



MIDDLEBURG TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 14, 2021



PRESENT: Mayor Trowbridge M. Littleton
Vice Mayor Philip M. Miller
Councilmember Chris W. Bernard
Councilmember J. Kevin Daly (arrived late)
Councilmember Morris “Bud” Jacobs
Councilmember Darlene Kirk
Councilmember Peter Leonard-Morgan
Councilmember Cindy C. Pearson

STAFF: Danny Davis, Town Manager
Martin Crim, Town Attorney
Rhonda S. North, MMC, Town Clerk
William M. Moore, Deputy Town Manager
Jamie Gaucher, Economic Development Director
Estee LaClare, Planning & Project Associate
Julie Rivard, Finance Director/Town Treasurer
A.J. Panebianco, Chief of Police

The Town Council of the Town of Middleburg, Virginia held their regular monthly meeting, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, 2021. Due to Governor Northam’s executive orders requiring that people social distance and limiting gatherings to no more than ten individuals, the Council meeting was held as a hybrid meeting, with some of the Council and staff participating in-person and others participating remotely.

Mayor Littleton explained for the viewing audience that it was the Council’s responsibility to conduct essential public business despite the COVID-19 pandemic; however, it recognized the need to do so safely, not only for its members but also for the Town staff and members of the public. He further explained that to that end, in accordance with the Council’s resolution declaring a local emergency and its ordinance implementing emergency procedures and effectuating temporary changes to address the continuity of governmental operations, the Council would hold its meetings via remote access until such time as the Governor rescinded his executive orders. Mr. Littleton advised the viewing audience that copies of the agendas were available on the Town’s website and that the meetings would be livestreamed and recorded for viewing on the website. He reviewed the process that would be utilized for the remote meetings.

Mayor Littleton led Council and those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The roll call was called at 6:00 p.m.

Special Recognition by Mayor & Council

Resolution of Appreciation – H.H. “Dev” Roszel

Mayor Littleton read the resolution aloud. He presented a signed copy to Mr. Roszel, along with a Middleburg paperweight, and thanked him for his service. (Councilmember Daly arrived at the meeting at 6:10 p.m.)

Councilmember Pearson moved, seconded by Councilmember Kirk, that Council adopt a resolution extending its appreciation to H. H. “Dev” Roszel for his service on the Economic Development Advisory Committee from February 28, 2019 through December 31, 2020.

Vote: Yes – Councilmembers Miller, Bernard, Daly, Jacobs, Kirk, Leonard-Morgan and Pearson
No – N/A
Abstain: N/A
Absent: N/A
(Mayor Littleton only votes in the case of a tie)

Resolution of Appreciation – Maribe Chandler-Gardiner

Maribe Chandler-Gardiner noted that she had served on the Middleburg Arts Council since its inception. She opined that its members were wonderful, talented, hard working individuals.

Mayor Littleton read the resolution aloud. He presented a signed copy, along with a Middleburg paperweight, to Ms. Chandler-Gardiner and thanked her for her service.

Councilmember Pearson moved, seconded by Councilmember Kirk, that Council adopt a resolution extending its appreciation to Maribe Chandler-Gardiner for her service on the Middleburg Arts Council from June 11, 2015 through November 18, 2020.

Vote: Yes – Councilmembers Miller, Bernard, Daly, Jacobs, Kirk, Leonard-Morgan and Pearson
No – N/A
Abstain: N/A
Absent: N/A
(Mayor Littleton only votes in the case of a tie)

Resolution of Appreciation – Tonya Taylor

Mayor Littleton read the resolution aloud. It was noted that it would be delivered to Ms. Taylor.

Councilmember Leonard-Morgan moved, seconded by Councilmember Daly, that Council adopt a resolution extending its appreciation to Tonya Taylor for her service on Go Green from June 28, 2018 through December 17, 2020.

Vote: Yes – Councilmembers Miller, Bernard, Daly, Jacobs, Kirk, Leonard-Morgan and Pearson
No – N/A
Abstain: N/A
Absent: N/A
(Mayor Littleton only votes in the case of a tie)

Resolution of Appreciation – BAC/Peter Hitchen

Mayor Littleton read the resolution aloud. He advised that BAC/Mr. Hitchen collected 1.5 tons of food and \$5,000 in cash in December for the Seven Loaves Food Bank. It was noted that the resolution would be delivered to Mr. Hitchen.

Town Manager Davis advised that BAC/Mr. Hitchen planned to continue to collect food, as well as other daily goods, for the Seven Loaves Food Bank in the future.

Councilmember Bernard moved, seconded by Councilmember Daly, that Council adopt a resolution extending its appreciation to BAC/Peter Hitchen for their contribution to the Seven Loaves Food Bank's Food Drive in December of 2020, as well as their efforts to support the Food Bank in the future.

Vote: Yes – Councilmembers Miller, Bernard, Daly, Jacobs, Kirk, Leonard-Morgan and Pearson

No – N/A

Abstain: N/A

Absent: N/A

(Mayor Littleton only votes in the case of a tie)

Discussion Items

Request to Amend Noise Ordinance – Bundles Murdock

Catherine “Bundles” Murdock, 609 Blue Ridge Avenue, asked that the noise ordinance be amended to prohibit construction during six holidays; however, she also asked that dangerous issues still be allowed to be addressed. She asked that the amendment not just address the “banging” associated with construction, but that it also address the music that often came from construction sites.

After some discussion, the Council agreed it would like to consider an amendment to ban construction noise created by building contractors on holidays; however, they would like to continue to allow homeowners to do construction projects. They noted the need for a definition of “commercial” versus “residential” construction.

Chief Panebianco noted that loud music was already addressed in the noise ordinance; however, no one ever called in noise complaints, so the Police Department had not had an opportunity to address them.

Mayor Littleton noted that music had First Amendment protections and urged caution in that regard.

The Council reviewed the definition of a “decibel”, which was the measure used to identify when something was a violation. It was noted that most individuals did not know what volume equated to the various decibel levels. The Council suggested the need to draft the amendment so it could be easily understood.

Town Manager Davis suggested the staff provide examples to educate the public; however, he explained that noise must be measured by a decibel meter to determine whether a violation occurred.

Mayor Littleton noted the need for objective standards. He summarized that the Council would like to prohibit commercial construction on holidays; however, it did not want to prohibit other construction activity.

The Council noted that enforcement would be key to addressing this issue. They suggested the need to educate the public once the ordinance was amended.

Staff Reports

December 2020

Town Manager Davis reported that the latest backwash at Well 4 was successful and advised that this function would be automated to run at night once every two weeks beginning next week. He opined that this would reduce some of the issues that caused the discolored water in the past. Mr. Davis reported that the water mains were also flushed and that there were no issues associated with the flushing. He advised Council that IES would be working on January 15th to address a clog in the sewer main on East Washington Street. Mr. Davis reminded Council that information on the Town’s water system was provided in the newsletter that was included in the latest water bill.

Town Clerk North reported that she and the Town Manager were scheduled to meet with a representative from Swagit next week to learn about the new services they offer. She noted that one service allowed for an integration with Zoom and advised that this may be something the Town may wish to pursue to help with the broadcast of the meetings. Ms. North reported that she and the Town Treasurer were continuing to work with MCCI on a pilot project that would allow the

restaurants to file and submit their meals tax payments online. She advised that she had resumed work on the Town Code updates, most particularly the one to combine the water and sewer chapters, which should be presented to the Council within the next few months.

Economic Development Director Gaucher reported that holiday activities held in December were well received, with approximately six hundred fifty complimentary cups of hot cocoa being distributed and all the carriage rides having sold out in the first forty-eight hours. He advised that a more detailed report would be presented by the Middleburg Business & Professional Association during the January 28th meeting.

Economic Development Director Gaucher reported that he was working with the Loudoun County Economic Development Department on the development of a workforce support program, which would include a webinar to be held in February that would focus on workforce issues in Middleburg.

Economic Development Director Gaucher reported that the number of followers on the Town's Instagram account increased by 67%, the number of followers on the Town's Twitter account increased by 20%, and the number of likes on its Facebook page increased by 18% in 2020.

Deputy Town Manager Moore reported that the agency reviews of the latest iteration of the Residences at Salamander construction plans were complete and advised that they had made great strides over the previous version from an engineering perspective. He noted that they were now moving into the finer details of the project and advised that the Streetscape Committee reviewed the proposed street tree planting plans earlier in the day.

Deputy Town Manager Moore reported that two new homes were proposed for construction on 7,500 square foot lots on Blue Ridge Avenue. He advised that the owner would soon appear before the Council seeking approval to extend the public utilities. In response to inquiries from the Council, Mr. Moore opined that the houses would be similar in footprint to the infill housing that were constructed on Reed Street. He noted that they would, however, be narrower as they must share a driveway that would straddle the property line.

The Council expressed concern about the size of the houses that were being constructed on vacant lots. They noted that they asked the Planning Commission to look into this and requested that a recommendation be received within the next month or two.

Deputy Town Manager Moore advised Council that the Planning Commission intended to do a holistic update to the zoning ordinance; however, he opined that it could divide out the ones related to this issue. He reported that the Commission recently identified their top priorities based upon the new Comprehensive Plan's strategies. Mr. Moore advised that the staff was in the process of analyzing those priorities to determine whether zoning ordinance amendments or additions were needed to accomplish them. He opined that the options would be presented to the Commission in the next few months for their consideration.

Chief Panebianco reported that those police officers who were interested in doing so were scheduled to get their Covid vaccinations.

In response to an inquiry from the Council regarding the plans to educate drivers on the new hands-free driving law, Chief Panebianco reported that he was pushing this on social media and that the message board signs would contain a reminder starting tomorrow. He noted that the officers would also work in two-man teams to stop violators. Chief Panebianco advised that they would be given a warning in January; however, the officers would do enforcement starting in February.

In response to an inquiry from the Council regarding the buzzards that were roosting on the Town's water tower, Town Manager Davis reported that the staff was working with the tower contractor and the USDA to hang an effigy on it within the next month or two. He explained that this would keep the buzzards away from the area for an extended period. Mr. Davis reported that the staff would continue to explore other options as well. It was noted that the buzzards were a protect species.

Council noted that there have been speeding problems in the areas of Foxcroft Road and North Pendleton Street. Chief Panebianco noted that the officers worked radar in those areas often and advised that he would get them to do so again.

Returning to the issue of the two new houses proposed for construction on Blue Ridge Avenue, the Council reminded Deputy Town Manager Moore that one of the priorities in the Comprehensive Plan was the construction of attainable housing. It was noted that the housing that was being constructed did not fall into that category given the cost. They noted the need for housing for individuals with a median household income of \$54,000 and questioned how teachers could afford to live in Middleburg.

Town Attorney Crim reported that the General Assembly proposed legislation that would make changes to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, some of which he was concerned about. He advised that one bill would require a locality to go into court to protect certain police records, such as interviews with people, as opposed to having the person requesting them take the locality to court.

The Council asked that the Town Attorney notify them of any bills that may be of concern.

Town Hall Project

Town Clerk North reported that a project kick-off meeting was held last week. She further reported that the architect provided a design schedule; however, the staff asked that it be expanded to identify the milestones in greater detail. Ms. North noted that the architect would review the 2018 space needs study with the individual members of the Town staff on January 15th and with the members of the Council on January 19th so they could validate and update the study if needed. She advised that they would then begin work on some schematic design options, which would be presented to the Town on February 26th. Ms. North reported that those options would be reviewed with the individual members of Council on March 1-2 in an effort to identify the prevailing design option. She expressed hope that this option could then be presented to the Historic District Review Committee in March for their approval of the siting and massing of the building so the design development work could then begin.

Town Manager Davis noted that he and the Town Treasurer met with representatives from Davenport to discuss the options that were available for financing the Town Hall Project. He noted that this may come sooner than anticipated if it was determined that the Town could take advantage of lower rates by advancing the bond issuance date.

In response to an inquiry from the Council, Ms. North advised that the goal was that the new building would open to the public on January 3, 2023.

COVID Status Report

Town Manager Davis reported that the COVID vaccinations were underway in Loudoun County. He noted that some residents had expressed concern about the difficulty they were experiencing with calling in to schedule an appointment and advised that the County was encouraging people to contact them by email, if they fell within one of the categories for Phase 1B, so they could be placed on the schedule. Mr. Davis reminded Council that elected officials were listed as the last priority in Phase 1B to receive the vaccination.

Town Manager Davis noted that the deadline to expend the CARES Act funding was extended; however, the Town had already expended all its allocation. He advised that the President-Elect proposed a \$1.9 trillion stimulus bill, which was expected to provide COVID replacement or support funding for local governments.

Town Manager Davis asked that if the Councilmembers heard of any businesses who were experiencing financial challenges and/or other COVID related issues that had not applied for a PPP grant or another COVID program, they encourage them to contact Economic Development Director Gaucher for information on funding that may be available.

The Council noted that the Governor just announced that he was amending the list of priorities for the vaccine to include those who were aged sixty-five and over or those under sixty-five years of age who had existing health conditions.

Mayor Littleton advised that during the recent Coalition of Loudoun Towns (COLT) meeting, a discussion was held about those members of the population who were nervous about taking the vaccination. He further advised that to help instill public confidence, COLT reached out to the County with the idea of organizing a vaccination event for the area mayors. Mr. Littleton reported that the County agreed and advised that the County Board wanted to participate as well. He suggested the Council may also wish to participate in this event.

Overview of FY '22 Budget Process

Town Treasurer Rivard advised Council that they would receive the mid-year financial report at their next meeting. She noted that they received a copy of the FY '22 budget timeline in their agenda packet. Ms. Rivard reported that preliminary information from the County indicated the Town would see an overall 5.5% decrease in real property values.

Town Treasurer Rivard advised that the FY '22 budget would be based on a phased in zero-based budget approach. She further advised that it would also contain a COVID plan, similar to the one provided for in this year's budget, in the event the pandemic continued.

Town Manager Davis reported that the Strategic Finance Committee was scheduled to meet on January 26th and advised that he would provide Council with a report from that meeting during their January 28th meeting.

The Council held some discussion on zero-based budgeting. Mayor Littleton asked that the staff provide comparison information from the current budget so the Council could track the changes.

Consent Agenda

A. Minutes – December 10, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Vice Mayor Miller moved, seconded by Councilmember Bernard, that Council approve the consent agenda as proposed.

Vote: Yes – Councilmembers Miller, Bernard, Daly, Jacobs, Kirk, Leonard-Morgan and Pearson

No – N/A

Abstain: N/A

Absent: N/A

(Mayor Littleton only votes in the case of a tie.)

Discussion Items (continued)

Request to Amend Snow Removal Ordinance

Vice Mayor Miller reported that during the most recent snow event, approximately six businesses did not clean the sidewalks in front of their storefronts, which created a dangerous situation. He advised that other businesses said they did; however, VDOT covered the sidewalk again. Mr. Miller opined that the Town also did not do a good job of clearing the sidewalks for which it was responsible. He suggested the need for additional penalties or incentives for people to clear the snow hazard as Middleburg was a pedestrian town.

Town Manager Davis reminded Council that under the Town Code, the Town could remove the snow and bill the property owner for the cost of doing so. He suggested the need to remind the business owners that this was their responsibility. Mr. Davis agreed the Town needed to make sure it addressed the areas that were its responsibility. He acknowledged that VDOT's plowing operations sometimes resulted in snow being deposited back onto newly shoveled sidewalks; however, he noted that this was the nature of those operations. Mr. Davis suggested the Town help where it could to ensure pedestrians were safe and could access the shops and parking spaces.

Council suggested the staff send reminders out in advance of predicted snowstorms and noted the need to educate the business owners. They agreed that if that did not work, the Town needed to enforce the snow removal ordinance, as public safety was important.

Proposed Land Swap before Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Involving Land in Aldie & St. Louis

Mayor Littleton reported that during its meeting held last night, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors considered a proposal from MOJAX to swap property it owned in St. Louis for property the County owned in Aldie. He reviewed the history of this item, which began with the County's offer to pay the property owner \$1.5 million to put the land in a conservation easement, which represented the lost value if MOJAX had developed the St. Louis property with thirty homes. Mr. Littleton reported that he attended the Supervisors' meeting to remind the members that Aldie was a historic village and to express concern that there had been no public process regarding the proposed exchange. He noted that this was not illegal; however, he opined that the County should consider other options. Mr. Littleton suggested the Town should reiterate the need for the Supervisors to identify the right thing for the Aldie property. He noted that he shared the Town's RFP on the Asbury Church as an example for them.

Councilmember Jacobs noted that he also attended the Board of Supervisors' meeting and reviewed the discussion that occurred. He opined that the County Chair was willing to entertain an outright purchase or, if necessary, a condemnation of the St. Louis property and that the remainder of the Board was already skeptical of the proposed exchange. Mr. Jacobs suggested the Town's input on this matter could be impactful.

Mayor Littleton suggested the Town send the County a letter encouraging them to acquire the property in St. Louis and eliminate the proposal to trade it for the County-owned property in Aldie. After some discussion, the Council agreed. Town Manager Davis advised Council that he would draft a letter so it could be sent quickly.

Information Items

Update on Solid Waste Issues in Core Commercial District

Deputy Town Manager Moore reminded the members of the discussion they had in November about a business that was creating issues due to the volume of their refuse and recycling, as well as their method of containment; and, reported that they finally accepted the Town's offer to place dumpsters at the Town Shop for their use. Mr. Moore opined that this solution was working well. He advised that the staff was looking at possible ordinance amendments to address these types of issues in the future by limiting the amount of recycling that could be placed out for collection. Mr. Moore opined that this could be done without discouraging customers from recycling. He noted that he would return with the suggested amendments during the next Council meeting.

In response to an inquiry from the Council, Deputy Town Manager Moore reported that there have been no issues associated with the dumpsters at the Town Shop. Council asked that he thank the business owner for his cooperation in addressing this concern.

Construction of Town Storage Shed

In response to an inquiry from the Council, Town Manager Davis reminded the members that due to the significant cost associated with the construction of a storage shed and the current COVID environment, the staff previously reported that it planned to pause this project unless it was directed otherwise. He reported that the estimated construction cost was \$350,000. Mr. Davis reported that the staff cleaned a portion of the Town Shop property, which made it more functional for storage. He recommended the Town Hall be constructed first, with the staff then determining the Town's storage needs.

Closed Session – Disposition of Publicly Held Property; Appointments to HDRC

Vice Mayor Miller moved, seconded by Councilmember Kirk, that Council go into closed session as authorized under Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, for (1) the disposition of publicly held property, related to the Asbury Church, as allowed under Subsection (A)(3); and, (2) appointments to the Historic District Review Committee as allowed under Subsection (A)(1). Vice Mayor Miller further moved, seconded by Councilmember Kirk, that the Council thereafter reconvene in open session for action as appropriate.

Vote: Yes – Councilmembers Miller, Bernard, Daly, Jacobs, Kirk, Leonard-Morgan and Pearson
No – N/A
Abstain: N/A
Absent: N/A
(Mayor Littleton only votes in the case of a tie.) (by roll call vote)

Mayor Littleton asked that Council certify that to the best of each member’s knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting, which each member so did. He reminded those present for the closed session that any discussion that occurred within it should be treated as confidential.

Appointments to Historic District Review Committee

Councilmember Pearson moved, seconded by Councilmember Kirk, that Council re-appoint Bill Anderson, Tim Clites, Virginia Jenkins, and Margaret Littleton to the Historic District Review Committee for three-year terms, said terms to expire December 31, 2023.

Vote: Yes – Councilmembers Miller, Bernard, Daly, Jacobs, Kirk, Leonard-Morgan and Pearson
No – N/A
Abstain: N/A
Absent: N/A
(Mayor Littleton only votes in the case of a tie.) (by roll call vote)

There being no further business, Mayor Littleton declared the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

APPROVED:

Trowbridge M. Littleton, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Rhonda S. North, MMC, Town Clerk

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Bridge Littleton: [Off mic] All right, we will call the first January meeting to order. All right. First item is the Pledge of Allegiance.

Everybody: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Bridge Littleton: All right. Now, I will do the public meeting announcement. Okay, it is the Middleburg Town Council's responsibility to conduct essential public business despite COVID-19 pandemic. However, it recognizes the need to do so safely, not only for its membership, but also for town staff members of the public. To that end, in accordance with the resolution confirming the declaration of a local emergency and the ordinance to implement emergency procedures to effectuate temporary changes to address continuity of government operations during COVID-19, the town council will hold its meetings via remote access until such time as the governor rescinds his emergency order prohibiting gatherings of greater than 10 individuals and mandating social distancing. Copies of the previously referenced documents are available on the town's website for those who wish to view them. Anyone wishing to participate during the public comment period may do so by calling the number listed. And what we will do for any member of the public is we will have a public comment section at our session at the beginning of the meeting and also at the end of the meeting for those who may be calling in. And with that, before we get started, I would like to take just a few minutes to make a comment about the events of last week at the Capitol. And I think a moment of silence for the loss of the officers who, you know, fell as a result of that. But, you know, it was a tragic event, one not worthy of a democracy, but now how we go forward as a nation after it is what's going to define us and define us for the future. And let's just keep all those who are in Congress. And hopefully with the inauguration next week, everything is safe and secure. And the officers who fell in the line of duty or were injured have them in our hearts, in our prayers. Let's just take about 15 seconds for a moment of silence. Okay, thank you. Next item is the public comment, we will open the public comment session now. Any member of the public wishes to address the council. Rhonda, is anybody on the line?

Rhonda North: There is not, Mr. Mayor.

Bridge Littleton: Okay, we will close the public comment session. Next item is special recognition is Dev here. [Multiple speakers] What's that? [off mic] Oh, right. Yep, was that on there? No.

Rhonda North: No, it was missing. I apologize.

Bridge Littleton: Well, yeah, deducted. So now let's do the roll call. [off mic] Oh yeah. No. Yes. Peter gets to wear a hat if he wants. Chris.

Chris Bernard: Chris Bernard.

Bridge Littleton: Phillip.

Philip Miller: Philip Miller.

Bridge Littleton: Bridge Littleton. Darlene.

Darlene Kirk: Darlene Kirk.

Bridge Littleton: Cindy.

Cindy Pearson: Cindy Pearson.

Bridge Littleton: Bud.

Bud Jacobs: Bud Jacobs.

Bridge Littleton: Peter.

Peter Leonard-Morgan: Peter Leonard-Morgan.

Bridge Littleton: And is Kevin not on?

Rhonda North: He's having trouble, I'm trying to text him to working through it, so hopefully he'll be on shortly.

Bridge Littleton: Okay, no problem. So the next item we will go to is special recognition. Is Dev here?

Danny Davis: Yes.

Bridge Littleton: Great.

Danny Davis: Hey Dev. [Off mic] Well good evening.

Bridge Littleton: Dev, how are ya?

Dev Roszel: Good, Mr. Mayor, how are you?

Bridge Littleton: We're doing well.

Dev Roszel: I know, I can tell.

Bridge Littleton: I called your cousin. She's got a bottle for you at home after this is over.

Dev Roszel: Good.

Bridge Littleton: But she's already drank half of it.

Dev Roszel: Well, that's [off mic]. [laughter]

Bridge Littleton: All right. So, Dev, this is a resolution of appreciation for all your service on EDAC. We really appreciate everything. You know, you have especially given so much to the town and the community, not only on EDAC, but on planning commission and just all the things you do. And we can't thank you enough. So let us do this resolution real quick and then we will have a gift for you, Bud will give you a kiss and everything will be [off mic]. [laughter] Mask, no mask, up to you. Resolution of Appreciation Service on Economic Development Advisory Committee Dev Roszel. Whereas Dev Roszel was appointed to serve on the Economic Development Advisory Committee on February 28th, 2019. And whereas during his tenure, Mr. Roszel served as the chair of EDAC led the membership with the assistance of a consultant in the development of an economic development strategy plan for the town of Middleburg and helped increase the diversity of our community. Whereas Mr. Roszel's term on EDAC expired on December 31st, 2020, at which time he declined to seek reappointment. And whereas the Middleburg town council deems it appropriate to express its gratitude to Mr. Roszel for his personal dedication, exceptional service to our community over the past two years. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the mayor and members of the Town Council of Middleburg, Virginia, recognize and express our sincere appreciation for the exemplary service of Dev Roszel as a member and chair of the Economic Development Advisory

Committee from February 28th, 2019 through December 31st, 2020, and express our profound thanks to him and hope for his continued success in life. Chris or Philip, would you guys like to say anything?

Philip Miller: Thanks for keeping that rowdy bunch in line. [laughter]

Bridge Littleton: So, Dev, I will come around. [off mic] What's that?

Cindy Pearson: Do we have to make the motion first or [off mic]?

Bridge Littleton: Well, that's true, but I'll give it then we can make the motion. So there's that. [off mic] And suitable for framing as a town paper weight.

Cindy Pearson: Hey, Danny.

Bridge Littleton: Dev, thank you. There you go. Appreciate my friend. [applause] [Multiple speakers].

Dev Roszel: I appreciate it and I do want to thank you, Mr. Mayor and everybody on the town council [off mic] staff here at the town hall. You all do a great job. And the reason I continue to do this, is because I enjoy doing it for the town. And I also believe that after a year or so, we need new blood. And I really think that that's important to get new people new ideas, new initiatives, so that it's not the same group all the time. And so I appreciate it. Thank you very much.

Bridge Littleton: And there's nothing more fun than trying to put together an economic development plan. [laughter]

Danny Davis: If you'll hand him that again or stand next to him. [multiple speakers]

Bridge Littleton: Yep. All right. I'll do this. If you'll look at Danny.

Danny Davis: There we go all right three two Oh.

Dev Roszel: I guess it doesn't matter if I smile, does it?

Danny Davis: Not really.

Bridge Littleton: That's the funny thing is I'm smiling, too. [laughter] [multiple speakers]

Dev Roszel: So did you really talk to Courtney?

Bridge Littleton: What's that?

Dev Roszel: Did you really see Courtney?

Bridge Littleton: No, no I was just kidding.

Dev Roszel: Our birthdays are the same day, which is Saturday. [multiple speakers]. I will be seeing her. Yeah. [multiple speakers] The old people will be getting together. [laughter]

Bridge Littleton: The question is, what time are you going to bed?

Dev Roszel: Yeah.

Bridge Littleton: And one last thing is we do have to actually vote on the resolution.

Dev Roszel: Oh, Okay.

Chris Bernard: You should stick around for this part. [multiple speakers] This is where the fireworks are at. [multiple speakers]. This is where you find out who likes you.

Bridge Littleton: All right. So I hope it passes. Is there a motion? Yeah. Cindy.

Will Moore: One second before you lead the motion I was just sharing with Dev that I don't make resolutions, but I have a goal for 2021.

Bridge Littleton: Oh boy.

Will Moore: And that is and I'll share it with you as well. My goal is for the members of the Planning Commission to finally learn how to pronounce Dev's last name. [laughter] I simply know it because it's a Winchester name. Roszel not Roszel. [multiple speakers]

Chris Bernard: Read the motion again.

Will Moore: It's a long story about that I'll share with you another [multiple speakers]

Cindy Pearson: Yeah, there's a long story about that with some other names around here, so I know where you're coming from. [multiple speakers]

Bridge Littleton: Well, the best thing was, is it's actually spelled out there completely, HH.

Dev Roszel: Yes.

Bridge Littleton: And I'm like, no. Dev Roszel. Yeah. [laughter]

Dev Roszel: Well thank you.

Bridge Littleton: So Cindy are you're going to make a motion?

Cindy Pearson: I am. I move that council adopt a resolution extending its appreciation to H. H. Dev Roszel.

Everybody: Roszel.

Cindy Pearson: For his services on the Economic Development Advisory Committee from February 28th 2019 through December 31st 2020.

Darlene Kirk: Second.

Bridge Littleton: Any discussion? Other than to say thanks.

Everybody: Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: All those in favor say aye.

Everybody: Aye.

Bridge Littleton: Opposed. Abstentions. It passes. Dev, thanks a lot.

Dev Roszel: Thank you all very much. I really appreciate it. [applause].

Bridge Littleton: [multiple speakers] Take care.

Rhonda North: And Mr. Mayor, I will note that Council Member Daly has now joined us.

Bridge Littleton: Oh, he made it.

Darlene Kirk: Here he is.

J. Kevin Daly: Thank you [off mic]

Bridge Littleton: Yeah he is. He's in the middle.

Cindy Pearson: In the middle okay. [off mic]

Bridge Littleton: So, hey, Kevin, for the roll call, just say your name nice and loud and clear.

J. Kevin Daly: John Kevin Daly.

Bridge Littleton: It was almost like you were here. Yep. Maribe, how are ya?

Maribe Chandler-Gardiner: I am very sad. I can't hear anybody. [multiple speakers] [off mic]. I mean, it's very difficult for everybody. And I sent in my resignation because I wear hearing aids. But between that and this so we'd have a meeting and the meeting would be over and [inaudible] say, hey, what'd y'all talk about [off mic] You're losing it. And so I wish a lot [off mic] I have been on this committee since it first started with Peter Woods and we had the country fair out there and I have met and enjoyed a lot of people and I have had fun being a part of it and hope that it continues and it will grow. And it is. You know, it's [inaudible] it has led to helping Middleburg be a destination place now. So I'm happy for everybody that's working on it. And it's a lot of work.

Bridge Littleton: That's for certain.

Maribe Chandler-Gardiner: So I leave you in good hands. The Art Council has some wonderful, talented and hard workers, so thank you very much.

Bridge Littleton: Well, now we're doing a resolution. So give me a moment. I will read this. So this is a resolution of appreciation service on Middleburg Art Council, Maribe Chandler-Gardiner. [off mic] Gardiner, I always get it wrong. Okay, whereas Maribe Chandler-Gardiner was appointed to serve on the Middleburg Art Council on June 11th, 2015, and whereas during her tenure was an active participant in the committee's discussions, providing practical suggestions and ideas from an artist's perspective, was very generous with her gifts, often her work for activities and support of local causes, and volunteered along with her husband during Art in the Burg and Foxes on the Fence. And whereas Ms. Chandler-Gardiner resigned her seat on the Middleburg Arts Council effective November 18th, 2020. Whereas the town council deemed it appropriate to express its gratitude to Ms. Chandler Gardiner for her personal dedication and exceptional service to our community over the past five years. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the mayor and members of the Town Council of Middleburg, Virginia, recognize and express our sincere appreciation for the exemplary services of Ms. Maribe Chandler-Gardiner as a member of the Middleburg Arts Council from June 11th, 2015 through November 18th, 2020, and express our profound thanks to her and hope for her continued success in life. [applause]

Maribe Chandler-Gardiner: Gardiner.

Bridge Littleton: Gardiner. Got it. Yeah, I had it right.

Maribe Chandler-Gardiner: It's spelled nice but it's just Gardiner.

Bridge Littleton: So would anybody like to make a motion?

Cindy Pearson: I'll make it.

Bridge Littleton: Okay, Cindy.

Cindy Pearson: I move that council, adopt a resolution extending its appreciation for Maribe Chandler-Gardiner for her service on the Middleburg Arts Council from June 1st, 2015 through November 18th, 2020.

Darlene Kirk: Second.

J. Kevin Daly: Second.

Bridge Littleton: Any discussion. All those in favor say, aye.

Everybody: Aye.

Bridge Littleton: All opposed. Abstentions. All right, the motion carries. Maribe we have.

Maribe Chandler-Gardiner: Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: For this for you and also.

Maribe Chandler-Gardiner: Made wonderful friends here, too.

Bridge Littleton: Well, and we expect to see you often.

Maribe Chandler-Gardiner: Thank you if we're [inaudible] have just call me. I say if you want to come and stand around. Turn around. We'll take a quick picture.

Danny Davis: You want to stand. All right, one, two, three, very good.

Bridge Littleton: Perfect.

Maribe Chandler-Gardiner: Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: And then this is just a paperweight with the town's seal on it.

Maribe Chandler-Gardiner: Oh, how nice. Thank you so much.

Bridge Littleton: You bet. Well, thank you so much for all you did.

Maribe Chandler-Gardiner: Oh, I made great friends, had a good time, and I'm still here, so. [multiple speakers]

Bridge Littleton: Don't worry when Art in the Burg comes back we're calling you and Frank.

Maribe Chandler-Gardiner: Yeah. Okay. Thanks so much. [off mic]

Bridge Littleton: Thank you.

Danny Davis: Here I'll get the door for you. Do you want me to get the door for you?

Maribe Chandler-Gardiner: Yeah.

Bridge Littleton: All right, next is Tanya Taylor.

Rhonda North: I'm not sure whether she's here or not, but we can do her resolution and get it to her later.

Bridge Littleton: Okay. All right. Well, let me just read the resolution real quickly. Resolution of Appreciation Service on the Go Green Committee for Tanya Taylor. Whereas Tanya Taylor was appointed to serve on Go Green on June 28th 2018. And whereas during her tenure, Ms. Taylor assisted in the organization of the 2019 Wellness Day, as well as participated in the Town Clean-Up Days. And whereas Ms. Taylor resigned her seat on Go Green effective December 17, 2020. And whereas the Middleburg Town Council deems it appropriate to express its gratitude to Ms. Taylor for her personal dedication and exceptional service to our community over the past two years. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the mayor and members of the Town Council of Middleburg, Virginia, recognize and express our sincere appreciation for the exemplary services of Ms. Tonya Taylor as a member of Go Green from June 28th, 2018 through December 17th, 2020, and express our profound thanks to her and hope for her continued success in life. Would anyone like to make a motion.

Peter Leonard-Morgan: I'd like to make a motion.

Bridge Littleton: Peter, please.

Peter Leonard-Morgan: I move the council adopt the resolution extending its appreciation to Tonya Taylor by serving on Go Green from June 28, 2018, through December 17, 2020.

J. Kevin Daly: Second.

Bridge Littleton: Any discussion? All those in favor, say Aye.

Everybody: Aye.

Bridge Littleton: Opposed abstentions. Motion passes. All right. Danny. We are ready for Peter.

Danny Davis: I don't see Mr. [off mic]

Rhonda North: I spoke with him on the phone. He indicated he'd be here so.

Bridge Littleton: Okay.

Danny Davis: I was looking outside for him but I don't see him there.

Bridge Littleton: Okay.

Danny Davis: I'll make sure he's not in the back.

Bridge Littleton: Perfect. [off mic] I think it was Maribe's. She was in a BMW [inaudible]

Rhonda North: Yeah. Her ride was coming back to pick her up at like 20 after so.

Bridge Littleton: All right.

Chris Bernard: Nailed that timing by the way.

Rhonda North: [laughter] Yeah.

Bridge Littleton: Okay, we'll do the resolution. So this is a resolution of appreciation for assistance with Seven Loaves Food Drive to BAC and Peter Hitchens. Whereas due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual Christmas in Middleburg event was canceled for 2020. And whereas a number of other activities were developed by the Middleburg Business & Professional Association and or the town of Middleburg, in its stead that not only to promote Middleburg, but also assist those in the community who are in need. And whereas one of those activities was the collection of food donations for the Seven Loaves Food Bank's Annual Food Drive. And whereas to assist with the event BAC and Peter Hitchens donated a truck to collect the food donations and delivered them to Seven Loaves. And whereas BAC and Mr. Hitchens have expressed an interest in continuing to collect food donations on behalf of Seven Loaves throughout the year. And whereas Middleburg Town Council deem it appropriate to express its gratitude to BAC and Mr. Hitchens for their wonderful contribution, both in December 2020 as well as in the future to assist those in our community who are in need, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the mayor and members of the Town Council of Middleburg, Virginia, recognize and express our profound thanks for the contribution of BAC and Peter Hitchens to the Seven Loaves Food in December of 2020 and express sincere appreciation for their efforts to support Seven Loaves in the future.

Bridge Littleton: [inaudible] that one. Is there a motion. [off mic]

Chris Bernard: I move that council adopt a resolution extending its appreciation to BAC and Peter Hitchens for their contributions to the Seven Loaves Food Banks Food Drive in December of 2020, as well as their efforts to support the food bank in the future.

J. Kevin Daly: Second.

Bridge Littleton: Any discussion? I think the only thing I would say is if I heard it right, they literally got like a ton and a half of food.

Chris Bernard: It's crazy.

Bridge Littleton: Yeah. And raised something like five thousand dollars.

Danny Davis: It was in the thousands.

Bridge Littleton: Yeah. It was three to five thousand dollars what they raised and it was all Peter's idea. So it was fantastic. [multiple speakers].

Danny Davis: And I will note they've expressed an interest in continuing this throughout the early part of this year, at least because I know that for Seven Loaves there's more than just food needed, but also daily goods for those less fortunate. And so as that continues on, we will continue to spread that and encourage that and assist however we can as well.

Bridge Littleton: Yeah, it was well done. Okay. All those in favor say Aye.

Everybody: Aye.

Bridge Littleton: All those opposed abstentions. And the motion carries. Okay, thank you all very much for putting that together. Next item I see Bundles is here, so we're going to jump to her. [off mic] What's that. [multiple speakers]. She's the white haired lady who's really boisterous.

Darlene Kirk: Really loud. [off mic].

Bridge Littleton: Yeah. Way in the back. Way in the back.

Chris Bernard: [inaudible]

Bridge Littleton: Yeah, exactly. [inaudible].

Danny Davis: Oh, boy. Welcome.

Bridge Littleton: Well, Ms. Murdock.

Bundles Murdock: Hello I'm not speaking. I'm just listening, right.

Bridge Littleton: Oh, no, no. This is known as the Bundles Murdock Noise Ordinance.

Bundles Murdock: Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Yes.

Philip Miller: We noticed you were making a funny noise out in the lobby. [laughter]

Bundles Murdock: I was. [multiple speakers]

Bridge Littleton: So how long has that bottle been chilling?

Bundles Murdock: Awhile thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Okay, good. Let's see here, Rhonda, I think you had the memo on this.

Bundles Murdock: I believe you published my letter. I had to hear about it in a field from one of the people who doesn't even live here. That's a little loose of you [off mic].

Bridge Littleton: Excuse me, ma'am. We haven't open the floor to you yet. [laughter] So, Rhonda, do you have anything or just want it turned over to Bundles?

Rhonda North: We can just turn it over to her. The only thing my cover [multiple speakers]

Bridge Littleton: Ma'am you can now speak.

Bundles Murdock: Okay, so I'm sorry that I wrote such a loosey goosey letter because I didn't know it was going to be shared with the whole wide world. But I write like I speak. So the only thing I'm [inaudible] so hopefully you will pass the noise ordinance. So then I start worrying that we should make sure that it's loose enough to take care of [off mic] horrible tree damage in somebody's building or themselves and their car is in danger. Of course, they should be able to go and make a terrible noise on a Sunday morning at 6:00 a.m. or something. If there's you know, it's going to have some.

Bridge Littleton: Caveats. [multiple speakers]

Bundles Murdock: Protections. Yeah. And I still I think we should go beyond the four that I mentioned.

Bud Jacobs: To six.

Bundles Murdock: To six. What are the other two Memorial Day and Labor Day?

Bud Jacobs: Yeah [off mic]

Bundles Murdock: And that's it. So just do it.

Bridge Littleton: So, you know, noise means noise, which means no wild parties over on Blue Ridge so.

Bundles Murdock: So and I know we have a noise ordinance and you're not really supposed to hear it off a certain of feet or something off your property. And music is a big [inaudible] construction workers. It was today I heard it in the street a little bit down from a certain property where they're doing building.

Bridge Littleton: Oh.

Bundles Murdock: It's very cheerful. [laughter] And it would be great if I was in Mexico having a margarita. It sort of made me feel like I was there. But I think we should make sure that it's not just the banging but the fiesta music [off mic].

Bridge Littleton: Sure.

Bundles Murdock: And that's all I have to say.

Bridge Littleton: Well, Ms. Murdoch, thank you so much.

Bundles Murdock: You're not even going to discuss it?

Bridge Littleton: Of course, we are.

Bundles Murdock: Oh good.

Bridge Littleton: I mean, yeah. Now comes the fun part. Okay, so Danny, or Rhonda are you guys taking this one?

Danny Davis: So I think really it's a question for council if you are interested in pursuing this and looking into this. If so we can craft language and come back to you with a draft ordinance. In speaking with the town attorney I believe we have the authority to set that it is something you can do. I think one of the questions that needs to be discussed is do you want to make the ordinance on those holidays, match weekend requirements or to be more restrictive as in limit noise completely in terms of construction type activities? So those are some of the factors and conversation that I think either need a conversation now or if you want to take this up at a future meeting.

Bridge Littleton: Okay, so I think let's just go around the room and see where everybody's head is. I mean, I read through everything and I sort of have some thoughts, but Bud you wanna go first?

Bud Jacobs: Well, I support the initiative. I think it's important. It's not clear to me what it is, the ordinance, what the ordinance would say. Are we banning construction completely on the designated holidays or are we somehow trying to limit the noise that such construction produces? In my own case, I would vote to ban it completely. That's kind of where I am on this. And the noise from the music we also have that problem on some contractor work that's being done on our side of the town. The music is actually more annoying than the sound of the construction, in my view. So I don't know that the ordinance I read it, but I don't know with respect to construction or lawn mowing activities or whatever, I don't know if music is mentioned specifically, but maybe it should be.

AJ Panebianco: And the music is in the noise ordinance itself. There are some decibel levels it'd have to hit. Yeah. It rarely will hit that. It requires a lot louder than what you're hearing most of the time, unless you're really on that site and from where you're at. However, we haven't had any calls, so we haven't had the opportunity to explore. So if you have a noise problem, give us a call we'll come explore.

Bud Jacobs: The instance that I'm talking about Chief, we didn't call the police people were installing a patio in the back of one of our townhouses. And the work itself didn't produce any noise [multiple speakers] but the music did, and in fact, nobody from our HOA complained. It was loud enough that a neighboring HOA complained. And the owner of the property where the work was being done instantly shut it down. So there was no need to we didn't think about calling the police frankly.

AJ Panebianco: And usually it can be handled that way.

Bud Jacobs: But if you hadn't been there to do that, then that might have been a different situation.

AJ Panebianco: So real quickly, I think when you start looking at crafting something like this, it's going to be important to define what you deem as construction. On Christmas Day if somebody gets a swing set and it's a wooden swing set like Darlene has in front of her house and somebody has to put it together and they might have to use a saw or something like that, is that a variance or are you looking at banning commercial construction that is not an emergency. Like somebody who's got a tree fell on their house. Obviously, you're going to do what it takes to secure the home. But in general, are you looking at banning commercial construction on those holidays? And I think that would probably fit with the discussion or as I read it was probably aimed at I don't anticipate somebody at home painting their house or somebody at home, you know, building a dog house on the Fourth of July, because that's the day they have to do it. Is the target of this. I think you're really talking about commercial I'm expecting.

Bridge Littleton: [inaudible] I think you have to be careful about music, too, because music has First Amendment protections, whereas construction noise [multiple speakers].

AJ Panebianco: Yeah, and it's just noise in general. [multiple speakers].

Bridge Littleton: Music versus something else because then you're. Yeah. You're picking a winner.

AJ Panebianco: It's noise in general.

Darlene Kirk: Can you say outside music versus.

AJ Panebianco: It's just a decibel level.

Bridge Littleton: Decibel level it's how loud you can hear it. Yeah. Yeah. Go ahead Cindy sorry. [off mic]

Cindy Pearson: I think that you have to remember too that the working group of people only have certain days off and they might want to build that dog house on the Fourth of July. It might be the only day they get an extra day off, you know, the major holidays. So you have to be careful, too, on that, in my opinion.

Bridge Littleton: I mean, the type of activities, fine, right? You can say, you know, commercial level, residential construction, no, you know, home improvement, fine or whatever. Darlene what do you think?

Darlene Kirk: The only one I really had any qualms about at all was the Fourth of July, because it's so noisy that day anyway, and some people do want to have outside picnics with their family and they may have music going. That's the only one that I thought of the four.

Bridge Littleton: Okay, Philip.

Philip Miller: I mean, the problem I saw was the music. You know, it's probably the most annoying part. We all just in some ways have to kind of deal with that because of its First Amendment protections. But I don't know how that's got to be written in terms of decibel levels. But I defer to staff on what the right thing to do there is. And what's the golden rule?

Bridge Littleton: Chris.

Philip Miller: No problem with extra days.

Chris Bernard: Yeah, I think just being careful about the and we talked a little bit about it earlier is defining that line between the kind of commercial permitted work and the kind of handyman trying to fix something on Christmas Day work. So as long as we have that straightened, I think it makes sense.

Bridge Littleton: Peter.

Peter Leonard-Morgan: Yes, I'm in favor of it. I'd be very interested to know whether any other jurisdictions have this sort of limitation in place. Other towns.

Bridge Littleton: I'm sure, some do.

Peter Leonard-Morgan: In Loudoun County, even in Virginia. I'm curious to see maybe there is a precedent there. But I certainly think commercial, you know, building a house can stop on those days. But obviously, homeowners doing reasonable work that's not annoying other residents and not going above a decibel limit to me, that shouldn't be an issue.

Bridge Littleton: And Kevin.

J. Kevin Daly: Definitely commercial grade construction going on on a Sunday or major holiday. I'm just looking at the Middleburg code is page 6302 and they define decibel means a unit for measuring the volume of the sound equal to 20 times the logarithm to the base ten of the ratio of the pressure of the sound measured to the reference pressure, which is 20 [inaudible], 20 micro tons per square meter. How do you measure that? [multiple speakers]

Bridge Littleton: AJ is going to use his iPhone. AJ's got an app for that.

AJ Panebianco: We've got a device for that. [off mic]

J. Kevin Daly: I'm just looking at the definition and I'm your average Joe [inaudible]. I have absolutely no idea what volume of my radio boombox is going to cause it to go over 20 times the logarithm to the base 10 of the ratio, the pressure of the sound measured to the reference pressure.

Bridge Littleton: Buy a sound meter.

Danny Davis: He was at 55. Right there. [laughter] [off mic]

J. Kevin Daly: Okay. I think you need to write this so that a layman can understand it without additional equipment or we're going to end up having to call AJ or a patrolman, an officer over to make the measurements.

Danny Davis: I do know that whether we want it in the code or not, there are examples that we can provide that says, you know, a lawnmower at this distance has approximately this decibel level. General talking in person is approximately this decibel level. Again there's a distance base there, too, which is the challenge because what is talking to you at five feet versus 20 feet. But but yes, I mean, in terms of the official measurement, we have that piece of equipment as required.

Chris Bernard: Well then when Bundles goes out waving the town code at the neighbors she can say lawnmower at 20 feet.

Bridge Littleton: Oh no no she goes out with a cowbell.

AJ Panebianco: I've seen her direct traffic. So it's okay.

Bundles Murdock: So can I just add something about noise level back to the old council. When Darlene and I were there, we talked about it a lot when Salamander was built because of the events given. Do you remember that, Darlene.

Darlene Kirk: Yes.

Bundles Murdock: And I think that's where some of this started. So that was what my issue [multiple speakers].

Bridge Littleton: Yeah, well, and the fair thing is, you know, you have to have some type of objective standard to measure it by. Because when you say a lawnmower, is it a push mower or my dad's bad wing. They're both lawn mowers. Right. And so that's why it's got that formula in there that you would use the device. And if it hits the line, it hits. It's like a speedometer. Right. I don't care if the speedometer is this big or this big. It's got to be an objective [multiple speakers].

Chris Bernard: They sit there and they [multiple speakers] turn it down. Sorry.

Bridge Littleton: Exactly. So but okay, I would say the same. I mean, I think everybody is in agreement that we'll just start calling them Bundles Days. You know, make a lot of sense. And we're not trying to like stop anybody from painting their fence or building a dog house. But, you know, commercial type construction is what we don't want. And then and I think they're, you know, just make sure that whatever you guys come back with, you know, from the input also whatever the penalty mechanism still works. So if you have to adjust the penalty mechanism, adjust the penalty mechanism. So is that.

Philip Miller: I mean, I think just the issue is going to be enforcement. Right. It's going to have to be maybe a warning system because people are going to start construction. They're going to hire somebody. They're not going to look up our noise ordinance. They're not going to know what to expect.

Bridge Littleton: They're going to come see Will.

Philip Miller: Well, that's my point is we need to communicate but then we also need to make sure that, you know, they're actually informed because the person filing for the permit is not necessarily the people turning on the music at the worksite.

Bridge Littleton: Yeah, but I mean but that'll be AJ to manage.

AJ Panebianco: And to be honest, we rarely get a call for noise violation. I mean, probably three a year.

Bridge Littleton: Yeah. AJ let me ask you a quick question. And this is I'm thinking about Lost, whatever that brewery is in the West. So there adjacent to town, you know, with Virginia lane. If they have something on the noise, it's over there. Are you able to enforce? That's why I thought, Okay, if we had a cooperative agreement with the county, could you or the sheriff?

AJ Panebianco: Well, it depends on where the line is. We got a certain amount of jurisdiction outside but it's [multiple speakers].

Bridge Littleton: They border town.

AJ Panebianco: It's very limited. It's like 300 feet from the town line. [multiple speakers].

Chris Bernard: So it's probably just limited to the railway. Right.

AJ Panebianco: But we can also I mean, I think we'll be able to address that. We were able to, you know, meet with the other end of town when they were building a [inaudible] down there and knew there were going to be some outside events and they just complied to you know we understand. It's there not out in the woods.

Bridge Littleton: Okay.

AJ Panebianco: So we'll see where that goes when it starts. And if we start getting complaints we'll start addressing it.

Bridge Littleton: Okay. All right. Thanks. I just was thinking out loud since we're talking about noise. Oh, wait. Bundles was there anything else you had?

Bundles Murdock: No, I just want to say that my real thing was the construction and it was extremely noisy. And both those builders were very, very local. So it wasn't somebody who'd come from who knows where they both live around here and were here a lot.

Bridge Littleton: Okay.

Chris Bernard: Is there an opportunity to maybe if we do this to send the word out to local contractors and just say hey heads up we modified this.

Bridge Littleton: Yeah, yes, sir.

Bud Jacobs: But to be clear for this piece of it, we're talking about construction on certain days without reference to how much noise that construction may make. It's all these days [multiple speakers].

Bridge Littleton: Silence. [multiple speakers] Silence. Or you know, who we're calling.

Bud Jacobs: Bundles.

Bundles Murdock: [multiple speakers] show up at the site.

Bridge Littleton: [multiple speakers] Oh, yeah. Yeah. Everyone knows.

Philip Miller: Bundles will be back in two weeks asking for victory over Japan Day, [inaudible] Day, Columbus Day. [laughter]. Every 3rd Tuesday. [multiple speakers] Boxing day. [multiple speakers]

Bridge Littleton: Hey Groundhog Day. [multiple speakers] It's going to be like the United Kingdom. They have like thirty one bank holidays or something. Okay.

Bundles Murdock: Thank you very, very much.

Bridge Littleton: You're welcome.

Bundles Murdock: I really appreciate it. I think and I also wanted to sort of push it now because we will have some construction at Salamander.

Bridge Littleton: Oh yeah.

Bundles Murdock: So I thought the sooner we get this going. Not to mention the two houses been built right next to me, but I've already talked to that person who is building. [multiple speakers].

Bridge Littleton: In the lot, right behind you?

Bundles Murdock: Hmm?

Bridge Littleton: In the lot, right behind you?

Bundles Murdock: Yeah two houses.

Darlene Kirk: In that lot.

Bundles Murdock: Yeah. And he said he would never, never work on those days anyway. And he's being, you know, I had the discussion with him, but I'm worried about [multiple speakers] [laughter].

Bundles Murdock: So thank you very much.

Bridge Littleton: Yeah. Direction is not discussion.

Bundles Murdock: Right.

Bridge Littleton: Okay, Bundles, thank you. I appreciate it. [multiple speakers]

Darlene Kirk: Thanks Bundles.

Bundles Murdock: Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: All right. On to the staff reports. Stuart.

Danny Davis: I don't believe Stuart's on, but if you don't mind, [multiple speakers] I'll just very briefly let you know, I've tried to keep you up to date on the well four issues and we did successfully run a backwash cycle this past week with no impact on the system. And it actually ran very smoothly. So we will be automating that to begin on Tuesday night, January 19th, overnight hours, and that will run every two weeks on an automated schedule that should reduce or hopefully eliminate issues of discolored water by users, as that's happening overnight. We also just completed flushing last night and it went very quickly and effectively and no major issues with that. And then I will let you know we do have a potential sewer main that's got some clogging in it, on East Washington Street and so that will be jetted out and cleaned out tomorrow. So we will have traffic control as appropriate. So I just wanted you to be aware [off mic] there.

Cindy Pearson: Is that what all the stuff was on the road for?

Danny Davis: Actually, no, VDOT apparently, from what I understand, drew that down. I thought it was related to the hydrant flushing. Stuart did not think it was. But regardless, I think there were some water down there across the road on Sunday night, I'm sorry, Monday night, Tuesday night.

Cindy Pearson: Monday [off mic] Tuesday morning.

Danny Davis: And so when he came in, there was a lot of salt and stuff down there. So as far as I know, not related at all to the sewer issue. But other than that, we're making good progress on our water system. And we did include some of this information in the water bills that just went out. So if you read the Middleburg Memo, we provided more information about why does this happen, what happens and what we're doing to take care of that. Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Any questions for Danny? All right, Rhonda.

Rhonda North: Okay, so the big thing I've been working on is the town hall project that reports coming up shortly. So I won't talk about that. Danny and I will be meeting next week with Swagit to talk about some of the upgrades that they now have to the system, things like incorporating zoom into Swagit. So we're going to explore what new services are available and we may be implementing some of those that will hopefully make the meetings a little easier. We're continuing the Town Treasurer and I to work with MCCI to develop a pilot project that would allow the payment of meals taxes online. And then finally, I have picked up again on the town code update, specifically working to combine the water and sewer ordinance into one ordinance. And hopefully that will be coming before you here in the next few months.

Bridge Littleton: Any questions for Rhonda? All right, Jamie.

Jamie Gaucher: Mr. Mayor, thank you. Members of council. I just wanted to highlight a few things that are included in my report. Are efforts around the weekends during December were relatively well received. The miniature Christmas

trees, the live music, the complimentary hot cocoa and the horse drawn carriage rides specifically were very well received. With our partners, Market Salamander and Scruffy's specifically, the town provided six hundred and fifty complimentary cups of hot cocoa. And we also provided forty eight carriage rides and those sold out in about 48 hours. That was great. I expect to provide a more detailed report around the Christmas activities with the President of the MBPA at our next meeting. Additionally, I am working with Loudoun County Economic Development to develop a workforce support program that is specific to Middleburg. We're probably looking at either the second or third week in February to do a webinar focus specifically on workforce issues here in town. And then lastly, I want to point out that from a social media perspective, the town's Instagram account grew by almost 67 percent. Our Twitter account increased by 20 percent over the year and our Facebook account, saw an 18 percent increase in page likes during the year of 2020. Those are all compared to the previous year. So that is a dramatic set of moving forward, of evidence that we are moving forward in that direction. Outside of that, I would welcome the opportunity to answer any questions that you might have.

Bridge Littleton: Any questions for, Jamie? All right, Jamie. Thank you, Will.

Will Moore: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Members of council, you have my report, I just want to highlight one thing with regard to the Residences at Salamander, we are approaching the end of this iteration of the construction plan review, and they are getting very close. There are still some things that will need to go back and forth revision. But from an engineering standpoint, they've made great strides over the previous iteration of the plans. We're starting to get into some of the finer details. This morning the Streetscape Committee was looking at the planting plan for street trees, for example, where we're looking at the light fixtures they are proposing for street lamps, you know, those kind of fine details. So we're getting very close on that. I did see some eyebrows raised when Bundles mentioned homes being built next to her. So that is something that will be coming to you at some point in time. That proposed developer is working with an engineer, there are no public utilities, water or sewer in that particular block of Blue Ridge Avenue. So that developer would need to extend those public utilities in the public street. And that will require action by my council to approve the extension of those utilities. So that will be coming to you at some point in time in the future with the engineer submits those plans. Otherwise, I'd be happy to answer any questions you have on those or anything else in my report.

Bridge Littleton: Will I have one quick question. The lots behind Bundles, was that one or two lots already?

Will Moore: It was already two lots.

Bridge Littleton: And what's the footprint the homes going to be?

Will Moore: Well, these are 7500 square foot lots. I would anticipate something similar to what you saw with the infill, the three infill homes on Reed Street, just north of the library. That's something that the same dimension of lots and those homes maximized the footprints of these may have to be a little more narrow because the developer, those homes on Reed Street are back fed by a driveway. So they didn't need to necessarily accommodate a driveway. This developer is anticipating doing a shared driveway, which would straddle the property line, but that would need to move at the homes a little bit further off of the side setback line. So they might not be quite as wide as those homes on Reed Street, but it would be something probably similar.

Bridge Littleton: Okay, yeah.

Darlene Kirk: Didn't we at some point plan on talking about making the size?

Bridge Littleton: Yes.

Darlene Kirk: Yeah. And I think we need to do that because that's just really ruined some of [inaudible].

Bridge Littleton: So, you know, we've talked about and Terry I think and Bud, you know, the Planning Commission was going to take a look at it. So let's you know, I guess my recommendation would be let's try to have something that we can start to get our hands around in the next month or two.

Will Moore: Okay, I can certainly broach that with the Planning Commission. I think their intent was to do kind of a holistic update and package and ship to you at once. But we can certainly talk about maybe parsing out the items that would be related to that development.

Bridge Littleton: And I mean, that's, you know, from a from a [inaudible] perspective, that's how the county is doing it. Take it one piece at a time. And right now we're on, I don't know what the hell we're on.

Will Moore: Mr. Jacobs. And I can certainly present that discussion to the commission later this month.

Bridge Littleton: Okay, perfect.

Bud Jacobs: It's in your report Will you want to give council just a brief summary of the Planning Commission discussions in the last meeting?

Will Moore: Certainly. And I've not looked at my report since I sent it to you. So but what the what the commission did to essentially kick off their their updates of the ordinance was to first revisit the comp plan, which is the the way things are supposed to happen, so the comp plan contains basically seven topical chapters each, which has an overarching goal, and then certain strategies to support that goal and then additional text that gets into finer detail. So the commissioners basically did some prioritization of certain strategies. And it was a very good discussion of some of the discussion that came out may not even end up being related to ordinance amendments. It's just issues facing the town overall. But it was important to put those out there. It's back in staff's hands now. And basically we're going to take those priorities that the commission presented to us. We're doing analysis of our ordinances to see what are the related elements in our ordinances to those priorities. Are there changes needed to those elements in the ordinances, or is or are the ordinances currently silent on some of those priorities and we need to add something do we need to modify? So within the next few months, we'll be presenting some ideas to the commission, different options as to how we could start to address those priorities through ordinance update.

Bridge Littleton: Darlene.

Darlene Kirk: I just want to say I agree wholeheartedly with Bridge that we need to see something on the size of houses on lots sooner, and that needs to be, like you said, a couple in like two months because, I mean, it could easily. [multiple speakers] Yeah, yeah. So let's do that.

Will Moore: Understood.

Bridge Littleton: Any other input or questions for Will in his report? Kevin or Peter? [off mic] Okay, A.J., thank you Will.

AJ Panebianco: Thank you. Been a while.

Bridge Littleton: Yeah, we missed you. Where'd you go? [off mic]

AJ Panebianco: One good thing to report is that we have begun scheduling those officers who are interested in getting the Covid vaccine for the Covid vaccine. [off mic] anything other than that, if you got any questions, let me know. [off mic]

Bridge Littleton: Yeah, he I think you and I talked about this. I didn't know he was from down in Sandy Point, so that was pretty fun. Any questions for AJ? Philip.

Philip Miller: What's the plan for the hands free driving education push.

AJ Panebianco: We have the signs going out tonight. We've been pushing on social media and we will be and we have been working the intersections. And we're going to do that in two man teams where I see somebody, they stop them when

they see somebody I stop them. We'll be in a position where one [off mic] give them warnings at first and then in February start [inaudible] enforcement.

Philip Miller: Thank you.

AJ Panebianco: We are a walking town so [off mic].

Philip Miller: There are more cases of that than Covid.

AJ Panebianco: [off mic]

Philip Miller: Wow, wow, great. Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Any other the questions for A.J.?

Darlene Kirk: [off mic]

AJ Panebianco: [off mic]

Chris Bernard: [off mic] [laughter]

Bridge Littleton: I love how vermin is a protected species.

Danny Davis: And so we we are working with our our water tower contractor. They hope to be out here I'm hoping within a month to two months because they're the ones actually climb up, but working with them and USDA together, then we can make the [inaudible]. And that really is the thing that keeps them away for an extended period but we'll continue looking at other options.

Bridge Littleton: Okay. [off mic]

Danny Davis: Even the shooting and all that, they'll come back. So the [inaudible]. [off mic] [multiple speakers]

Bridge Littleton: Okay, A.J., thank you. I appreciate it. Yeah.

Danny Davis: I wasn't sure if Peter or Kevin.

Bridge Littleton: Peter or Kevin got any questions for A.J.?

Peter Leonard-Morgan: I did. Chief, I'm looking at you from above. By the way. I have one question. [inaudible] Road coming into town where it becomes North Pendleton, what, 25 miles an hour, I've been doing a bit of jogging up there and I'm very slow so I have a lot of cars coming the other way while I'm in that section before Salamander and they're flying into town. I just wondered if you noticed that whether.

AJ Panebianco: We work that often. We'll get the guys back out there. We work it a lot more during school when school was operating on a more regular schedule. But yeah, I'll get the guys back out there and working it. That's no problem.

Peter Leonard-Morgan: Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: All right, A.J., thanks. So real quickly, I want to and just but I'm going for the planning commission. One thing I want to note, I've just pulled up Realtor.com so, you know, Will was saying that on those two lots, they're thinking of houses like on Reed Street. Well, one of the two main priorities in our comp plan is affordable housing. That house on [Inaudible] Street right now, which has a contingent offer, is one point one five million. Yeah. That's what we're building. We are not meeting the goal of our comp plan to have attainable housing. So we have got all the policy cover we

need to start addressing this. You know, and I mean, you know, there have really nice houses, but I mean one point one five million dollars. When you have an average household income of \$54,000, I don't see how teachers or anybody could live in Middleburg. Yeah, Okay. Next item is town attorneys. Oh, God. By the word, Martin. Anything for us.

Martin Crim: No.

Bridge Littleton: Thirty seven fifty, all right. Exactly.[laughter] Hey, Martin, real quickly, I do have a question? Do you do is there anything on the agenda with the up with the session that's just starting that you think we should be wary of or concerned about?

Martin Crim: I was just seeing an email regarding some FOIA statutory changes that I'm concerned about. There's extensive changes being advanced to the police records releases, including a requirement that the locality go to court to protect certain records rather than having the person requesting them to take us to court. That's going to mean a lot more court appearances if we need to invoke that and may have other knock on effects, because it primarily relates to records relating to interviews with people, for example. And although we can redact the names, there's always going to be a lot of identifying information besides the name. [inaudible]. So I would I would, just now, just this afternoon, found out about it. So I will work with A.J. to suggest that we oppose that. That's one thing that really caught me.

Bridge Littleton: Well, all right. And as you hear things that you think are a concern, please let us know A.S.A.P..

Martin Crim: Will do.

Bridge Littleton: All right, thank you, Rhonda, Town Hall.

Rhonda North: Yes, Mr. Mayor. So you have my report. I'll just highlight a couple of things. We did have a kick off meeting last week and Glave and Holmes, the architect, has submitted a draft schedule. We have asked them to expand that schedule a bit so that we have a few more milestones in there. The space needs study meetings are scheduled tomorrow with the staff scheduled Tuesday with the council so that Glave and Holmes can verify that the space needs study from 2018 is still valid or updated if needed. And after that, they'll begin working on the schematic design. They will give us some options to choose from. Those are due on February the 26th. We anticipate on March the 1st and 2nd we will be meeting with individual members of council to review those options, see if we can find a consensus on one that everyone's comfortable with. And then our hope is to get that to the HDRC during their March meetings so that they can approve at least the siting and the massing, so that we can then move forward and start working on the design development. So things are moving. They're going to move at a very fast pace.

Bridge Littleton: Great.

Danny Davis: If I may have one update from today, we meet Julie and I met with Davenport that obviously is our financial adviser and would advise us on bond issuances. And so we'll be providing you more information as we go through the budget. But we talked through some options of if we want to look at what's considering taking advantage of the low rates as they are right now. And so we'll bring back options on that. So it may not be as late as initially thought, which says December. [off mic]

Bridge Littleton: So tell us if it changes. [off mic] Darlene.

Darlene Kirk: [off mic] January 3rd, 2022, [inaudible].

Rhonda North: I just oh I'm sorry. It should be December. December 2020.

Bridge Littleton: No, no, no. It's December.

Rhonda North: December 2022 is what is what is our goal for moving into the new town office.

Bridge Littleton: No, no. You have now committed to June 2022. It's on paper. Danny has published it. It was reviewed multiple times by staff. So great. We really appreciate the commitment to speedy delivery.

Danny Davis: [off mic]

Bridge Littleton: We will pass that ordinance as soon as the building opens. It'll be our first action in the new building.

Rhonda North: Yeah, that should have said Town Hall opens January 3rd, 2023. Yeah. Move in the last week of December 2022. [multiple speakers]

Bridge Littleton: Boy, you really skipped it.

Philip Miller: These are goals.

Rhonda North: These are goals.

Bridge Littleton: World War two we one in 11 months. Okay, next item here is COVID.

Danny Davis: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. The information that is in the report is still valid, as you know [inaudible] shared with you, the vaccination process is underway. I will say that a number of residents have expressed not directly to us, but to others that is difficult to call in to the number to get scheduled for the vaccinations. They have asked over and over that, if you're interested, if you fall within the categories of phase one B that you email them to to get scheduled because it's much more efficient for them, as also shared with you as government elected officials. You are in phase one B, but the ninth and the last priority. But when those become available, we will inform you of that. If you have not already received it due to being in a different category, that might have a higher priority. As you know, the Cares Act funds were extended for use through 2021. That does not affect us because we had expended them all, however, we will continue to stay up to date on programs related to Cares Act funding, as well as the president elect's stimulus bill, which was released just before or details were issued just before our meeting tonight on one point nine trillion, I believe was the recommendation. We do expect some sort of state and local revenue, replacement funding, support funding, at least as was previously proposed by the House. So we will continue to also keep up to date and inform you when we hear more about that. Finally, excuse me, I would just note for any of the businesses and as you meet with businesses throughout town, if you hear them express concerns about their financial challenges or other issues related to COVID, if they have not yet applied for a PPP grant or loan or if they have not gone through other programs, please have them reach out to Jamie. Because Jamie can walk them through their options, especially with the new funds going to the PPP. At this point, the Commonwealth's Rebuild Virginia program has exhausted all their funds. But we think that the governor may be putting more funding into that in the next period of time and may require legislative action. So we'll continue again to keep that updated and wanted to let you know and we'll be happy to pair those people with the right folks as needed. So happy to answer any questions if you have any.

Bridge Littleton: Any questions for Danny?

J. Kevin Daly: I have a question. Danny, there was an update to the Loudoun County COVID-19 report they have now or they modified the one B criteria to include personnel 65 years of age and older. And I believe I also saw that for people under 65 with underlying health issues such as auto immune disease. Have you gotten that or is that is that verified?

Danny Davis: That does sound correct. I do know I will say this. I do know that the Commonwealth lowered the age to 65, but I have not seen anything specific at this time from Loudoun County because the health department is trying to manage their specific allocation of vaccines. And so we will let you know as soon as we get that information when or if it is updated and provide that to you. Also, of course, put that on our Web page. Looking at their current dedicated site to the vaccine they have not updated it, as far as I can tell, to include the lower age bracket.

J. Kevin Daly: Thank you, Danny.

Bridge Littleton: Only thing I was going to add is we had a [inaudible] meeting last night and Dr. Goodfriend was there. We've reached out to the county and so well to back up. So there's a certain amount of the population who are nervous about taking the vaccine. And some of them, it's you know, they don't want to have the first batch of it. Well, it's all the same batch. So and the second thing is there's the I've heard that it's like someone's going to inject me with a microchip. So there's yeah AJ's nodding his head. [laughter] You know what? You've already got it. It's in your hand. [picks up phone] Yeah. Yeah. [Multiple Speakers]. But so we reached out to the county a couple of weeks ago and said, hey, if it would help to instill public confidence in the vaccine, would you be interested in doing a vaccine event where all the mayors got together and got vaccinated at the same time? So they've come back and Dr. Goodfriend has come back and the County Communications department, I guess, whatever it is, it said, yeah, that's a good idea. The board wants to do the same kind of a thing. So maybe everybody do it together all at once. And then we're you know, the idea, too, is potentially if Council Member members want to do it. So as we get closer to phase 1B 9 the county is going to take the role, the lead in organizing anybody who wants to do one or maybe there's two separate events. But, you know, a number of public officials all getting stuck at the same time to let people know it's safe, have confidence in it and stuff like that. I was talking to two people at Safeway who said, oh, no, no, I'm not going. I'm waiting till next year. I'm like, you realize we're already in 2021. You know, if you said that in December, I wouldn't be worried. But, you know, so as we get more info, we'll let everybody know. But if you're interested in participating in that, I think it helps people, you know, hey, if it only helps one percent of the people in Loudoun County, that'll be 4000 people. Right so. Okay, next up is financial reports. And we know what that means.

Julie Rivard: Hello, everybody.

Bridge Littleton: Hello.

Julie Rivard: So we'll be bringing the financials to you next meeting. But this evening, what we have the town manager and I presented a short report that had an attached budget process timeline. I won't go through the timeline, but it is there for you to review. I will mention that we had some preliminary information regarding the real estate assessments. Overall, we're only looking at about a five and a half percent decrease. We are implementing well we're doing a phase.

Bridge Littleton: Julie that was Residential, though.

Julie Rivard: No. So it's across the board. So basically residential, all of the residential classes are showing either a flat line, either no increase or decrease or a small increase.

Bridge Littleton: Oh right. Yeah.

Julie Rivard: But our commercial assessments are showing about a 14 percent decrease. So when you take that into account as a whole, across all the assessments, we're looking at about a five and a half percent decrease overall. Also regarding our budget process, we're doing a phased in approach of a zero based budgeting. And I did a little explanation in the report of what that means and what that entails. With the upcoming budget that the town manager and I will be working on and that he will be presenting. We are building in a Covid plan, if you will, so that as we start into the new fiscal year, we will be ready if the pandemic continues so that we don't have to come up with a plan quickly that is different from our budget. As we start the new fiscal year, we'll have something in place to where we can choose what needs to be done and it will allow you to freeze certain things, not spending. And we'll know what those items are ahead of time. So we already have it planned and figured out. And so we'll be presenting that to you. It'll be very similar to the COVID plan that we are using currently. So you will recognize it. I'm looking forward to bringing the six month financials to you at the second January meeting. So we're looking forward to that. [laughter] [off mic] And I'll have some analysis, some additional analysis for you at that time as well. So that's pretty much it. Do you all have any questions?

Bridge Littleton: Any questions for Julie? No.

Danny Davis: And we will be presenting that information to the Finance Committee as well on the 26th. So we'll actually have an opportunity to discuss and share that with them on Tuesday, the twenty sixth. And if anything comes out of that, we'll report that back to you on the 28th.

Bridge Littleton: Perfect. Mr. Jacob.

Bud Jacobs: I'm a big fan of zero based budgeting exercises. That's not true. I actually hate zero [laughter] [inaudible] The ones I've been familiar with or involved in, have provided opportunities as line items were examined to provide either explanations or justifications for whatever number is offered. I'm going to assume that in your process, you guys will handle all of that.

Julie Rivard: That is correct.

Bud Jacobs: You will understand your explanations and rationalizations and there won't be any need for us except as consumers of the information at the end of the process to weigh in one way or the other.

Julie Rivard: That is correct.

Danny Davis: Because we don't intend to give you the [inaudible]

Bud Jacobs: Good, thank you.

Bridge Littleton: But you will have a from by to.

Danny Davis: From by to.

Bridge Littleton: From this by this to this.

Danny Davis: We can talk about what that looks like, I'm not sure I follow.

Bridge Littleton: Well, Okay, so like if AJ in his budget had, you know, bullets, handgun cleaner and whatever, and you guys said this doesn't make sense, why don't we just have gun repair? So we have changed the way we're budgeting it from that. And it's now called gun repair so that if I take last year's budget and I put it next to this year's budget, I don't care about the numbers. What changed and how you guys looked at, you know what we really don't need to do this thing anymore? Why do we keep budgeting it in? We haven't spent it for seven years. Get rid of it [inaudible] go, Okay, well, you always had a line for that and we don't have a line here anymore. Okay, why did we get rid of it. You know, that way we can it's almost like a well look at it that way track changes. And again, it will be about the numbers, but it also it's about, you know, if your police budget goes from 42 lines to 31, Okay, that's great. You know.

Danny Davis: How did that happen?

Chris Bernard: [multiple speakers] lines to get rid of. Just make a foot note or something.

Bridge Littleton: [multiple speakers]. Or maybe there's more lines, right? I mean, that's the thing.

Danny Davis: Yeah, absolutely. We'll be sure to mark that. I mean, if we're getting in a difference of eight hundred dollars or five hundred dollars, we're not [multiple speakers].

Bridge Littleton: Don't care.

Danny Davis: But as we go into either significant changes in dollars or lines that have been consolidated, added or taken out, yes [multiple speakers].

Bridge Littleton: That would be my biggest thing is like is there seven lines or each were a thousand bucks? You got rid of all of them.

Danny Davis: Sure.

Bridge Littleton: You know. Okay.

Danny Davis: Absolutely. And we'll also make sure that the way we present it to you, even if it's changed slightly from last year, at least will provide you data that is consistent. So as you look at one page, you can see what that is for a prior year. And if it's zero this year, you'll know that if it has split into two [off mic], we'll be able to provide that.

Bridge Littleton: Okay, cool. What have we got next? We've got.

Bud Jacobs: Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Thanks, Julie.

Julie Rivard: Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: The consent agenda, meaning the minutes. Is there a motion?

Philip Miller: I move, we adopt the consent agenda as proposed.

Chris Bernard: Second.

J. Kevin Daly: Second.

Bridge Littleton: Would anyone like anything removed from the consent agenda? No. All right. I should have done that first. All those in favor say Aye.

Everybody: Aye.

Bridge Littleton: Opposed. Abstentions. Okay. Next item. We're done with Ms. Murdoch. Now on to Mr. Miller and Ms. North.

Philip Miller: So with this most recent snow that then quickly turned into rain and ice, I had a number of people mentioned to me that certain businesses did not clean up in front of their storefronts. I also had businesses say that when VDOT came through and cleared our parking spaces, it took all the snow that they had just cleaned off and put it right back onto the sidewalk. And of course, it did freeze pretty bad over over the next couple of days after that snow. But I also noticed, and I've already discussed this with Danny and with Bridge, we didn't have a really good response on the areas that we were responsible for. So I just wanted to open up discussion to see if we could look at amending our ordinances. And if that means adding, you know, penalties for people who don't do it or warning systems or if it's not done within twenty four hours, the town can go ahead and do it and charge back to the business. Just want to make sure, we're a pedestrian town, that we get this cleaned up and, you know, we don't have a hazard because you know how those bricks get. Those bricks one person walks over the snow and the next thing you know.

Bridge Littleton: It's dangerous when it's dry [multiple speakers]

Philip Miller: It's dangerous when it's wet. Yeah, exactly. I mean, I just want to make sure that we take a look at the ordinances. And I wanted to open up for discussion if anybody else had ideas or concerns or if anyone else heard complaints.

Bridge Littleton: Oh, I heard complaints from the same people you saw. [laughter]

Philip Miller: But I mean, I walked through town and I took some pictures and there were probably six businesses that didn't clean in front of their storefront. A couple of them were really bad and really icy and very I mean, they were precarious. So I just want to hopefully we can incentivize them.

Danny Davis: I will say after further reviewing through our code, we have the ability to conduct the activity and charge the property owner. And any charge over two hundred dollars then remains unpaid, can constitute a lien against the property like taxes. So I think there are a couple of things we can do. One is a continual reminder and information to the property owners, especially those who did not demonstrate attentiveness to it this past time, but then as well, make sure that we are talking to them during the snow and if we need to take care to take care of it right away. We also do need to make sure that we're taking care of our areas. And I totally own that one. And we will make sure that we're paying as close attention as possible in case we've missed a section that we are responsible for. And then finally, I will note I already discussed with Will and we will find a good solution for this. Any time that VDOT comes and plows through the street is going to result in some snow being pushed back either across your driveway or up against the curb again. And for those areas where we have the ability to help make sure that things clear out we will take those activities or we will work again with the property owners in those particular areas. So I know it's frustrating. It's frustrating for me in my own driveway when you get done two hours of shoveling and VDOT plows it back with three feet, sometimes that's just the way it goes. So we will, though, I completely understand, we will work to make sure that we do what we can so that pedestrians are safe, patrons can access our shops, and get in and out of parking spaces.

Bridge Littleton: Chris.

Chris Bernard: Does it make sense to put together, like, prewrite an email, because these things are never a surprise and then if it's going to snow on Thursday you send out the email on Tuesday to any property owners or businesses, [multiple speakers] anyone you have and just say, hey, by the way, please make arrangements. If you need help then maybe if we know the four or five places ahead of time.

Philip Miller: [off mic] make like a nice graphic.

Danny Davis: Sure. Yeah, absolutely.

Bridge Littleton: Snow man. Yes, sir. Bud.

Bud Jacobs: Oh, I'm sorry. Go ahead.

Bridge Littleton: No, no, go ahead.

Bud Jacobs: Philip, did you have any changes to the ordinance to propose or?

Philip Miller: I wanted to discuss it with everybody and see what they thought was best. And also, like I said, I wanted to talk about our approach to it because I know we had some hiccups in this last one. But I didn't have anything specific that I thought I knew that we would need to communicate it better with the businesses and do better at reminding them. But I wanted to just open up the discussion to see if anybody had suggestions for changes.

Chris Bernard: Educate first and see how it goes.

Bridge Littleton: I think it's actually not a bad idea if the week before November, every year Jamie goes around and sees all the main businesses and gives them a sheet. Remember, snow season's coming up. If you're not going to do it, make sure you hire somebody to do it because you know, it [multiple speakers] Yeah, exactly.

Chris Bernard: Pre holiday thing they have every year.

Bud Jacobs: So I have to say, I agree with that. It's one thing to use a word like educate to describe this process, but that's actually too soft an approach, in my view. This is a public safety issue and it ought to be a direct I don't know what the word is Philip but admonishment that this needs.

Bridge Littleton: Stern reminder.

Chris Bernard: I was going to say reminder.

Bud Jacobs: Yeah, but this needs to be taken care of and we're not really going to forgive any more [multiple speakers].

Bridge Littleton: Yeah. I mean, it's and if you don't, we will and charge you.

Chris Bernard: Yeah. And this is the reminder so that you can't say, oh, I didn't know.

Bud Jacobs: Exactly, yeah.

Philip Miller: And I mean, I think we need to make it clear that it needs to be done like our ordinance says. I didn't even know this until I read it earlier within six hours of snow stopping because I mean, we've got people doing it days later and it's just [multiple speakers].

Chris Bernard: No one reads that right. So it's put that in the email or the letter. It says, here's what it is very basically.

Bridge Littleton: And Martin Crim is willing to do your shoveling for you for free. [laughter]

Bud Jacobs: Did you see his head wave [multiple speakers]

Martin Crim: It does need to be a two pronged approach. You inform and you enforce. And I don't think we've been enforcing from what I'm reading the ordinance, reads fine, it's very direct, but I think people are not either adhering to it or they're pleading ignorance. But as we all know, ignorance of the law is no excuse. We need to inform and enforce.

Bridge Littleton: In the words of a great rapper and reverend, it's Hammer time.

Danny Davis: Oh, my word. [laughter] [multiple speakers]

Bridge Littleton: Exactly. All right. Any other input on snow removal? Okay, next item, and Danny if you don't mind bringing it up that'd be great. For those on the TV screen, I actually printed this out as well. So if you want to take one or two and pass it down. So there was and Bud I didn't realize you went last night. That's great. There was a hearing last night about a potential development in Aldie. And so I just want to bring everybody bring everybody up to speed.

Danny Davis: I'm not, sure. I can share it right now.

Bridge Littleton: Yeah. Hey, Kevin. Peter, do you guys have the email I sent earlier with this picture on it? [multiple speakers] Okay, so here's what's going on, MOJAX had to deal with the county where they were going to pay MOJAX one point five dollars million for the 18 to 20 acre parcel that's in St. Louis near Mount Zion Church. And then what it was, is, if you remember MOJAX, which is Jack Andrews and Hobie Mitchell were going to develop, I think, 30 homes on the 18 acres. And they got in a bunch of trouble because they disturbed wetlands and didn't get permits. And all that stuff is still, I think, being worked out. And the community there and us were very concerned about it. And the county and MOJAX had reached an agreement where they would pay him or they would pay MOJAX one point five dollars million, which would be the loss of value from developing it to put it in conservation easement. And they were putting conservation easement. So as Mike Turner expressed in the county board meeting last night, they had a closed session. Everybody agreed to the deal. It was done. Come back a month later. Well, unfortunately, nothing was actually put into a contract. So then, as I understand it, the MOJAX developer said, no you know what I've changed my mind. Now I want something more and here's the something more they want the county owns, obviously the county firehouse, about six

acres all around that. So it's including the little Mattingly's building all the way down to the old Aldie Tavern, which is right there as you come into town on the south side. It's that white building. It's kind of deteriorating. It's boarded up. The county owns that too. So the county originally bought all that for about one point seven million dollars, and that was where a firehouse was going to be. [off mic]. And then the community and Aldie in the, you know, village alliance and all that stuff, they really worked hard with the county over a three year period. And the county bought another piece of property down on 15 and said, we're not going to put a firehouse here. So everybody felt success. Hooray, but the county still owns the property. So fast forward a couple of years. MOJAX comes back to the county and says, yeah, that one point five dollars million deal, that's not the deal anymore. I also want to get this six acres. So MOJAX owns the land up the mountain behind it. And so what the proposal is and there's money going back and forth. So there's, you know, some money is going to go into escrow. So the county is going to put like six hundred thousand dollars in escrow to repair the old tavern and then MOJAX pays some money, but then they get a credit for it's basically what's happened is Aldie's being sacrificed to preserve St. Louis.

Darlene Kirk: Yikes.

Bridge Littleton: And so he I keep saying he but Mo Jacks has pulled these two transactions together and sort of created a take it or leave it kind of deal for the county. What you have in front of you is their concept plan of what they're going to develop on that piece of property, 35,000 square feet of commercial. [off mic] In Aldie where the current firehouse is over to the Tavern. Now, they would restore the tavern. So if you look at this map, that red square, the red box, that's where the tavern is. [off mic]. I put on there about where the existing firehouse is. What you see is what will be built that's there, you know, because everything else is just that is manning these little building and that's about it. So this is what it would look like with the parking lots and all that kind of stuff.

Darlene Kirk: [off mic] Behind.

Bridge Littleton: It would be all behind it. So they would tear down the firehouse and all up behind it, sort of going up the hill before you get to Mount Aldie is where they would build it all.

Cindy Pearson: So then Aldie would have no firehouse?

Bridge Littleton: Well, they weren't going to have one anyway. It's going to be built down the road.

Bud Jacobs: It will be down by [off mic].

Bridge Littleton: Yeah, and they're going to build a bigger, fancier fire, so we'll have fire brigades. So anyway, so there's been a lot of folks who've reached out to me over the last couple of weeks on this. A lot of community outrage.

Darlene Kirk: Yes.

Bridge Littleton: We are the only municipal government anywhere near Aldie's that are really asking for our help. We had a [inaudible] meeting last night. All the mayors are absolutely against this. You know, I'm not going to say the EX word, but there was a strong feeling that this was, you know, sort of an unsavory untoward pressure put on the county. Because they really want to protect this St. Louis piece. And they've been put in between a rock and a hard place. And they've really sort of been, I would say the county's been thrown under the bus.

Cindy Pearson: What happens if they don't do it?

Bridge Littleton: So then what MOJAX, I don't know what would happen. But the deal is right now, if you don't give me Aldie I won't protect St. Louis. I'll go develop the 30 homes there. [Multiple speakers] That's the threat.

Chris Bernard: Weren't they running into issues doing that anyway?

Bridge Littleton: What's that?

Chris Bernard: Building the 30 homes out there?

Bridge Littleton: No, I mean, you know, there's certain wetlands and those would be accommodated for. But as of right now, Okay, they don't get 30. They'll get twenty seven.

Chris Bernard: Yeah. But obviously they prefer to do this.

Bridge Littleton: I think they want to do both.

Darlene Kirk: I think so too.

Bridge Littleton: So but, they're getting this kind of a thing off the back of the county. Right. And when it was just the St. Louis deal that made sense. Right. I'll put in conservation easement. You give me the value, my loss of value. I'll agree to not build on it. He'll still own it. I mean, they will still own it and get the tax [multiple speakers] stuff. But now they use that commitment to leverage against them and it's really gotten bad.

Darlene Kirk: Traffic through Aldie's is bad enough.

Bridge Littleton: Well, that's the other big thing, I think there's a hundred spaces here. [multiple speakers] There is one hundred spots here and a brewery. Can you imagine the traffic coming out there right at the Aldie Bridge.

Chris Bernard: It won't be long before that bridge gets turned into a serious roadway.

Darlene Kirk: [multiple speakers] A serious wreck.

Bridge Littleton: [multiple speakers] county was that bridge is never going to get wider. You know, people coming flying up and down that road at night leaving a brewery. I mean, that's just.

Chris Bernard: [multiple speakers] it is that they put this size development it's only it's only a matter of time before that bridge gets wider. They'll find a way.

Bridge Littleton: Well you can't [multiple speakers] it's historic.

Chris Bernard: And so is the fire house. [multiple speakers]

Darlene Kirk: Not really but you can build another. You can build the road around it.

Bridge Littleton: [multiple speakers] They're restoring the tavern. They're not tearing it down. They're restoring it. [multiple speakers]

Darlene Kirk: About, like my cousin lived behind the firehouse and those houses back there and they were always under water.

Bridge Littleton: Oh, yeah. No, no. Oh, you mean before the bridge, though?

Darlene Kirk: No, actually behind the fire [multiple speakers].

Bridge Littleton: Yeah. Those will be gone. [multiple speakers]

Darlene Kirk: Well, that's still floods back there.

Bridge Littleton: Well, I got you.

Chris Bernard: This is big enough that there's enough money in it [multiple speakers].

Bridge Littleton: So, I mean, you know, MOJAX, they're, you know, a sophisticated developer. They have not put this together lightly.

Darlene Kirk: No, I say [multiple speakers].

Bridge Littleton: So long story short, everybody in the community is against it. Everybody and Aldie's is against it. I spoke at the board last night, although it didn't come through very well. But I think I sent you all a copy of what [multiple speakers] my comments. And my comments basically were, you know from a responsible government perspective, if this was just a big flat piece of dirt somewhere, yeah, go sell it. Right. But this is a historical area. It's a historical village the look and feel and everything is important. And there's a historical building on it, which is the old tavern, which is like 250 years old. And I said we had our Aldie property it's called Asbury, you know, and we ran a public process where we wanted to make sure that what happened with the property met with the vision, the value and the wants and needs of the community. It wasn't about the money. It was about what was going to be done, was going to be done right. And it was going to preserve the history. You know, the county has not run a public process. They haven't gone out there and asked for bids. This thing came up and they now don't get me wrong, they've had public hearings. They haven't done anything illegal. They're not required to list it for sale, but they should.

Darlene Kirk: Yeah.

Bridge Littleton: All of this energy coming around this last couple weeks a bona fide offer has already gone into the county. So my point last night, too, was there is interest in other options that the county should be considering, so [inaudible] is going to write a letter some other folks are doing some stuff. I think it would be great if we, as a full council sort of reiterated, you know, you really need to do this the right way and give them our documents of what we did for our RFP, you know, get members of the community find the right thing for this property. You know, the whole thing of the you know, I promised you this and back in this and whatever, that we don't need to worry about that. Let's, you know, let's speak what good government is to good government. So that's the deal. I just want to, you know, see how everybody feels. Yes, sir. Mr. Jacobs. And Bud was there at the hearing last night.

Bud Jacobs: Yeah. I want to share some of that, if I may.

Bridge Littleton: Please.

Bud Jacobs: The other part of this development, which people have to bear in mind, is that not MOJAX but another one of Jack Andrews' companies owns Mount Aldie behind the property that this map depicts. And the other part of the deal is he would gain permission to cut an access road up to the top of his property where he proposes to create a park. And one could be forgiven if one had any skepticism about what that really might look like, if he and his company have his brothers, that land behind is currently under a conservation easement with Virginia Land Trust, who have stated on the record, we haven't heard anything from anybody about any of this. So there's a whole other dimension to this that if you looked at it with quiet eyes, you also could be forgiven for having some skepticism about the intentions of the various parties that are involved in this. At the hearing Ms. Randall made it very clear. She explicitly stated, let me be clear, there will be no homes ever constructed at Middleburg Preserve II. That's the property over in St. Louis. And she also indicated and my theory is that our mayor was able to perhaps offer her some alternatives, one of which she fleshed out a little bit at the hearing, which was to ask the county attorney for his tally of the value associated for MOJAX with everything that's gone on over at the property in St. Louis. And that number is two point seven million dollars. And that is not an outrageous amount of money for the county to spend to simply take the property in St. Louis and make it a park. And it seemed to me from her discussion and she was quite unequivocal when she made these comments that she seemed quite willing, if necessary, to forego all of this and simply condemn the property in St. Louis and move on down the road. So to me, it's there's a possibility that input from us could be quite impactful and encourage her seems to me we want her to do that and encourage her and the county supervisors perhaps in that direction. The supervisors, I don't think, need to be told to be skeptical about all this. It was very clear from a couple of comments that they get it. They know what's going on

here. And I think there's even a recognition, which I certainly never heard expressed with regard to Banbury Cross. But there were even explicit comments made by supervisors about the impact this development would have on traffic [multiple speakers] So they got all that now, whether they would act on all that as a separate question, of course. So I guess what I'm suggesting is that we in whatever we say to them publicly maybe it's worth separating the issues. In other words, I wouldn't talk so much about this development as much as I would encourage them in the direction we'd like them to go with respect to the so-called Middleburg Preserve II over in St. Louis. Did any of that make sense?

Darlene Kirk: You confused me at the end.

Bridge Littleton: I think what Bud is saying is let's just encourage them [off mic] Middleburg Preserve then that goes away.

Chris Bernard: Because they have nothing to trade.

Bridge Littleton: Right. There's no horse trading anymore [multiple speakers] they'll end up selling it. But then they can have public [multiple speakers]

Bud Jacobs: It'll be separated. Bridge said there is a new offer. There is another developer who has made a realistic bonafide offer on that property. [multiple speakers]

Chris Bernard: So if St. Louis goes away, then MOJAX has no leverage to be able to get [multiple speakers] take care of one you eliminate the other.

Bridge Littleton: Exactly. So does anybody have any questions? Let's go around the room. Philip.

Philip Miller: No, I mean, I'd much prefer the [inaudible] option, as Bud said.

Bridge Littleton: Okay, Chris. Cindy. Darlene.

Darlene Kirk: Yeah, I'd like for both of them to go away. You've gone down to the city, so you know how bad it is going there through Aldie. But yeah, I like what he suggested.

Bridge Littleton: Yeah. I mean, I think if the other thing went then this guy who put in another offer is actually a better deal. And what he wants to do is restore the tavern and, you know, rent it or sell it as a home and then put the rest of it in easement. Yeah. So maybe, you know, I think what he said was he would tear down the firehouse, maybe put a country store there, but leave everything else the same.

Philip Miller: Yeah. I just can't imagine what the traffic for thirty five thousand.

Bridge Littleton: Thirty five thousand square feet of commercial. [multiple speakers]

Cindy Pearson: Where it's on one little road.

Chris Bernard: Yeah. [off mic] houses are over on the other side.

Philip Miller: Yeah. Exactly, I mean it would be insane. It would be. I mean how many, how many square feet do we have in Middleburg?

Bridge Littleton: Oh God. I mean it's let's put this way, the Safeway is what twenty thousand? [off mic]. And so there's a Safeway and it's almost two Safeway's.

Bud Jacobs: It's two Safeway's. Yeah

Philip Miller: Two Safeway's, that's just too much.

Darlene Kirk: Are we going to have staff then Danny come up with a letter for us.

Bridge Littleton: Yeah, Okay.

Darlene Kirk: And at our next meeting?

Bridge Littleton: No I think we we need to get it over there quickly because it's going to their next meeting for a vote.

Darlene Kirk: Good, good.

Bridge Littleton: Peter or Kevin, do you guys have any other questions?

Peter Leonard-Morgan: All in favor of a very strong letter. I can't imagine a public hearing would be very in favor of this MOJAX proposal in Aldie park. I mean, it just doesn't make any sense here. That road is so narrow. We all travel it the stone bridge is narrow, even for two normal cars. So, yeah. I mean, let's do the letter and make it strong.

J. Kevin Daly: I'm ready to sign the letter. [laughter]

Bridge Littleton: Well that was definitive.

Philip Miller: Maybe tell them they can host their town hall here since it's so close.

Bridge Littleton: Yeah exactly.

Philip Miller: Watch everybody show up [multiple speakers] [laughter]

Bridge Littleton: Okay, Danny, I'll work with you guys tomorrow on the bullet points then we can get it ready. I think if we can get it good to go and have everybody sign it on Monday we can fight it off to the county then.

Danny Davis: Sounds great.

Bridge Littleton: Okay, cool. Next item. [off mic] What's that?

Darlene Kirk: When's our next vote? Are you going to attend?

Bridge Littleton: Oh yeah. Yeah, I'll go. It's going to be their first meeting in February.

Darlene Kirk: Okay.

Bridge Littleton: Okay, next item is solid waste issues. Boy that's a.

Darlene Kirk: Well that's fun.

Cindy Pearson: Really I was going to say [off mic]. [laughter]

Bridge Littleton: Where did Will Moore go? You know, he used to be here. [off mic] [multiple speakers]

Danny Davis: He's coming down. Spiral staircase.

Cindy Pearson: Yeah takes awhile.

Bridge Littleton: [inaudible] people don't want their resolutions I guess we got to move on.

Darlene Kirk: Next.

Rhonda North: I hear him. [off mic]

Bridge Littleton: Oh, there he is.

Will Moore: Oh, sleepy up there. [laughter] [multiple speakers]

Bridge Littleton: Oh, well, that's what happens when you drink on the job.

Will Moore: Hey now.

Bridge Littleton: Well I've seen those little airplane bottles he's got up there.

Will Moore: Those are not mine. [multiple speakers]

Bridge Littleton: Doesn't mean, you can't drink them.

Will Moore: So this is really just an information item. You know, we've had discussion back in November about one particular location that we were having some issues with in terms of the amount and of refuse and recycling that was being set out and the method of containment or lack thereof. So we did work with that restaurant and they took us up on the offer to site both a refuse and a recycling dumpster at the town shop. That's a little over a month into its implementation now, and it's working mostly very well. We did have a slight issue during the week that we had the snow with [inaudible] getting here to actually empty it so that created a little bit of an issue. But it really seems to have addressed that problem in particular. So now we're going back and looking at the ordinance to otherwise see how we might be able to head off these kind of issues in the future. We have some ideas and we'll be returning to you at your next meeting with a proposal for some potential amendments to the code. We do think I think it's important to point out that we do think we can do this in a manner that will not discourage recycling, that we can still do it in an unlimited fashion, but we can tighten up some of the language within. So looking forward to presenting that to you at your next meeting.

Bridge Littleton: Awesome. Thanks Will, good job. Anybody have any questions for Will?

Peter Leonard-Morgan: Yes Will, kudos to you all for arranging that with the restaurant in question because I know, we all tried a bit in the beginning. Where there any issues with regard to getting it down the hill during the snow? I mean, that was one of the problems that I came across originally.

Will Moore: Yeah, it's interesting. The restaurant has not reported any issues to us with that whether during normal times, which it's still not the most pedestrian friendly street, whether or not there's snow and ice, but they've not reported any issue with getting it down the hill.

Peter Leonard-Morgan: Thank you.

Cindy Pearson: It did look so much better on Tuesday [multiple speakers] I thought, well, something's going on here. Yeah.

Bridge Littleton: No, we really appreciate that and thank them, too, for, you know. [multiple speakers].

Will Moore: Absolutely. Yeah, absolutely.

Bridge Littleton: Okay, unless there's any other information items or action items. Anybody? Darlene.

Darlene Kirk: Well I just had [off mic] question.

Bridge Littleton: You're dot. [off mic] You're Mike.

Darlene Kirk: I know, I'm pushing it. What about the storage areas? What's going on with that?

Danny Davis: At wastewater, the maintenance shed?

Darlene Kirk: Yes.

Danny Davis: So our latest is that we evaluated that with a prefab builder, essentially kind of all in costs. And it was a significant amount more than we had originally thought. We also being in the middle of COVID right now, I think included that maybe a few meetings or maybe at one point when we discussed the COVID plan, that we would intend to pause that for now unless otherwise directed. You know, the initial cost I want to say was, what, three fifty?

Will Moore: Three thirty something. [multiple speakers]

Danny Davis: Which our recommendation at this time, is that we well I'll step back for a second and say, I believe in our last update, we indicated we had been able to clean out part portions of the maintenance shop [off mic] that allows us to at this time operate a little bit more functionally than we had previously. And our recommendation is let's design and build the town hall and see how what our needs are after we finalize completion of the town hall, whether it relates to parking or other things. And then at that point, we can see if we need to expand all the town shops or build this project down at wastewater. So we've been in constant contact with chief about that, obviously with Mr. Moore and with Tim Cole as well.

Darlene Kirk: The reason I brought it up is because I was down there, God knows why, but I was down there and I realized how large the area is.

Danny Davis: At wastewater?

Darlene Kirk: No, down the hill at the shop. And that is it's a really large area. And I thought it'd be easier for, like, if you had to bring things up, you know, to the town to use, like especially for the police, they could just literally bring it up the hill, be a lot easier to store it down there than out at the wastewater treatment plant. I just thought I'd mention that again.

Danny Davis: Okay, thank you.

Bridge Littleton: I was yawning. Any other questions for Danny or anybody before we go to a closed session? And we can take a five minute break once we go into closed session. No. Okay. Philip.

Philip Miller: I move that council, go into closed session, as authorized under Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia for one, the disposition of publicly held property related to Asbury Church, and two appointments to the Historic District Review Committee as allowed under subsection A one. I further move that council thereafter, reconvene in open session for action as appropriate.

Darlene Kirk: Second. [multiple speakers]

Bridge Littleton: Any discussion? All those in favor say aye.

Everybody: Aye.

Rhonda North: Mr. Mayor, we may want to do that one by roll-call vote just to be on the safe side.

Bridge Littleton: We will do a roll call vote. Chris.

Chris Bernard: Yes.

Bridge Littleton: Philip.

Philip Miller: Aye.

Bridge Littleton: Darlene.

Darlene Kirk: Yes.

Bridge Littleton: Cindy.

Cindy Pearson: Aye.

Bridge Littleton: Peter.

Peter Leonard-Morgan: Yes.

Bridge Littleton: Kevin.

J. Kevin Daly: Aye.

Bridge Littleton: Bud.

Bud Jacobs: Aye.

Bridge Littleton: How about that it passed. All right, we're in closed session.