

Smithfield 2020 Notes from Team meeting of August 5th, 2015

Present

Jim Abicht	Andy Cripps	Mark Hall
Mike Adams	Jenn Gangemi	Amy Ring
Priscilla Barbour	Sheila Gwaltney	Peter Stephenson
Rick Bodson	Trey Gwaltney	

Admin

Current funds balance is \$15,615.79, reflecting a \$360 payment for the replacement of a Genuine banner at the BSV lot. There are no outstanding commitment of funds.

A façade improvement matching grant request from Vintage Potential, 215 Main Street, for an awning replacement was reviewed and approved for a payment not to exceed \$450.

Project and initiative updates

The Pierceville project was concluded with the submission of the report to the Director of Planning on July 7th. The report has been forwarded to the Planning Commission which will host a public hearing on the rezoning application at its August 11th (6:30 PM) meeting. The report will also be forwarded to Board of Historic and Architectural Review since the last section specifically addresses the design and features of the neighborhood and houses.

Town Staff has in hand a Frazier Associates evaluation and cost estimate of “mothballing” the Pierce house and barns as a first step in exercising the demolition by neglect process. Town Council is evaluating several options to proceed, none of which, due to legal issues related to accessing private property, is likely to stabilize the buildings in the next 12 months.

Organization updates / announcements

Arts League: A request has been submitted by the Volksmarch Club to use an image of a porcine statue in the design of a commemorative patch for the New Year’s Day 2016 walk. Rick will respond on behalf of 2020, the copyright holder of the art, agreeing to the request.

Chamber: The Chamber is hosting a Century Ride on October 24th with multiple distance options, all departing from Windsor Castle Park.

Historic District Businesses: The ownership transfer of 119 and 121 N. Church Street is now forecast for September 30th. Details of the proposed uses for the two locations are expected to be available by the closing date.

Town: Street name signs are being replaced / refreshed throughout the Historic District; the design is unchanged and the signs will be affixed to existing brackets. As well, several light poles will be re-painted.

The Town has also completed a landscaping effort at the Riverview Campus (Washington and James Street) to improve the aesthetics of the area shared by the Library, Paul D. Camp center, Children's Centers and VFW Post.

Utilities work continues on Main Street; a limited number of overnight street closures is expected over the next several months.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 7th, 8:45 am, Arts Center @ 319 classroom.

These meeting notes submitted by Rick Bodson.