petition has grown. Now out through rest of Eastern Shore, not just Wachapreague. Northampton County too.

BM – Passed it already down there.

FJ – Doesn't matter. Passed it without . . . came in, asked for it, they said okay. Accomack said "No, wait a minute" and that gave people a chance to see what is going on.(4) Christmas Decorations – Bows on Christmas lights

- Susie Atkinson had informed council in a prior meeting that wreaths and bows had been strung up in the middle of the Christmas lights along Main Street. Ms. Atkinson said Kerry Wallace used to hook up the wreaths and bows on the lights before they were strung across Main Street. Ms. Atkinson is to speak with Mr. Wallace to see what can be done.

(5) Floodplain Administrator/CRS Coordinator

- Mayor Janci has decided not to take on the position of Floodplain Administrator/CRS Coordinator.

(6) Town Wide Yard Sale

- Aileen Joeckel asked if there had been any requests for one and Ms. Weeks advised over the course of the last 5 or so months a number of people have asked. Ms. Joeckel is going to get together with the Business and Tourism Group and see what date they can come up with.

(7) Wachapreague Marina, LLC request for extension of permit

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- Bonnie Munn said they should immediately get in touch with the Health Department as the Marina's permit expires on September 26th. According to Bruce Matthews, Boggs is ready to begin the work so Ms. Munn stated they should go ahead and get it started.
- Aileen Joeckel pointed out that the Town had given them plenty of time for the work to have been done.
- Bruce Matthews indicated the Wachapreague Marina is the only place that has the equipment to haul out the large Charter boats and the only dry dock within which to put them where there are no power lines.
- Once again no vote could be taken due to it being under "New Business."

(8) Electric Drop for Christmas Lights

Mayor Janci discussed the main power line for the Town Christmas Lights is in need of repair. Kerry Wallace has advised it would cost approximately \$800 to bring it up to date and he is willing to do the work. This will be placed on the next Agenda to be voted on.

(9) Ordinance Review

- John Joeckel has reviewed the Business License Ordinance and does not see a clause where the Town could repeal someone’s business license. He feels the Town should work with David Rowan on what a good cause would be to revoke a Business License. As it stands now, the Ordinance is meaningless without it.
- Mr. Joeckel went on to discuss the Planning Commission reviewing the Town Ordinances especially the Zoning Ordinance.

(10) Nature Conservancy Invitation

- Mayor Janci has sent an email to everyone about the Nature Conservancy invitation to the Town Council to take a ride on their boat to tour Parramore Island to see what they are doing there. He has received no response to date.
- Mr. Joeckel believes this is very important and would like to see all council attend and also members of the Business and Tourism Board. It is believed a week day would be the best.

VI. Announcements – None

VII. Adjournment – Stuart Bell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bonnie Munn seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

CBW
9-8-15

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