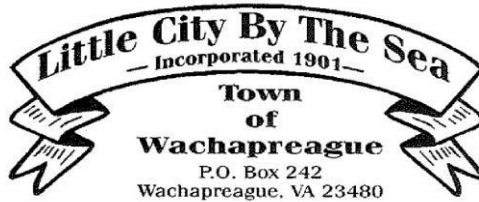




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**Absent: Charles Elliott, Mayor**  
Sandie Puchalski, Vice Mayor

**Town Council Present:**

Robert Bilicki  
Craig L. Baker  
Aileen Joeckel  
Robert Hipple  
Glen Schagelin

Clerk: Susan Springer

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 9, 2026**  
**VIMS SEASIDE HALL**

**Town Council Meeting**

Meeting began at 7:00 pm

I. Councilman Joeckel called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Councilman Schagelin led the meeting Prayer.

**III. Public Comments.**

Resident Judy Bilicki spoke of the success of the Town's Easter Egg Hunt and reiterated the need for improved access and reliability of cell phone service throughout the Town.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

Approval of Town Council Meeting – March 12, 2026

Motion to accept as amended made by Councilman Schagelin

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Bilicki

	Yes	No	Absent
Sandie Puchalski			X
Bob Bilicki	X		
Aileen Joeckel	X		
Craig Baker	X		
Robert Hipple	X		
Glenn Schagelin	X		

Charles Elliott – if in tie			X
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Approval of Town Council Meeting – July 10, 2025 –  
Pending Mayor’ s Attachment

Motion to amend meeting minutes to remove HRSD presentation by Mayor Elliott due to lack of back up as committed to and accept as amended made by Councilman Bilicki  
Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Schagelin

	Yes	No	Absent
Sandie Puchalski			X
Bob Bilicki	X		
Aileen Joeckel	X		
Craig Baker	X		
Robert Hipple	X		
Glenn Schagelin	X		
Charles Elliott – if in tie			X

**V. Review of Financial Reports**

Approval of Town of Wachapreague March 2026

Motion made by Councilman Schagelin  
Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Mayor Hipple

	Yes	No	Absent
Sandie Puchalski	X		X
Bob Bilicki	X		
Aileen Joeckel	X		
Craig Baker	X		
Robert Hipple	X		
Glenn Schagelin	X		
Charles Elliott – if in tie			X

Approval of Port of Wachapreague March 2026

Motion made by Councilman Hipple  
Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Bilicki

	Yes	No	Absent
Sandie Puchalski			X
Bob Bilicki	X		
Aileen Joeckel	X		
Craig Baker	X		
Robert Hipple	X		X
Glenn Schagelin	X		

Charles Elliott – if in tie			X
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## **VI. Unfinished Business**

### **A. Maintenance**

Councilman Schagelin reported on recent repairs to the F350 brush truck. Discussion ensued on the status and possible sale of the 1986 Garbage Truck.

### **B. Powell Park**

Councilman Schagelin reported for Vice Mayor Puchalski reporting that the playground equipment had been cleaned and a weed application applied and was waiting for mulch delivery. He also reported that the Coast Guard had reach out to Vice Mayor Puchalski and discussed the possibility of the services of coast guard stationed there to assist with a clean up day including those private citizens in need of yard clean up assistance.

### **C. Seaside Park**

Councilman Baker noted the broken chairs in the Gazebo had been removed and the mulch had been delivered to Seaside Park.

### **D. HRSD**

Project Assistant Arthur Mendez stated nothing new to report, everyone on Phase II working well. Council Bilicki reviewed again the billing structure, stating all the commercial properties in Phase I are billing by meter readings and everyone on Phase II will be billed a flat rate. Discussion ensued as to the original set up in 2000 with Councilman Bilicki explaining the difference between the average home use of 80 gallons a day vs. the HRSD figure of 300 gallons per day. It was also noted that some of the homes in Phase II are not lived in 12 months a year. Discussion ensued regarding the desire to see this changed in a more favorable direction for the properties in Phase II, including moving to a new Town Attorney who could possibly assist with this. Project Assistant Arthur Mendez noted that the homes not currently on sewer will conceivably, according to the State, need it in the next 15 to 20 years.

### **E. Derelict Properties.**

No report from Mayor Elliott.

### **F. Marina**

Councilman Schagelin reported for Vice Mayor Puchalski that the Marina dredging was complete and the contractor was moving on to the Coast Guard and VIMS. It was noted that annual slip renewals were almost complete with a few still needing final payments, which were expected with a few days.

### **G. Tourism**

Councilman Joeckel reported on the recent success of the Tourism Summit and the presentation by speaker John Shallard and his community reinvention program, which has been met with great success in many small communities. Councilman Joeckel reviewed the upcoming coordinating 2 day event in Colorado and noted the General Store and Wachapreague's interest. She explained the portions covered by the Tourism Commission and the costs that would be incurred by the attendees. Councilman Joeckel reviewed the upcoming Business and Tourism Meeting agenda, including the discussion of the new light box set up.

**H. Floodplain Administrator/CRS Coordinator/RAFT**

Councilman Bilicki reported on the CFPF Coastal Resiliency Grant project, noting the upcoming kick off meeting with Weston and Sampson. He noted the importance of the saltwater issue and how that overlaps with Councilman Hipple’s drainage ditch oversight and the critical issues facing those drainage ditches.

**I. Town Beautification**

No updates.

**J. Safety/Security**

Councilman Schagelin noted the recent report of cyclists in Town rolling through stop signs and he and Councilman Hipple both reported they speak to the cyclists when they see this occur.

**K. Streets and Drainage**

Councilman Hipple re-reviewed the issue of the old artesian well along Atlantic Ave, noting that it was brought up by VDOT. After discussion it was decided it is on Darryl Lilliston’s property and Councilman Hipple offered to talk to him about it, noting that it is a trip hazard but that it could be knocked down and filled in with soil. Councilman Hipple noted that the recent cleared drainage ditch on Lee St was coned and fenced and that JEM Inc. was available to restore it by April 18, 2026. Discussion ensued as to who would be paying and Councilman Bilicki reviewed the incident, noting resident Jimmy Bishop took a large tree down, did not call Miss Utility, and subsequently crushed a metal drainage pipe completely blocking the drainage ditch and flooding several upstream properties, creating a public safety and health hazard. It was noted there is some disagreement within properties owners on owns that section of the ditch, with resident Randy Powell noting that regardless of who owns the property, the person who caused the damage is clear and is responsible.

Motion to proceed with completion of repair by JEM, Inc. made by Councilman Hipple.

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Schagelin

	Yes	No	Absent
Sandie Puchalski			X
Bob Bilicki	X		
Aileen Joeckel	X		
Craig Baker	X		
Robert Hipple	X		
Glenn Schagelin	X		
Charles Elliott – if in tie			X

**L. Planning Commission**

Councilman Joeckel reported the Commission was meeting quarterly and each member had been given tasks. She reported the VML small Town Conference was being held in Chincoteague this year. Planning Commission Chair Jim Bell will be attending and reporting back to Council. Discussion moved to the Finney Property that may be given to the Town by TNC, with Councilman Joeckel noting that horse fencing and horses have been placed on some of the property.

**M. VIMS/PILOT**

Discussion was given to VIMS and the possibility of creating a zoning area for education and classifying all of the VIMS as such, with restrictions on the growth of an education area. Discussion

was also given to PILOT and similar programs being used in the Northeast, but no evidence of any in Virginia.

**VII. New Business**

Discussion was given to open invoices from Town Attorney Carl Bundick and his lack of detailed explanation of said charges despite being asked. Discussion was then given to the lack of performance by Town Attorney Carl Bundick and the lack of any formal Contract or Agreement of services to be found in Town Hall either electronically or on paper. Councilman Hipple noted he emailed Mayor Elliott asking for a copy of the Town Attorney’s contract but had received no reply from Mayor Elliott (and he cc’d Carl Bundick but received no reply from him either).

Motion made by Councilman Hipple to withhold all outstanding charges until Carl Bundick fully validates each charge  
 Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Craig Baker

	Yes	No	Absent
Sandie Puchalski			X
Bob Bilicki	X		
Aileen Joeckel	X		
Craig Baker	X		
Robert Hipple	X		
Glenn Schagelin	X		
Charles Elliott – if in tie			X

Councilman Joeckel presented and read a Resolution to Change Town Attorney. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Motion made by Councilman Hipple to pass the resolution as amended with the last sentence to read: Town Council also requests Carl Bundick to provide any outstanding validated legal fees to Town Council within sixty (60) days from the date of this resolution.  
 Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Bilicki.

	Yes	No	Absent
Sandie Puchalski			X
Bob Bilicki	X		
Aileen Joeckel	X		
Craig Baker	X		
Robert Hipple	X		
Glenn Schagelin	X		
Charles Elliott – if in tie			X

There being no further business:

**VIII. Adjournment**

Motion made by Councilman Schagelin to adjourn.

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Baker. All in favor.

**Council adjourned to Executive Session.**