

**TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
May 11th, 2023**

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Sandie Pulchalski, Vice Mayor
Stephen Joseph
Aileen Joeckel
Robert Williams
Glenn Schagelin

Charlie Gibble-Town Clerk

Absent:

Charles Elliott, Mayor
Robert Bilicki

Town Council Meeting

Meeting began at 7:00 PM

Councilman Glen Schagelin prayed.
Pledge of Allegiance followed the prayer.

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Vice Mayor Sandie Puchalski called the meeting to order.

I. Public comments

Margo Digan spoke about how nice the tennis courts were starting to look with the cleanup and repairs.

She read a letter regarding the basketball court.

Margo's letter stated it has been very quiet at the basketball court with just one hoop.

She felt having two hoops and full court play would result with the same problems that had happened before.

Chris Wardius inquired about the pipe coming down Wachapreague Rd. He was asking if they were going to continue into town.

The council said this will be covered under HRSD.

II. Town Council Meeting

May 11th, 2023, minutes were reviewed.

- Councilman Stephen Joseph motioned to accept the minutes.
Councilman Bob Williams 2nd.
All agreed.

III. Review of Financial Report

Vice Mayor asked to review the town's financials for April 2023.

Councilman Glenn Schagelin motioned to accept the Ports of Wachapreague financials.

Councilman Stephan Joseph 2nd the motion.

All agreed.

- Mayor Charles Elliott asked to review the April 2023 marina financials.
- Councilman Glen Schagelin motioned to accept the marina financials for April 2023.
Councilman 2nd the motion.
All agreed.

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Maintenance

- Councilman Glenn Schagelin stated he got prices on a 42-inch cut zero turn John Deere mower at Pocomoke. The price was \$3300.00.
Councilman Glenn Schagelin motioned to spend \$3300.00 to purchase the mower.
Councilman Bob Williams 2nd the motion.
All Agreed.

Vice Mayor Sandi Puchalski stated that Richie fixed the other mower and mowed Seaside Park for the Coastguard change of command event held there.

B. Powell Park

Vice Mayor Sandie Puchalski said the lights have been installed on the maintenance converted shed and the Pavilion. Vice Mayor Sandie Puchalski stated that the tennis courts have been cleaned up and new nets have been installed on one side.

She also stated that Richie is working on the cracks on the tennis court. She said the guys need to spray the weeds. Vice Mayor Sandie Pulchalski has someone looking into a grant for repair or to replace of the tennis courts. She was told the only way to fix the tennis courts is to rip them out and totally replace. The cost to replace was over \$80,000.

C. Seaside Park

- Councilman Stephan Joseph said he would like to thank Sue, Paula, and Anne for volunteering and working on the garden at Seaside Park.

He said he was meeting with someone regarding estimates for additional work and clean up at the Park.

D. HRSD

Fred Janci spoke about the final agreements between the town and HRSD. He said it was his assumption that we were going to sign the contracts. Fred Janci said he would like to thank the council, especially Steve and Bob for working with him on the committee. Fred said we did exactly what we said we were going to do. We brought sewer to the town at no cost to the residents and with the choice of whether they want to hook up or not.

Councilman Steve Joseph said the contracts are at the attorneys now for review.

Councilman Glenn Schagelin recommended another company to do the work instead of Guarney.

He thought the town would save money using this gentleman.

Councilman Stephen Joseph stated at this point it is too late to switch contractors.

Fred Janci stated the town would not be saving any money using a different contractor. It is grant funded and if we save any money we do not get any extra.

Councilman Glenn Schagelin said his concern was saving the taxpayers money.

Fred Janci said we would have to start over if we decided to go with a different contractor.

Councilman Stephan Joseph stated that HRSD is coming down the road three miles on their dime.

HRSD hopes are that eventually that entire town will hook up to sewer.

Fred Janci stated that we asked for \$900,000 but only got \$590,000. We do have enough money to do the entire 17 hook ups that was in the original plan.

E. Derelict Properties

Nothing to discuss.

F. Marine

Vice Mayor Sandie Pulchalski stated the dredging was completed.

She stated we are waiting for reimbursement from the dredging.

She said the flounder tournament went well in spite of the bad weather.

Vice Mayor Sandie Puchalski also stated the Virginia Port Authority request was approved to reconfigure one side of the T doc transformation. The marina will acquire two additional smaller slips.

G. Tourism

Councilman Aileen Joeckel said she needs to create a tourism budget.

H. Floodplain Adm/CRS

Councilman Bob Williams spoke about a meeting scheduled for 10:00, May 25th with the raft committee.

He said they will be discussing a cell tower.

Councilman Stephan Joseph said there are two lots. One is in the marine protected area. The second lot is zoned agriculture and in the marine protected area. The problem with both lots is the location in the marine protected area.

He will need permission to use this ground.

Councilman Bob Williams said to make the drain system work the town would probably need to replace the entire system. He stated that Rob Duma is working on a system for the town.

Councilman Bob Williams stated the drainage system needs to be included in the town Comprehensive plan for us to receive grants.

Councilman Stephen Joseph thanked Fred Janci for all of his efforts to get sewer to our town.

I. Town Beautification

Councilman Aileen Joeckel said she appreciates all the work the ladies did at Seaside Park Garden.

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J. Safety and Security

Councilman Bob Williams made a motion to purchase a laptop computer to use for the town speeding sign.

Vice Mayor made a motion to go forward with purchasing a laptop.

Councilman Stephen 2nd the motion.

All Agreed.

K. Historic District

Nothing to report.

M. Streets and Drainage

Councilman Bob Williams said he would like the guys to clean the leaves out of the ditches.

Fred Janci said there is a pothole by the Lewis house.

N. Planning Commission

The Community Vision Session will be held at the Wachapreague Firehall, May 13th, 9:00 to 12:00 pm.

She stated that Greg Brittingham will run the program.

Councilman Aileen thought we should have 30 people.

Vice Mayor Sandie Pulchalski stated that Mary Jo wanted a portion of the meals tax to go to other areas of the budget.

Councilman Aileen Joeckel stated that would have to be added to the town's ordinance.

She stated that the council needs to make a decision regarding this.

O. New STR Rental Ordinance and the Bed and Breakfast Ordinance.

Councilman Aileen Joeckel motioned to pass the STR Rental Ordinance

Councilman Bob Williams 2nd the motion.

All Agreed.

Councilman Bob Williams made a motion to approve the bed and breakfast ordinance.

Councilman Bob Williams 2nd motion.

All Agreed.

Councilman Aileen Joeckel motioned to pass the special use permit.

Councilman Bob Williams 2nd the motion.

All Agreed.

Councilman Aileen Joeckel motioned to amend the zoning ordinance to the town of Wachapreague.

Councilman Glenn Schagelin 2nd the motion.

All Agreed.

Councilman Glenn Schagelin motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Councilman Bob Williams 2nd the motion.

All Agreed.