

DAMASCUS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes for March 7, 2016

Regular Council Meeting

Council Members Present: Tim Williams, Mitchel Greer, Shirley Brand, Susan Seymore, Melissa Barrett, and Tom Hayes

Absent: None

Also Present: Jack McCrady, Mayor
Gavin Blevins, Town Manager
Thomas Dene, Town Attorney

Tuesday Pope, Town Clerk
Linda Rouse, Town Treasurer
Roger Dowell, Police Chief

7:00pm: Mayor McCrady called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

Mayor McCrady asked for approval of the February Minutes.

- Ms. Brand made a motion to approve the February 1st Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented, 2nd by Mr. Williams. The motion passed (6-0).
- Ms. Brand made a motion to approve the February 17th Special Called Council Meeting Minutes as presented, 2nd by Mr. Williams. The motion passed (6-0).

Mayor McCrady asked for approval of the agenda.

- Mr. Greer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, 2nd by Ms. Brand. The motion passed (6-0).
- I. Todd Owens, of Owens CPA and Associates, presented the final 2014-15 audit report. Mr. Owens reported a clean audit, improved cash standing, improved taxes receivable and collections, increased meals and lodging tax revenues; with no major variances in overall operating expenses, and no problems with internal controls.
- II. Donna Price, Manager of Holston Mountain Artisans and member of the Abingdon Tourism Advisory Committee, presented an opportunity for Damascus to participate in the Regional Quilt Trail by purchasing pieces to display on the outside of structures in Town. Doing so would not only provide another beautification point to be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike, but will also draw another group of tourists who will come to Town as they are following the Quilt Trail.

The Council agreed to discuss participating in the Regional Quilt Trail during the budget meetings this month.

- III. Michelle Musser, a member of the Damascus Little League Board, who had previously sent letters of request to the Council, spoke to them about why funding is needed to help with various league expenses in both the current 2015-16, and upcoming 2016-17 fiscal years.

The Council agreed to discuss the requested donations during the budget meetings this month.

Committee Reports

Budget, Finance and Administration:

Ms. Seymore deferred to the Town Treasurer, Linda Rouse, for the monthly Treasurer's report.

Ms. Rouse submitted the following report:

Taxes: Real Estate collection rate increased to 93.33% up 1.53% and Personal up 1.42% to 77.72% for 2015. All years are 94.58% for real & 84.44% for personal property.

Budget: Next meeting is Monday, March 14th. Fiscal year ending 6-30-15 was closed out last week and we have completed about 2/3 of our budget worksheet for 2016-2017.

Safety Grant: We received notification from VML of approval for reimbursement in the amount of \$957 to purchase 5 (under) swing mats. Checks will be processed 30 days after receipt of purchased is received. Request approval to go ahead and order.

- Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the ordering of 5 playground mats to go under the swings in the park, 2nd by Ms. Brand. The motion passed (6-0).

Anthem Local Choice Insurance Renewal: Request approval to renew our Health Benefits Program with Anthem Local Choice. The proposed rates for July 2016-2017 have decreased slightly which will help our employees as well as reduce the amount paid by the Town.

- Ms. Brand made a motion to approve The Local Choice Health Benefits Program renewal for 2016-2017 as requested, 2nd by Mr. Greer. The motion passed (6-0).

Ms. Seymore reported that the Budget, Finance, and Administration Committee has interviewed, and recommends promptly hiring Rebeca Donahue as a part-time administrative assistant (averaging 16hrs./week, with some exceptions as needed), at a starting hourly rate of \$8. The Council discussed Ms. Donahue's experience, education, and qualifications, as well as the benefits of filling this open position as soon as possible.

- Ms. Seymore made a motion to hire Rebeca Donahue as recommended, 2nd by Ms. Brand. The motion passed (6-0).

Streets, Lights and Maintenance:

Mr. Greer referred to a report on the department's operations for the month of February, which was submitted by the Public Works Supervisor, Joe Fritts. The operations report included working on the maintenance shop entrance lot and the Wilson St. lot in preparation for Trail Days use and traffic; clearing, cutting, and bush-hogging in the campground area on Shady Ave.; and completing the necessary vehicle repairs to the scraper/salt truck that had been in an accident. Damaged or missing street signs will also be addressing in the near future.

- Mr. Greer made a motion to approve submitting a letter of request to K-VA-T for the donation of a truck to be utilized by the Public Works Department. Mr. Williams 2nd the motion, which passed (6-0).

Parks and Recreation:

Town pool co-manager Karrie Bishop reported to the Council on the upcoming summer pool operations, and presented some ideas/suggestions for the Council to be considering before the swim season arrives.

Events Committee Updates & Announcements – Ms. Barrett reported that Damascus will again be a venue along the Crooked Road's Mountains of Music Homecoming Tour with music, food, and events on June 18th. More details will follow on this event.

Planning Commission:

Nothing new to report at this time.

Police and Fire Advisory:

Mr. Hayes deferred to Chief Dowell, who delivered the following P.D. activity report for the month of February:

Operations:

In February 2016, Damascus Officers handled 123 calls for service, issued 37 citations, and made 5 criminal arrests.

Yearly Statistics for 2016 are as follows: 254 calls for service, 7 Arrests, 23 Offenses, and 68 Citations issued.

Traffic Enforcement Activities:

During February 2016, Officers responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents in Town, issued 37 traffic summons, made no DUI arrests, and notified 3 subjects that they were suspended.

Speeding complaint areas include:

South Shady Avenue, Douglas Drive, Damascus Drive, and Beaverdam Ave., with special attention being placed on crosswalk areas.

Special Report:

The Damascus Police Department assisted the Washington County Sheriff's Office with a domestic at Settlers Point.

Damascus Police Department, Lt. Turner w/ K9 King, did two presentations in the community. He did this to show how his K9 works and for community relations. I have heard nothing but good things from the community on this.

Drugs were recovered during traffic stops in Town this month, which included marijuana, meth, cocaine, and hydrocodone, all in felony amounts. Misdemeanor amounts of marijuana were recovered as well.

Special Notes:

K9: Lt. Turner and K9 King recovered marijuana and meth this month.

VDOT Work Crew:

The VDOT work crew is on hold due to funding.

Police Vehicles:

We have had several vehicle issues to repair including brakes on the 2010 Explorer (front and back), 2008 Charger (front), and oil changes were due.

Auxiliary:

Currently getting ready to start our new class in training.

Also, Chief Dowell presented an amended agreement to for consideration to participate in the Police Interceptor Violator Funded Lease Program, as previously discussed. It was the consensus of the Council not to pursue this vehicle lease option at this time.

Mayor McCrady expressed his interest in getting rid of the HUMVEE, reasoning that it isn't used enough to justify the expense and upkeep.

Mr. Greer stated that he would like for the Town to keep it, as it's better to have it in case it's needed. Chief Dowell stated that any vehicle parts, tires, etc... needed for the HUMVEE are provided by the military at no cost.

Mr. Williams asked the Treasurer to check into the expense for insuring the vehicle, and if it's minimal, he suggests keeping it.

Special Committees:

VISTA report by Jay Prevatt:

1. Last day as VISTA worker for the Town will be April 23rd, and there isn't funding available for a replacement at this time. Since there won't be someone taking over the VISTA position, the Community Pathway Project will end on July 1st. Over 100 pathway bricks have been sold in the past week alone, after the ATC implemented a marketing push. Perhaps the Town can pick the project up at some point, and if so, the last contractor we used to install the bricks was really good to work with (Mountain Masonry).
2. Applying for a grant to utilize an NCCC Crew, and asking for work project ideas and suggestions for the crew.
3. The ATC will continue the 'Healthy Living, Happy Hiking' campaign again this year.
4. Currently working on the 50th Anniversary celebration for the Mt. Rogers Natl. Recreation Area, more info can be found at mountrogersfifty.org.
5. On March 15th, AmeriCorps will conduct a site visit in Damascus.

Manager's Report

Mr. Blevins submitted the following Town Manager's Report:

Beaverdam Creek Trail

After review from VDOT, and consultation with Washington County, Hill Studio has prepared a cost estimate to revise the Erosion & Sediment Control Plan as well as develop a Storm Water Management Plan: \$14,800 (\$10,000 for Pillar, \$4,800 for Hill Studio).

I requested and received a cost breakdown – I was not impressed, and have requested that Hill Studio come up with a less expensive proposal.

Rally Damascus

The map information has been sent to the printer.

The bicycle racks are ready to be bolted down, just waiting on placement suggestions.

Regional Planning Grant/ Mount Rogers Regional Initiative

Arnett Muldrow & Associates have nearly completed the DRAFT Economic Restructuring Framework for the region – once I have that I can draw a portion of the funds for the project down from DHCD.

The consultant has also begun work on the regional branding strategy, and will be back in the area near the end of March, so we will be planning out further action on the branding strategy during March.

ARC Grant Application

The Town awaits award notice near the end of summer.

CDBG Grant

As of February 24, *Environmental Services & Consultants* has been procured for the Phase 1 Environmental Review required by DHCD and has already completed the site visit for the Phase 1.

Attorney Report

Mr. Dene reported the legislative charter amendment for changing the election date continues to move forward as it passed the Senate on Jan. 28th, passed the House on March 3rd, and is now on to the Governor.

Senate Bill 122 is now a law. It passed the Senate on Jan. 26th, passed the House on Feb. 23rd, and the on Feb. 25th the Governor suggested adopting the recommendation on an emergency basis. As of today (March 7th) the Charter has changed, as it has been adopted and enacted.

Review, Approval, and Certification of Mutual Aid and Cooperation Agreement for Law Enforcement Services (2016-2019), including the proposed resolution.

- Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the Agreement and Resolution as presented, 2nd by Ms. Brand. The motion passed (6-0).
(Documents following the Attorney's Report)

Mr. Dene reported the following items for closed session discussion:

- I. Discussion and consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Town, per VA Code Sec. 2.2-3711 (A)(3); and
- II. Consultation with Legal Counsel pertaining to probable litigation, where such consultation in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the Town, specifically involving the Town instituting legal proceedings vindicate its rights under a training agreement with a former Police Officer of the Town, as authorized by VA Code Sec. 2.2-3711 (A)(7).

- Ms. Brand made a motion to approve the item(s) for closed session, at the appropriate time, 2nd by Mr. Greer. The motion passed (6-0).

**MUTUAL AID AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FOR
TOWN OF DAMASCUS, VIRGINIA AND WASHINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 15.2-1724, 15.2-1726, 15.2-1730.1, and 15.2-1736 (1950, as amended), in order that law enforcement services of each locality better serve their citizens, this Mutual Aid and Cooperation Agreement for Law Enforcement Services ("Agreement") is made this the 1st day of January, 2016, by and between the County of Washington, Virginia, the Sheriff of the County of Washington County, Virginia, the Town of Damascus, Virginia, and the Chief of Police of the Town of Damascus, Virginia (together, Parties or parties).

WHEREAS, the Town of Damascus, Virginia is located fully within the County of Washington, Virginia (together referred to as "Counties"), is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and is governed by an elected Town Council and the County of Washington, Virginia is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, governed by an elected Board of Supervisors;

WHEREAS, Washington County does not have a county police force and the Sheriff of the County serves as the chief law enforcement officer;

WHEREAS, the parties have determined that providing emergency police aid across jurisdictional boundaries will increase the ability of the local law enforcement agencies to promote the public safety and protect the general welfare of the citizens, and intend by this accord to enter into a reciprocal agreement for cooperation in furnishing police services and for use of their joint police forces, their equipment, and materials for their mutual protection, defense, and maintenance of peace and good order;

WHEREAS, the County and Town (together, Localities) are members of the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority, and use the jail facilities of the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail located in Washington County, Virginia ("Jail"), to house prisoners;

WHEREAS, criminal investigations often cross jurisdictional lines and the demands of emergencies and disasters, as addressed in Virginia Code § 15.2-1730.1, may require interjurisdictional law enforcement support;

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, the Localities are so located in relation to each other and to the Jail, that it is advantageous of each, under the circumstances herein specified, to permit law enforcement officers of the neighboring jurisdictions to provide service of civil summons, service of criminal warrants, process of arrest, and emergency support in the neighboring jurisdictions of the parties to this Agreement as if they were officers in such jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have determined that it is in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare that their law enforcement personnel should have the

authority pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 15.2-1724, 15.2-1726, 15.2-1730.1, and 15.2-1736 to cooperate and to request and render assistance as provided herein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN AND AGREED that the governing bodies of the County and Town by proper resolutions adopted at regular meetings, at the request of, and with the agreement of the Sheriff of the County and Chief of Police of the Town, hereby approve and enter into this Agreement, and the parties hereto jointly resolve and agree with one another as follows:

Assistance in Event of Emergency, Disaster, or Other Need

1. The chief law enforcement officer of the respective parties, or the officer commanding in his or her absence, is authorized to determine the need for additional law enforcement assistance, without the necessity of deputizing officers from the other cooperating jurisdictions, when such officer determines that an emergency or other need exists. In such cases, they may participate in law enforcement activities beyond their respective jurisdiction to the extent authorized by the general laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. In the event that a determination is made that law enforcement assistance is required, the law enforcement officer authorized to act shall communicate the determination to the chief law enforcement officer or his/her then officer in command of the law enforcement agency from which assistance is requested. In the event where immediate response is required for the requesting agency said request may be made through general dispatch at the direction of the requesting officer. Such request will include the following:
 - a) Name and title of the officer making the request;
 - b) A summary of the circumstances initiating the action and a description of the assistance needed; and
 - c) The name, title, and location of the officer to whom assisting personnel shall report.
3. Upon receipt of a request for assistance, the law enforcement officer authorized to act will provide such assistance as is consistent with the circumstances within the requesting jurisdiction and the availability of his or her own agency's forces.
4. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall compel any party hereto to respond to a request for law enforcement assistance nor shall any party providing assistance pursuant to this Agreement be compelled to continue with such assistance after such assistance was initiated.
5. During the period assistance is provided, personnel of the assisting agency shall operate in the requesting jurisdiction with the same powers, rights, benefits, privileges and immunities as are enjoyed by members of the requesting agency. Each officer who enters the jurisdiction of the requesting agency pursuant to this Agreement is authorized to exercise the full police

powers of the requesting agency's law enforcement personnel. For purposes of this Agreement it is understood that the assisting party is considered to be rendering aid once it has entered the jurisdictional boundaries of the party receiving assistance. This specifically includes, but is not limited to, the following: the authority to serve civil summons; the authority to serve criminal warrants; and the authority to make arrests.

Interjurisdictional Actions

6. Further, pursuant to this Agreement, (1.) law enforcement officers of the Town of Damascus may serve civil summons, serve criminal warrants, and make arrests within the territorial limits of Washington County when the alleged offense or civil cause of action occurred in the territorial limits of Town of Damascus, and (2.) the officers of the Washington County Sheriff's Office may serve civil summons, serve criminal warrants, and make arrests in the territorial limits of Town of Damascus, when the alleged offense or civil cause of action occurred within the territorial limits of Washington County, including the Towns of Abingdon, Damascus, Glade Spring, and the portion of Saltville located within Washington County.

Formation of Task Force

7. Pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-1726, in the event that a determination is made by the chief law enforcement officers of two or more participating jurisdictions, or either of their then acting second in command, that cooperation between both agencies would be necessary or beneficial to the enforcement of laws and maintenance of peace in their respective jurisdictions, then they may form a task force of officers from two or more jurisdictions until such time as the agency of that participating jurisdiction determines that the need for such a task force no longer exists. The purpose for which the agency of two or more participating jurisdictions may form a task force include, but is not limited to, the following:

- a) The investigation of any sexual offense or prostitution as contained in Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2;
- b) The investigation of laws assigned to control or prohibit the use or sale of controlled substances as defined by Virginia Code § 54.1-3401;
- c) The investigation of serial rapes, murders, armed robberies, or other felonies;
- d) Law enforcement and crowd control at special events and athletic events, such as parades, sporting events, rallies, gatherings, or such other occurrences; or
- e) The occurrence of any other event which in the opinion of both chief law enforcement officers makes cooperation between their respective agencies necessary.

General Terms and Conditions

8. In the event of arrest or service of process by law enforcement outside their regular jurisdiction pursuant to this Agreement, the law enforcement agency of the jurisdiction where the case is to be adjudicated will be responsible for satisfaction of the requirements under Virginia Code § 19.2-390.

9. The chief law enforcement officer of any agency receiving assistance under this Agreement shall be responsible for directing the activities of other officers, agents, or employees coming into his or her jurisdiction. The chief law enforcement officer of the agency receiving assistance shall notify the chief law enforcement officer of the assisting agency of any complaints, reports, or other instances of inappropriate, criminal, or otherwise improper conduct or act of any assisting officer promptly after receipt of such complaint, report, or other instance.

10. Each agency shall bear any liability arising from acts undertaken by the personnel of that office pursuant to this Agreement. All of the privileges and immunities from liability, exemption from laws, ordinances, and rules, and all pension, insurance, relief, disability, worker's compensation, salary, death and other benefits, which apply to the activity of such officers, agents, or employees of either agency, when performing their respective functions within the territorial limits of their respective public agencies shall apply to them to the same degree, manner, and extent as if they were within their territorial limits while engaged in the performance of any of their functions and duties extraterritorially under the provisions of this Agreement.

11. Each agency shall provide satisfactory proof of law enforcement professional liability insurance, including public liability insurance in the minimum amount of ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00). Each agency shall maintain worker's compensation insurance in the statutorily required amount for any person acting under and covered by this Agreement. Should the coverage of such insurance required by this Agreement of either agency be canceled or materially changed, then that agency shall notify the other agency of such cancellation or change in writing within fifteen (15) calendar days of that agency's receipt of notice of such cancellation or material change. Each party shall notify its insurance carriers of this Agreement.

12. Whenever the law enforcement officer, agent, or other employee acts pursuant to this Agreement outside of their normal jurisdiction, pursuant to the authority contained herein, or under any other written agreement subsequent to signing of this Agreement, or any supplement or addition hereto, such persons shall have the same authorities, powers, rights, benefits, privileges, and immunities as if they were performing their duties in the territorial jurisdiction of which they are employed, appointed, or elected.

13. It is the intent and purpose of this Agreement that there be the fullest cooperation among the agencies to ensure the maintenance of good order and law enforcement during an

emergency situation or other law enforcement matter which requires interjurisdictional law enforcement activity pursuant to this Agreement.

14. If any part, section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Agreement is for any reason declared invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Agreement.

15. This Agreement shall be in effect from January 1, 2016 through and including December 31, 2019, and shall extend thereafter until replaced by a subsequent written agreement or until terminated by written notice as provided in this paragraph. Each party to this Agreement may terminate this Agreement upon fifteen (15) days advance written notice to the other parties. This Agreement shall bind the localities indicated herein and the chief law enforcement officer for such localities regardless of changes in administration, subject to the right to terminate as set forth in this paragraph.

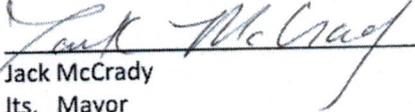
16. This Agreement is subject to modification only by written agreement signed by all parties hereto. Any such modification shall be made a part of this Agreement as an addendum.

17. This Agreement may be signed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year written below:

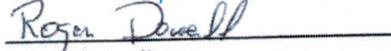
Executed pursuant to a resolution of the Council of the Town of Damascus at its regular meeting on the 7 day of MARCH, 2016.

TOWN OF DAMASCUS, VIRGINIA



Jack McCrady
Its, Mayor

TOWN OF DAMASCUS, VIRGINIA, POLICE



Roger Dowell
Its, Chief of Police

Executed pursuant to a resolution of the Washington County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on the 12th day of January, 2016.

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, VIRGINIA

Randy Pennington, Chairman of the
Washington County Board of Supervisors

**COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, VIRGINIA
SHERIFF**

Fred P. Newman, Sheriff for
Washington County, Virginia

--TOWN OF DAMASCUS, VIRGINIA--
RESOLUTION APPROVING MUTUAL AID
AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the attached Mutual Aid and Cooperation Agreement has been proposed between the Town of Damascus, Virginia and the County of Washington, Virginia, to include the Town, the County, the Chief of Police of the Town and the Sheriff of Washington County (the "Mutual Aid Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Damascus, Virginia is of the opinion that the proposed Mutual Aid Agreement advances the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Damascus and the County of Washington and is in their best interests; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby RESOLVED with immediate effect

1. The Mutual Aid Agreement is ratified, approved and accepted; and
2. The Mayor and Chief of Police are authorized and directed to execute the Mutual Aid Agreement on behalf of the Town of Damascus, Virginia.

Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Damascus, Virginia at a regularly scheduled meeting held on March 7, 2016.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CLERK

Old Business

Mr. Dene again presented the option of accepting electronic payments for personal property and real estate taxes.

Ms. Rouse added that this option would be available in the office, as well as through a link on the Town's website, and the tax tickets will include a note to alert taxpayers to this new option.

- Ms. Brand made a motion to implement the electronic payment system, 2nd by Ms. Seymore. The motion passed (6-0).

New Business

Rev. Greg Alderman, of the Damascus First Baptist Church, sent a letter to the Council requesting permission and approval to hold a community observance of the National Day of Prayer at the Town Park Gazebo, on Thursday May 5th from 6-7pm.

It was the consensus of the Council to approve the observance, and waive the fee for use of the Gazebo.

Council Members Reports

1. Ms. Brand stated that she really hopes we will be able to participate in the Quilt Trail, as it isn't very expensive and will only benefit to the Town.
 2. Ms. Seymore stated that she wants to see the Community Pathway Project continue, even without a VISTA worker to oversee the project, another Committee can step up and take it over. Mr. Prevatt replied that he will check with the ATC about transferring the project over to the Town so that it can continue.
 3. Mr. Williams stated that when considering requests for donations and other expenses, keep in mind that today we were notified by the County that our funding from them will decrease yet again.
 4. Mr. Hayes reported that there have been complaints made about holes in the alley behind Brook St. that need to be filled in with gravel. Mr. Greer will have the Maintenance Dept. look into it.
- * Chief Dowell also reported the need for curb lines to be painted in front of Fritz Garage on S. Shady Ave. in an attempt to deter people from parking their cars too close to, or partially in, the road. This is a regular occurrence and causes traffic hazards.

Citizens Comments

Julie Crowe, 228 N. Railroad Ave., asked about the progression of resolving the issue of residents who have abandoned or broken down vehicles in Town. This was discussed by the Council at the January 4th meeting, and the Town Code prohibits these vehicles in Town limits, but many remain and needs to be resolved quickly before our tourist season gets busy. Mayor McCrady answered that these property owners have to be sent letters and then be given a certain timeframe to remove the vehicles, which we are in the process of.

Ms. Crowe also stated her opinion that trucks over 35ft. should be using an alternate route instead of coming through Town; as well as the possibility of enforcing a sales tax for local churches that would apply.

Announcements

- PUBLIC HEARING - March 9, 2016 at 7:00pm

Proposed Ordinance to Increase the Fee for Conditional Use Permit Applications from \$75 to \$125.

The Town Council and Planning Commission of the Town of Damascus, Virginia will conduct a joint public hearing regarding a proposed ordinance to amend Section 16.3 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Damascus, Virginia to increase the application fee for conditional use permits from \$75.00 to \$125.00, which fees the Town is authorized to charge pursuant to Section 15.2-2286 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended.

- PUBLIC HEARING - March 9, 2016 at 7:15pm

Proposed Ordinance to Prohibit Certain Property Owners from Permanently Boarding Up Windows.

The Town Council and Planning Commission of the Town of Damascus, Virginia will conduct a joint public hearing regarding a proposed ordinance to amend Section 7.2 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Damascus, Virginia to prohibit property owners in the Town's commercial districts from permanently boarding up windows pursuant to the Town's authority to regulate and zone buildings under Chapter 22 of Title 15.2 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended.

Consent Agenda

- Ms. Brand made a motion to pay the bills for invoices exceeding \$500, 2nd by Ms. Seymore; the motion passed (6-0).
- Mr. Greer made a motion to pay the bills, 2nd by Ms. Brand; the motion passed (6-0).
- Ms. Barrett made a motion for closed session, 2nd by Mr. Williams; the motion passed (6-0).
- Mr. Williams made a motion to return to open session, 2nd by Mr. Hayes; the motion passed (6-0).
- Ms. Seymore made a motion to certify, 2nd by Mr. Williams; the motion passed (6-0).
- Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Ms. Seymore; the motion passed (6-0).

Jack McCrady, Mayor

Tuesday Pope, Clerk