

## Smithfield 2020 Notes from Team meeting of March 4, 2015

### Present

Mike Adams	John Edwards	Mark Hall
Priscilla Barbour	Jenn Gangemi	Peter Stephenson
Rick Bodson	Sheila Gwaltney	Judy Winslow
Andy Cripps	Trey Gwaltney	

### Admin

The Team congratulated Town Manager Peter Stephenson and the Public Works crew for their accreditation by the American Public Works Association. Smithfield is one of fewer than 100 municipalities in the US and Canada to have achieved APWA accreditation.

Current funds balance is \$16,513.79; there are no outstanding commitment of funds.

A motion to ratify revision 03/04/15 of the Operating Guidelines was adopted.

### Project and initiative updates

A revised proposal for the directional signage was presented. Two 24”x24” will match in color and lettering font street name signs, will be generic listings (e.g., “shops” vs. specific names) and be affixed on the west wall of the Christmas Store and on a lamppost on the south side of Main Street near the Bank of America driveway. A motion to budget \$500 to engage VA Displays LLC to design, produce and install the signs was adopted. A request for admin approval by Town staff or, if required, formal BHAR review will be requested this week.

Further discussion of brick-pedestal mounted directional maps was deferred to a future Team meeting.

A scheduled assessment by Town staff of the lighting at Bank of America was impacted by recent weather. Completion is planned to be completed before the April Team meeting.

A planned meeting with Hearndon Construction to discuss their plans for the development of Pierceville was deferred at their request; a reschedule is being worked. The objective is to establish a dialog with Hearndon leadership to understand their vision and plans for the property and discuss the significant marketing potential and historic considerations in developing the property.

Hearndon has submitted to the Town a rezoning request for the property, initiating a legal timeline for reviews, the first of which will be by the Planning Commission; a public hearing on the request will likely not be scheduled before April or May.

An independent subject matter expert assessment of the colonial era farmstead will be championed to the Town by Historic Smithfield. In particular, an evaluation of the several

out-buildings, one of which may be a Colonial-era barn, will be requested and will be shared with the Planning Commission, Board of Historic and Architectural Review and Town Council for consideration through respective reviews and evaluations.

### **New initiatives**

The Historic Business representatives, the “Gang of Five”, will caucus in the next few weeks and propose 2015 economic vitality initiatives at the April Team meeting.

### **Organization updates / announcements**

Historic Smithfield: Remediation work continues at the 1750 Courthouse; the target to re-open the Courthouse to the public is May.

Arts League: A reception for County Schools’ visual and drama arts faculty is being hosted March 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 to 9:00 PM, at the Smithfield Center.

Chamber: The annual post-legislative breakfast is being hosted on March 5<sup>th</sup>. The 2015 Chamber Expo is scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 to 7:00 PM, at the Smithfield Center.

Town: Town staff and the Town’s landscape contractor will be evaluating this month aesthetic improvements in the various lots at the Riverview Campus, specifically near the Library / PDCCC center and VFW Building.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, April 1, 8:45 am, Arts Center @ 319 classroom.

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*These meeting notes submitted by Rick Bodson.*