

Smithfield 2020 Notes from Team meeting of July 1, 2015

Present

Jim Abicht	John Edwards	Mark Hall
Mike Adams	Tom Elder	Randy Pack
Priscilla Barbour	Jenn Gangemi	Amy Ring
Rick Bodson	Sheila Gwaltney	Judy Winslow
Andy Cripps	Trey Gwaltney	

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The Team welcomed Tom Elder, newly appointed Director, Isle of Wight County Economic Development to the Team meeting.

Current funds balance is \$15,975.79. There are no outstanding commitment of funds.

Judy requested funding for the replacement of one of the banners at the Imagine Art / BSV parking area. A motion to release a maximum of \$500 from undesignated funds was adopted.

Project and initiative updates

Rick submitted a request June 23rd to the Town Council Public Buildings and Welfare Committee for consideration of legal action under the demolition by neglect provisions of the Town zoning code. The cost to be borne by the Town for closing the building and placing a lien on the property on a future transfer of ownership was the major concern. No action was taken pending a report from Frazier Associates on the condition of the house and cost estimate to secure it.

Since the demolition by neglect action, per Zoning Code, must be initiated by BHAR, Rick will submit at its July meeting a request that it recommend to Town Council that demolition by neglect action be undertaken.

The final draft of the Team's report on the economic and cultural impact of the proposed development of Pierceville was reviewed; one edit will be incorporated addressing the need for proffers by the developer. Beyond that edit, the report was accepted by general consensus. The timeline to submission was reviewed; an Action Without Meeting will be issued to approve the release of the report to Town Planning staff no later than July 8.

The voting on the motion to release by the Team's Town and County staff and appointees was discussed and it was agreed that voting on the motion is appropriate.

New initiatives

A recap of initiatives identified in the Sanford Holshouser report will be distributed before the next Team meeting.

Organization updates / announcements

Chamber of Commerce: The Board of Directors has elected Charlie Broadwater President and Mike Adams Vice President to a one-year term effective today.

Historic District Businesses: Mark noted that the survey effort for the Pierceville report reached beyond retail businesses to the several service businesses in the Historic District since the proposed development will have a broad-reaching impact.

Mark also noted that the two North Church Street properties between the Winery and Thomas Street have been put up for sale and that an offer to purchase has been tendered.

Historic Smithfield: An informal celebration of the rehabilitation and re-opening of the 1750 Courthouse is tentatively planned for early August.

Tourism: The beach at Fort Boykin has been reopened. Plans for a three successive week-end festival of music and Winsor Castle Park events are finalized and will be advertised through Tourism communications in the next several months.

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 5th, 8:45 am, Arts Center @ 319 classroom.

These meeting notes submitted by Rick Bodson.