



TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
St. Charles Parish Hall
February 20, 2014

At approximately 6:00 p.m. Mayor Dora Sullivan, having established a quorum, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Town Council. In addition to Mayor Sullivan, present were Vice Mayor Bannon, Councilmen Godwin and Sullivan, and Councilwoman Natali. Councilmen Bennett and Wendell were not in attendance. Also in attendance were Town Planner Rob Testerman, Code Official Jeb Brady, Accountant Jerry Murphy, Chief Jim Pruitt, and Town Clerk Libby Hume. The majority of the Department Heads were in attendance as well as approximately 25 members of the public.

Councilman Godwin gave the invocation which was followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS / PRESENTATIONS

Tammy Holloway – New Roots Youth Garden

Ms. Holloway, President of the New Roots Youth Garden (NRYG), introduced the other board members in attendance and continued to give the background of how the NRYG was formed and an overview of their activities. An average of 30 children participated in the 2013 Fall Garden Club. Through the NRYG programs, children were learning to grow, harvest and eat healthy foods, and the excess harvest was shared with the Food Bank. Ms. Holloway thanked Chef Amy Brandt for helping to introduce healthy foods to the children and helping with the various fundraisers, especially the Thanksgiving Pie Sales. Ms. Holloway also thanked Jen Lewis, the Town's Recreation Coordinator, for all her help with programs throughout the year. (Please see attached.)

Vice Mayor Bannon thanked Ms. Holloway and all the members of the NRYG for all they did for the children.

Presentation of Certificates of Commendation

Chief of Police Jim Pruitt presented Certificates of Commendation to Mr. Neil Lessard and Ms. Carol Habel in recognition of their quick thinking and heroic actions undertaken in helping to save a victim from drowning at Kings Creek Marina on January 30, 2014. (Please see attached.)

Chief Pruitt presented a Certificate of Commendation to Mr. Mike Muller, a Town employee in the Public Works Department, in recognition of his quick thinking and gallant actions undertaken at a risk to his own safety in aiding an assault victim on January 28, 2014. (Please see attached.)

Mayor Sullivan read a letter from Ms. Carol Habel and the Kings Creek Marina Staff expressing their appreciation of Chief Pruitt's actions on January 30, 2014. (Please see attached.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

George Proto, 607 Pine Street, President of Cape Charles Business Association

Mr. Proto addressed the Council regarding letters sent to the Town dated February 13, 2014 and August 19, 2013 on behalf of the Cape Charles Business Association regarding their concerns and questions on the proposed Public Service Authority line from Route 13 to the Cape Charles

Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Proto proceeded to read the letter from February 13, 2014 and added that to date, he had not received a response to the questions. (Please see attached.)

Mayor Sullivan informed Mr. Proto that staff was researching the issues brought up in the letters and a response would be forthcoming.

There were no other public comments to be heard nor any additional written comments submitted prior to the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVAL OF AGENDA FORMAT:

Motion made by Vice Mayor Bannon, seconded by Councilman Godwin, to approve the agenda format as presented. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Town Council reviewed the minutes of the January 16, 2014 Executive Session, the January 16, 2014 Regular Meeting, the January 22, 2014 Special Meeting and the February 8, 2014 Retreat.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Bannon, seconded by Councilwoman Natali, to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2014 Executive Session, the January 16, 2014 Regular Meeting, the January 22, 2014 Special Meeting and the February 8, 2014 Retreat as presented. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. Treasurer's Report:

Accountant Jerry Murphy reviewed the Treasurer's report dated January 31, 2014 which showed \$1,031,382 in the Shore Bank checking account, \$95,216 in the Shore Bank checking account for reserved facility fees, \$68,509 in the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) account for the New Library and \$440,650 in the Local Government Investment & Restricted Funds with the Total Cash on Hand at \$1,635,757. The total cash held in reserve was \$356,124. Jerry Murphy went on to review the Tax Collection Comparison for Fiscal Years (FY) 2013 and 2014, the revenues vs. expenditures, the capital improvement projects, the 2013 real estate tax collections, and the 2013 personal property tax and 2014 license tax collections.

Motion made by Councilman Godwin, seconded by Councilwoman Natali, to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

B. Planning Commission and Boards:

Town Planner Rob Testerman reported the following: i) The Historic District Review Board met on February 18 and revisited an application for 621 Jefferson Avenue. After review of the application, the Board unanimously approved the removal of the chimney; ii) A Joint Permit Application was received for the harbor dredging. He was contacting the Wetlands Board to schedule a meeting; and iii) The final letter of determination would be issued May 5, 2014 regarding the new flood maps. Localities had until November 5, 2014 to update their Flood Plain Ordinances. The maps would become effective November 5, 2014.

C. Other Departmental Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer Jeb Brady reported that plans for the Cape Charles Lofts project had been received. He and Rob Testerman reviewed the plans and comments had been sent to the architects and the plans were expected to be finalized within the next month.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to review.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. *Planning Commission 2013 Annual Report:*

Rob Testerman stated that Virginia Code § 15.2-2221.5 called for commissions to “make recommendations and an annual report to the governing body concerning the operation of the commission and the status of planning within its jurisdiction.” Staff prepared a draft 2013 Annual Report which included i) a recap of development that occurred in the Town in 2013; ii) lists any Planning Commission and/or staff updates that occurred in 2013; iii) a breakdown of applications received in 2013 by the Planning and Zoning Department; and iv) a list of other work items that were reviewed by the Planning Commission during 2013. The Commissioners reviewed the report at their February 4, 2014 meeting and voted unanimously to forward the report to the Town Council.

B. *Compensation and Classification Study:*

Mayor Sullivan stated that the Town had not updated the employee wage scale in a number of years. Most localities obtained a professional compensation and classification study every so often but there was no record of the Town having done so. During the budget discussion for FY 2013-2014, the Town Council expressed their desire for a professional study and a proposal was obtained from Springsted, Inc., who had previously worked with a number of localities in the Commonwealth of Virginia, including Accomack County. Due to lack of funding, the project was deferred. At the February 8, 2014 Council Retreat, the study was revisited and the majority of Council were in favor of obtaining a professional study as soon as possible. A compensation and classification study would evaluate the efficiencies and deficiencies of each department to help determine staffing needs. A cost estimate of \$10,300 was confirmed. The scope of work and cost estimate remained unchanged from the original proposal received in March 2013. A portion of the savings from the Comprehensive Plan update could be allocated for the study.

Motion made by Councilman Godwin, seconded by Vice Mayor Bannon, to authorize the Town Manager to execute the agreement with Springsted, Inc. to proceed with the compensation and classification study as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. *Local Government Challenge Grant – Arts Enter:*

Mayor Sullivan stated that the Town had participated in the Virginia Commission for the Arts Local Government Challenge Grant since 1997. The Commission matched local government funds up to \$5K. In FY 2013-2014, the Town allocated \$2,500 as the local match, but the Town provided \$5K for FYs 2009-2010 through 2012-2013. The grant application deadline was April 1, 2014 and the Town must confirm in writing to the Commission the Council’s decision to appropriate the matching funds by July 1, 2014. A local match in the amount of \$5K would be included in the draft FY 2014-2015 budget and the amount would be reviewed by Council at a future budget work session. Submission of the application for \$5K did not bind the Town to that amount. Council could opt to reduce the amount to \$2,500 during the budget discussions.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Bannon, seconded by Councilwoman Natali, to approve submittal of the Local Government Challenge Grant application by the April 1, 2014 deadline as discussed. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

D. *Grinder for Mason Avenue Pump Station:*

Mayor Sullivan stated that a Capital Project Priority List was established by Council on December 3, 2013. On December 5, 2013, the Town Council approved financing of Capital Projects using the funds from the 2013B financing. At the February 8, 2014 Retreat, Council again reviewed the Capital Projects Priority List. The #2 priority project was the installation of the comminutor (grinder) at the Mason Avenue Pump Station. As part of the Mason Avenue Pump Station upgrades, the old grinder was removed due to budget restraints with the intent to replace it at a later time. The grinder would grind rags, handy-wipes and other debris before it

entered the wet well. The existing bar screen, which was cleaned daily, caught 60-80% of the debris, but the grinder would eliminate close to 100% of the debris and rarely required maintenance. Without the grinder, the rags and other debris were pulled into the volute where they remained, decreasing the efficiency of the pump or in some cases clogging or stopping the pump completely. Staff preferred to have a new grinder installed prior to the increase of flow that was experienced in the spring/summer months. The proposal from JWC Environmental was for \$42,701. The work would be completed in-house but electrical work was required at an estimated cost of \$7K. The total project cost would be within the \$50K amount included in the FY 2013-2014 budget. Staff requested approval to finance the purchase and installation of the grinder through the 2013B financing as previously discussed.

Motion made by Councilman Godwin, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, to approve the purchase and installation of the grinder using the 2013B financing as discussed. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Bannon, Councilwoman Natali and Councilman Sullivan stated that they had no further comments.

Councilman Godwin stated that he felt Council made the right decision in selecting Jim Pruitt as the new chief of police, not because of his actions in helping to rescue the gentleman as discussed earlier, but because Jim Pruitt was a good man and good chief.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- February 24, 2014 – Riverside Shore Memorial Heart Seminar at Little Italy Restaurant, \$10 per person. Call the Cardiac Rehab Center to schedule.
- February 27, 2014 – Town Council Budget Work Session, 3:00 PM, Town Hall
- Beginning March 1, 2014 – Boating Safety Class, Coast Guard Station Cape Charles. Contact Ron West for more information.
- March 6, 2014 – Town Council Work Session, 6:00 PM, Town Hall
- March 13, 2014 – Town Council Budget Work Session, 6PM, Town Hall
- March 20, 2014 – Town Council Regular Meeting, 6PM, St. Charles Parish Hall

Motion made by Councilwoman Natali, seconded by Vice Mayor Bannon, to adjourn the Town Council Regular Meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Mayor Sullivan

Town Clerk

Presentations and Public Comments Provided in Writing
February 20, 2014



New Roots
youth garden



Project Update
Tammy Holloway, President

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New Roots
youth garden

Our Vision

The New Roots Youth Garden cultivates healthy children, families and community through outdoor experiential learning and the profound act of connecting people with food from seed to table.

Our Mission

The New Roots Youth Garden is committed to providing opportunities for local youth to develop personal growth, environmental stewardship, healthy lifestyles, social skills and awareness, community spirit, business proficiency, and the joy and satisfaction of meaningful work. We realize these goals by growing, eating, and sharing our harvest in creative, fun, and healthy ways.

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A Story of a Youth Garden...

- Began as a Laurie Klingel's (Approved Nurseries) Master's thesis project in 2010
- Spring 2011 -A group of interested volunteers with a variety of skills and knowledge met for the first time
- Partnered with the Town for use of the land and resources (recreation coordinator, electricity, water, etc.)
- Volunteers worked to prep the land, build the shed and prepare the garden
- Summer 2011 -began fundraising and had first Summer Garden Party & Blessing of the Worms
- Fall 2011 -planted the first raised beds and held the first open garden program
- 2011-4-2 Applied for and received 501(c)(3) status
- 2011 Fundraising - First Raffle and First Pie Sale
- 2012 -Developed subject matter expert partnerships with 4H, Town of CC Recreation Coordinator and Eastern Shore Master Gardeners
- Spring 2012 -3rd Annual Blessing of the Worms and Spring planting
- 2012 Fundraising: Raffle, Pie sale, 2 grant applications
- 2012 Inaugural Summer Garden Club with 1st Annual Green Thumb Picnic
- 2012 Fall OPEN Garden Club
- Spring 2013 -Expanded Board of Directors and formed subcommittees, conducted strategic planning session
- 2013 -introduced first Spring OPEN Garden Club
- 2013 Fundraising: Raffle, pies, apply for grants and United Way funding
- Spring 2013, 2nd Annual Blessing of the Worms!
- 2013 2nd Summer Garden Club; introduction of NRYG FARM STAND
- 2013 Fall OPEN Garden Club Continues...overwhelming results in participation
- 2013 Evaluation and Reflection of programs offered and resources available
- 2013 3rd Annual NRYG Pie Sale...thank you to our continued supporters
- 2014 Spring OPEN Garden Club Continues
- 2014 4th Annual Blessing of the Worms, April 27th...MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
- 2014 3rd Summer Garden Club planning in progress

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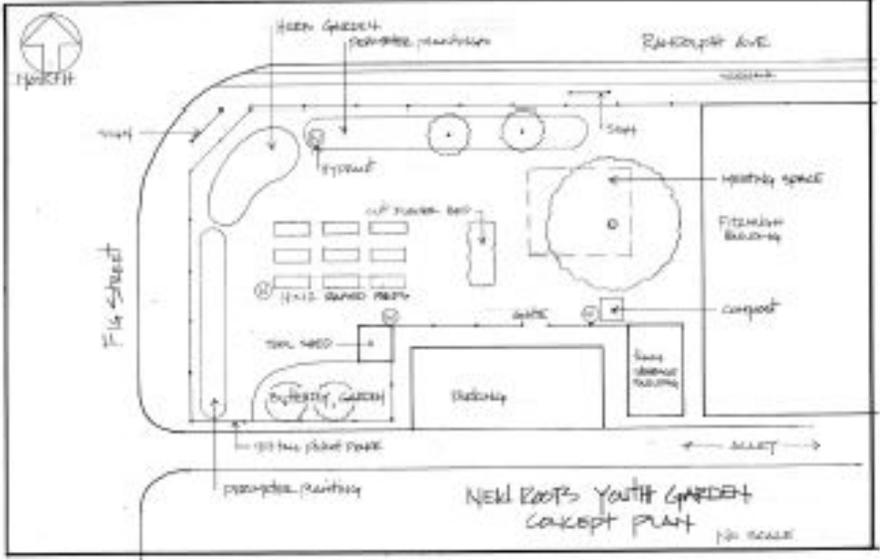
Recipe for Success

- One woman with a vision
- A dozen dedicated volunteers with a variety of backgrounds, motivated to make a difference for youth in Cape Charles
- A bushel of additional volunteers involved in the NRYG advisory team
- A gaggle of energetic and enthusiastic youth
- A ton of support from the Town of Cape Charles
- One generous community willing to support fundraising efforts (and to enjoy delicious pies made with local produce)
- We combine these ingredients with sunshine and patience, and prepare to share our harvest!



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Original NRYG Garden Concept Plan



Sharing our Harvest....

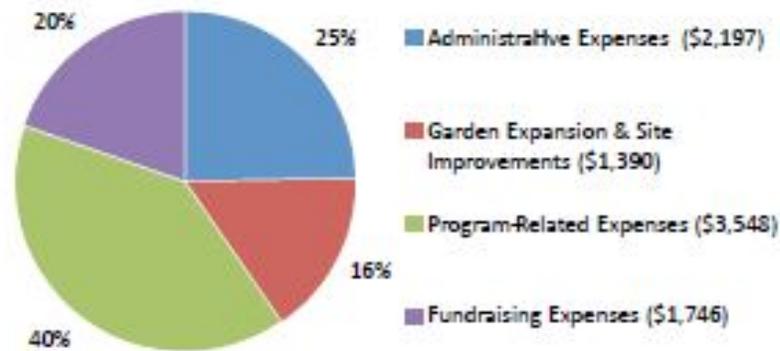


Harvest and Farm Stand Days

Financial Update - 2013

\$10,865 of Cash Income

\$8,882 of Cash Expenses



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We are blessed to have many supporters!

- Utilities, Water, Trash and Land provided by the Town (usage of water, utilities, trash is minimal but we appreciate it)
- Received Grant Awards from The Home Depot, Keep America Beautiful, and the United Way of Virginia's Eastern Shore.
- Cape Charles Rotary continues to support NRYG projects both financially and with volunteer time
- Northampton County 4-H supports NRYG with programming content, subject matter experts and numerous immeasurable resources.
- Supplies are often donated and/or discounted by local businesses
- In 2013, volunteers logged nearly 1,000 hours of time on NRYG activities!
- Our community supporters generated a 9% increase in our Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser this year.



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Keep America Beautiful Grant Butterfly & Herb Garden



18 adults and 12 children were involved in the development and planting of this area.

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Cape Charles Rotary



Our Rotarians not only have supported the garden financially but they give graciously with their time and brute strength!

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It Takes A Village...



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Blessing of the Worms



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SPRING & FALL GARDEN CLUBS

Fall and Spring "Open" Garden Clubs "Thursdays In the Garden"

- 6 weeks, 1 Day, 1 hour
- Open to all; 5 and under with adult
- Partnerships



Triple Play Get Fit, Get Dirty & Get Creative

- After school program to get children moving when they get home from school
- GET FIT activity
- Garden Projects
- Creative Learning Crafts
- And of course, healthy snacks!

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SUMMER GARDEN CLUB 2013

New Model for 2013

- 8 week program; 2 days a week; 3 hours a day
- Tuesdays: Experiential Learning; Garden Activities
- Thursdays: Farm Stand



New Concept this year: FARM STAND

- Children will harvest, weigh, calculate and compare cost of produce to prices at grocery stores
- Children will advertise, sell and manage their Farm Stand weekly
- Children will have a financial goal for something they can purchase for the garden at end of season.

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SUMMER GARDEN CLUB 2013

What we learned:

- Follow Spring and Fall Model
- To Hot, To Long, To Much!
- Farm Stand was a hit!
- Keep Garden Guru's but ALWAYS experiential learning



- 8 week program; 1 day a week for 1-2 hours a day
- "Dig4" Deep 3 days with partner groups
- Field Trips are a huge success.
- Rain location Rayfields Pharmacy Room

What was invaluable to us in 2013...

JEN LEWIS !!!!

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FALL GARDEN CLUB 2013



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Fundraising Efforts



Pie Sale

2012 Sales: \$2,633

2013 Sales: \$3,615

2014 Sales: \$3,925



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Forward Strides for 2014

- Received funding from United Way to install a well, will be working with appropriate town officials to implement.
- Adjusting programming model for Summer Garden Club
- Partnering with 4-H for Intern for Summer Garden Club
- The year of "partnerships" building relationships with others that serve children: NH Recreation Department, school and church camps, home school children, etc...
- Looking to build our "Development" model; *"Friends of NRYG"* so we can focus less on fundraising and more on programming for the garden.

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Needs for 2014

- Support with grassing cut n g of garden; takes \$700 from programming for the garden
- Picnic Tables: Rotary has agreed to pay for 2, could the town provide the 3rd? Needed by 4/27/14
- Town Emblem: we need a TOCC to provide a marker for our fence, we would like to acknowledge your support of the garden along with other partners; CC Rotary, Eastern Shore United Way and Northampton County 4-H

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4th Annual Blessing of the Worms!!

Sunday, April 27, 2014

1:30-3:00 pm

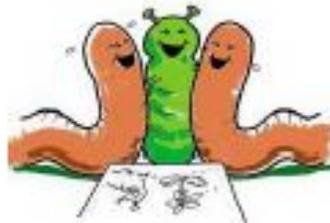
Rain date: May 4, 2014



Hands-on Children's Activities

Yummy and Healthy Treats by Chef Amy Brandt

Information and Sign-ups for Spring and Summer Youth Garden Programs



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Special thank you to the **Town of Cape Charles Staff** for on-going moral support and encouragement. And for the support of the garden through staff members like **Jen Lewis, Pete Leontieff** and all those behind the scenes garden angels!

Your support is helping us make a difference in the lives of children!

Q&A

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Re: Neil Lessard & Carol Habel
From: Chief Jim Pruitt

On January 30, 2014, I was dispatched to the Kings Creek Marina for a subject who had fallen off the dock and was drowning. I arrived on the scene and saw an older gentleman on the dock, soaking wet and trembling from the cold. Due to the extreme cold weather, I decided that the victim needed to be moved off the dock and into a warm area. The gentleman couldn't walk so I carried him up the ramp and into a golf cart to transport him to the tackle shop.

The gentleman stated that he had walked down the dock to check on his boat when he slipped and fell into the icy water. He could not get out and was calling for help. Luckily, Neil Lessard was walking down the dock and heard the faint cries for help, ran over and with the help of Carol Habel, pulled him out of the water saving his life. Without question, the gentleman would have succumbed to the icy water.

Heroes come in many forms. In this case, it was not a policeman, firefighter or soldier – it was members of our community. January 30, 2014 would have turned out to be a tragic day for the gentleman's family without Neil Lessard and Carol Habel's quick thinking and heroic actions.

Re: Mike Mullner
From: Chief Jim Pruitt

On January 28, 2014, Town employee Mike Mullner was making his morning rounds when he came across a female assault victim in distress. Mike stopped and began to render aid and called the police. Mike did this selfless act without thinking that he could possibly be in harm's way. Mike stayed with the victim and made her feel safe until I arrived.

Mike is a tremendous asset to the Town of Cape Charles and has my utmost respect. Due to his selfless act for rendering aid and putting himself in harm's way, Mike Mullner should be recognized for his actions on January 28, 2014.

From: Kings Creek Marina
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2014 1:16 PM
Subject: Letter of Appreciation

Dear Town of Cape Charles,

On Jan. 30, 2014 we had an incident at Kings Creek Marina that required medical attention and our staff called 911. Cape Charles Police Department's Chief Jim Pruitt was first on scene. It was less than 30 degrees outside. Chief Pruitt sensed the urgency of the situation and the need to relocate our injured tenant. With the help of some bystanders, Chief Pruitt lifted our injured tenant up and over his shoulder and carried the gentleman up a steep ramp and then another 100 ft. or so to a waiting golf cart. At that point, Chief Pruitt placed the patient into the cart drove it to the Pier House. Once again, Chief Pruitt carried our guest inside the warm Marine Store to wait for an ambulance. All local ambulances had been dispatched elsewhere and so Chief Pruitt continued to communicate with the dispatcher on the patient's condition. Officer Greg Rippon also arrived on scene before the ambulance arrived to help in any way that he could, possibly knowing that the Ambulance was going to take a while.

Chief Pruitt remained very calm and stayed with our injured tenant until the ambulance arrived. Chief Pruitt took control of the logistics of getting a wide stretcher into our somewhat over crowded store and to the patient.

I truly believe that Chief Pruitt's quick and calm actions were monumental not only to our patients comfort level, but also greatly appreciated by our staff.

Thank You,
Carol Habel and the Kings Creek Marina Staff

Cape Charles Business Association
P. O. Box 461
Cape Charles, Virginia 23310
February 13, 2014

Mayor Dora Sullivan
Town of Cape Charles
2 Plum Street
Cape Charles, Virginia 23310

Dear Mayor Sullivan,

On August 19, 2013 I sent a letter on behalf of the Business Association relative to the proposed PSA line from Route 13 to the Cape Charles wastewater treatment plant. This letter requested that the project be put on hold until certain significant questions had been answered. Subsequently the Town Board met in a work session on September 25, 2013 to discuss these questions. Specifically, the main topics of discussion were the August 19 letter itself and a financial analysis of the proposal to address specifically one of the issues the letter raised. At that time it became clear that there was still work to be done and the Board wisely decided to require further analysis. My original letter is attached for your convenience.

Since then there have been a number of actions and events relative to the PSA Line proposal, mostly at the County level. At this point it's unclear whether this proposal will go forward or not and what the actual status of the line is. The recent proposal to change the original special tax district structure does make it appear that this is still a viable option as far as the county is concerned. At the same time my original questions have yet to be answered after almost 6 months.

Based on this I have the following questions which encompass those in my original letter with some additional ones:

1. What is the projected financial benefit to the Town from the PSA line? This would include, for example, reduction in wastewater utility rates, reduction in connection fees, etc.

2. Are there any technical benefits to the Town (e. g. reduction of the smell that occurs from time to time?)

3. What is the mid- to long-term plan for wastewater treatment in the county in the immediate vicinity of Cheriton and areas north and south of 184 on Route 13. For example, as we go forward would the plan be to connect Cheriton and additional Route 13 commercial property to the same or a via second PSA line going into Cape Charles?

4. Given the questions in item 3, there are a number of possible expansion scenarios that could occur. When do we need to expand the capacity of the existing plant, and how do these scenarios affect timing for that? More importantly, how would the expansion be paid for, given it would likely need to be made sooner if the existing plant supports connections out in the county.

5. Finally, what is the current status of the PSA Line plan as far as the town is concerned? Is it on hold? Has the town committed to doing this yet?

I appreciate your attention in this matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



George R. Proto, President
Cape Charles Business Association
845 702 2768
757 331 4664

cc: Heather Arcos
Robert Panek

Cape Charles Business Association
P. O. Box 461
Cape Charles, Virginia 23310
August 19, 2013

Mayor Dora Sullivan
Town of Cape Charles
2 Plum Street
Cape Charles, Virginia 23310

Dear Mayor Sullivan,

As you are aware there has been a significant amount of discussion over the past few months relative to the proposed Northampton County Public Service Authority wastewater treatment line to be run from the Route 13 commercial district to the Town of Cape Charles wastewater treatment plant.

First, I wish to express my appreciation to Bob Panek for his time and clear presentation at the recent all-members meeting of the Cape Charles Business Association on this topic. In addition on behalf of the members and board I wish to thank Heather Arcos, Jen Lewis, you and various members of the town council. They and you have taken the time over the course of many weeks to answer questions on this and other topics and been very forthright and professional in sharing information. This openness in government is much appreciated.

The CCBA Board has discussed the topic of the PSA line in detail and received informal feedback on it from a number of members of the business community. In reviewing what we have learned thus far we have come to the following conclusions:

1. There does not appear to be any significant benefit to the Town of Cape Charles from the proposed connection. As yet there have been no formal estimates of sewer rates after the connection, but based on discussions with Bob Panek the amount of reduction is believed to be minimal. No technical benefits (e. g. reduction in the smell that from time to time plagues the town) have been proposed.

2. There does appear to be a potential long term downside for the town in terms of the availability of future capacity, even with plant expansion, to contain demand as the town expands through the build out of Bay Creek and as more properties in town are renovated and occupied. The addition of properties on Route

13, and perhaps in Cheriton will speed up the need for expansion of the plant and might cause us to run out of capacity even with expansion. The argument can be made that this is not likely to happen for 10 to 20 years, but a 10 to 20 year horizon is not a long time in the life of a town. The concern is that this could unduly burden future generations financially.

3. Finally, we are all residents of the county as well as of the town. Given that at some point there will be economic development activity, additional residential development, and connection of existing residential units currently using septic systems, it would seem to be more cost effective to design an expandable county system that could better meet future needs.

Note that, aside from these points, the PSA's July 2012 survey of 64 property owners on Rt. 13 showed minimal interest (5 yes's and 4 maybe's out of 64 surveyed).

Given these concerns the business association urges the town council to put the matter of the PSA line on hold and not to proceed with further work which would commit the town and expend county funds until the points above are satisfactorily addressed.

Understand that this in no way reflects on the outstanding job that the PSA Authority, or Bob Panek in particular have done, but we do feel the questions above need to be answered to assure a good decision is made in this regard.

Sincerely,
George R. Proto, President
Cape Charles Business Association
845 702 2768
757 331 4664

cc: Heather Arcos
Robert Panek