

AT A JOINT MEETING OF THE DUMFRIES TOWN COUNCIL AND THE WILLIAMSTOWN HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 2012, AT 7:00 P.M., IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 17755 MAIN STREET, DUMFRIES, VIRGINIA:

THERE WERE PRESENT: Mayor Gerald Foreman
Vice-Mayor Willie Toney
Kristin Forrester
Helen Reynolds
Derrick Wood
Daniel Taber, Town Manager

THERE WERE ABSENT: Charles Brewer
Gwen Washington

WILLIAMSTOWN: Wade Menear, President
Christy Hart, Vice President
Brian Stefanilk
Joyce Stewart

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Captain Rebecca Edwards

IN RE: CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Foreman called the meeting to order. Dawn Hobgood, Town Clerk, took a visual roll call.

IN RE: DISCUSSION WITH WILLIAMSTOWN HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Mr. Menear noted the community remains concerned about the new playground. The property has not been enclosed, fenced in. People are going behind people's houses at all hours of the night. Almost everyone has a dog. When someone walks back there, one dog starts barking, which causes the other dogs to bark. At the very first public hearing, it was requested that the area be secured with some kind of fence, preferably something that would keep the noise inside. His property borders the old donkey farm. When he purchased the home, it was a quiet donkey farm. A rooster was the only thing that occasionally got on his nerves. Now he has a swing set 25 feet from his bedroom window. He felt it was poor planning to put a swing set that close to people's houses. The current fencing is dilapidated and falling down in 20-foot sections. When graffiti is found the HOA does everything it can to power wash it off and clean it up; however, there are sidewalks and streets with paint all over them. He guesses someone got a hold of a five-gallon bucket of paint and put handprints all over. Recently someone spray-painted Fort Henry Court and the HOA went out with parking lot sealer and covered it. He felt the HOA was doing their part on their property and asked that the Town to do their part on its property. The HOA painted all of its curbs yellow for no parking then the Town came in and halfway painted its own. He noted the job is still not complete. The circle at the end of Kearsage Drive has not been painted. The HOA was led to believe parking would be allowed down there, but that is where all the school buses turnaround, which if parking were allowed would not be able to do so.

Mr. Stefanilk was also concerned with parking being allowed.

Ms. Hart mentioned that a section of fencing has graffiti on it that belongs to Port-o-Dumfries. About three years ago, the Town tried to fine Williamstown for the graffiti and yet Port-o-Dumfries has not complied with fixing the problem. She was not sure it would be possible to get a light installed on Kearsage Drive. There is one main light along the whole street. She was sure the Town was aware of the crime happening in Williamstown because there is not sufficient lighting. The HOA is working on getting some lighting. The HOA found out who was responsible for the handprints and wanted to know why no charges were issued. She mentioned there are curse words on the sidewalk between Fort Donelson Court and Fort Pickens Court, as well as Kearsage Drive.

Ms. Stewart indicated that recently firearms have been discharged that no one seems to know anything about.

Ms. Hart explained the firearms are being discharged near the front and a high-powered rifle is being discharged behind the pool.

Mayor Foreman in response to Mr. Meaner's comments explained the Park is in Phase II. He noted the Park is event driven on some things and budget driven, with limited funding, to execute how the Park is going to be laid out. He mentioned it is logical that where they are at now would be the phase for fencing.

Mr. Toney advised the Park is in Phase II. Phase II consists of an eight foot fence that will be on three sides. Two sides will abut Williamstown and the other will abut Port-o-Dumfries. He mentioned things were considered like the proximity to the street and the noise that would be produced by young children versus the noise from the basketball court before the placement of the swing set occurred.

Mr. Taber clarified the fence will be an eight foot high black chain link. The front fence will have a wooden look to make it more attractive.

Park hours are from dusk to dawn.

Mr. Toney thanked Captain Edwards and Chief Forker. He mentioned the Chief had a study done that warranted some changes to the Park to make it a safe place.

It was stated that a six-foot wood privacy fence went all the way down Williamstown. It was asked whether any consideration was given to keep the fence. Mr. Toney recalled there was some issue about whether the fence was owned by Williamstown or the donkey farm. It was clarified that the fence does not belong to Williamstown and there are still pieces of it standing. Mr. Toney mentioned that the fence going up was to be two feet away from the other fence in order to keep from encroaching onto Williamstown's property. Mr. Toney advised that the matter would be brought up to the Ginn Park Committee.

Mr. Taber asked if the paint referred to earlier is from the spill that occurred at the corner of Old Triangle Road and Williamstown. Town staff was out there a week ago and was unable to remove the paint. Concrete paint has been purchased to cover the spill. A priority of Public Works will be to take care of the paint mentioned previously and the spill. The curbs will also be painted on Kearsage Drive. There was mention of an

extended yellow curb on Fort Henry Court that should not be there. Mr. Taber noted he would check; however, normally when there is a situation like that it is due to site distance.

Mr. Foreman clarified there is no longer a street light program through Prince William County (PWC) and any new development in the Town is required to put in curb, gutter, and lighting. If the light were placed in the parking lot, it would be the responsibility of the HOA. If the light were placed on a public street, it can be addressed by requesting one and then the Town Manager could provide funding for it in the budget or the HOA can pay to have one installed for \$12,000. A safety evaluation, a traffic study, and crime statistics are looked at to determine whether the Town will pay for the light. The Town also does not have a light program. It was mentioned that the HOA is working with the shopping center to get some lights in the field where a lot of crime is occurring now.

Captain Edwards noted there are suspects being sought out for the paint that was mentioned earlier that had handprints. Although no one witnessed the incident there were names written in the paint. She was not aware of any shooting that occurred by the pool and asked if it was recent.

Ms. Stewart called it in herself and PWC responded a couple of days ago.

Clarification was made that it was just shots being fired, no one was shot, and it was between 11:00 and 12:00 p.m.

Captain Edwards was going to call and get the report to look into the matter.

Ms. Reynolds told the HOA to let the Council know if there was anything they needed.

Mr. Wood had spoken with Public Works and apparently, someone is bringing in televisions and dumping them.

Mr. Menear mentioned there is a major problem with someone coming in and unloading trash on Kearsage Drive. Right along Fort Henry Court, someone has been placing 10 big black plastic bags either the night before or the morning of trash pickup.

Mr. Toney asked how many members were on the HOA.

Mr. Meaner noted there are five members with staggering terms of two, two, and one for a three-year term. He mentioned South Cove has a problem with trashcans being taken.

It was mentioned people are dumping trash from South Cove on the corner of Fort Sumter Court.

A brief discussion was had about the problem with getting replacement trashcans by the trash company the Town has a contract with. It was clarified that one trashcan was provided to each home and if that trashcan is taken, it is the homeowner's responsibility to purchase another one. If the trashcan is damaged the trash company will swap out the damaged trashcan with a new one. It was noted there is a serial number on all of the trashcans.

Mr. Toney mentioned hearing discussions about allowing South Cove residents to use the Williamstown pool.

Ms. Hart noted pool passes have been offered to South Cove for the past five years.

Mr. Toney recalled a discussion about having South Cove pay a set amount to help maintain the pool rather than buying an individual pass.

Ms. Stewart noted that because of changes in the law, Williamstown will not be allowed to let outside individuals use the pool unless it is brought up to Americans with Disabilities Act standards. She explained that would require a handicap lift and handicap accessible bathrooms. If South Cove would like to help pay to do that then passes can still be offered.

Ms. Hart explained the pool would not be open this year since it is being rebuilt.

Mr. Menear mentioned the backside of the pool is cracked.

Mr. Toney suggested getting the Port-o-Dumfries HOA involved too.

There was mention that Council would be looking at the rental inspection program. Mr. Toney mentioned that part of that policy could deal with the requirement of having a trashcan. It was noted the inspection would occur every four years unless there is a change in tenants.

Ms. Hart indicated there is an illegal daycare being run that is causing parking issues.

Mayor Foreman explained a flyer advertising the daycare needs to be provided.

Mr. Taber clarified that the Town can inquire to anything.

Ms. Forrester noted the daycare also has to be licensed with the State.

Ms. Hart believed she had a flyer.

Mr. Taber wanted the HOA to know he was very disturbed that the curb project was never finished that has been on going for several months and apologized for it. The curbs on Kearsage Court and the paint on the sidewalks will be a priority. He asked the HOA to get with Captain Edwards about the graffiti on the fence and the Town will deal with Port-o-Dumfries. He asked to be given two weeks to respond to all of the issues.

Mayor Foreman indicated National Night Out would be held this year on the actual night. He thanked Williamstown HOA for everything that they do.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Foreman adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by

Approved by

Dawn Hobgood
Town Clerk

Gerald M. Foreman
Mayor