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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dumfries Town Council
FROM: David Moss, Town Planner / Zoning Administrator
DATE: October 6, 2011
RE: Nominations for the Board of Zoning Appeals

The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) for the Town of Dumfries is a five member body. Each BZA member has to be resident of Town of Dumfries. Each BZA member is appointed by Circuit Court of Prince William County for terms of five years each. The BZA member shall not hold any other public office, except one member may be a member of the Town's Planning Commission. Nominees must be sent forward to the Prince William Circuit Court for final appointment.

The terms of two of the members of the BZA are expiring in November. The members are Bette Begley, Chair, and Milton Webb, Vice Chair. The terms expire on November 13, 2011. The Town recently re-nominated Helen Reynolds for her second term, and nominated Bob Price and Manny Uson for their first terms.

The Town Council can choose to re-nominate the two members for an additional 5-year term, or the Council can choose to advertise the positions and consider other applicants for the position. Below is a summary of the advantages and disadvantages of each course of action.

Option 1:

<u>Re-nominate Bette Begley & Milton Webb</u>	
Advantages	Disadvantages
BZA members are already trained in BZA issues	Fail to take advantage of other citizens interested in participating in local government
BZA members have served several terms, and are the experienced members of the current BZA	Other citizens might have additional ideas and input into the processes of the BZA
Allows long-serving members to continue to serve	
Re-nomination is speedier than opening up to new members	

Option 2:

Advertise openings for BZA members and consider other possible candidates	
Advantages	Disadvantages
Encourages other citizens to participate in local government	Existing BZA Members are current officers, so new officers would need to be elected (none of the members will have served in those roles previously on this body)
Possible expertise in Town that has yet to be tapped for serving the Town	BZA would consist of only 1 veteran BZA member (who has completed only 1 term)
Other citizens might have additional ideas and input into the processes of the BZA	2 new BZA members would require training, in addition to 2 recent BZA members appointed
	Process will vacate 2 seats while the nomination process prods along

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that Town Council re-nominate Bette Begley, Chair, and Milton Webb, Vice Chair, to the Town of Dumfries Board of Zoning Appeals and adopt the attached resolution.

RESOLUTION

Re: Nomination of BZA members

October 11, 2011

WHEREAS, Bette Begley and Milton Webb have faithfully and selflessly served the Town of Dumfries as members of the Board of Zoning Appeals; and

WHEREAS, Bette Begley is the current Chair and Milton Webb the Vice-Chair of the Board of Zoning Appeals; and

WHEREAS, the 5-year terms served by the members are expiring November 13, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Begley and Mr. Web have undergone training and attended various educational sessions related to the work of a Board of Zoning Appeals member; and

WHEREAS, the Ms. Begley and Mr. Webb wish to continue serving the Town of as members of the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Town places value in the continuing service of long-time residents and encourages the continued support of such valuable civic leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court appoints members of the Town Board of Zoning Appeals and to do so requires a nomination from the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby re-nominates Bette Begley and Milton Webb to serve on the Town of Dumfries Board of Zoning Appeals upon the expiration of their current terms.

BY ORDER OF TOWN COUNCIL

Fred E. Yohey, Jr., Mayor
On Behalf of Town Council

MOTION:

Date: _____

SECOND:

_____ **Meeting**

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

CERTIFIED COPY _____

Deputy Town Clerk