

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A G E N D A

TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE

October 6, 2008 - 7:30 P.M. - Council Chambers - Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION BY COUNCILMAN T. HOWARD

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS AND ADOPTION:

1. Consider Adoption of the Minutes
 - Regular Council Meeting of September 18, 2008 **(Page 2 of 17)**
 - Special Council Meeting Workshop of September 25, 2008 **(Page 12 of 17)**
2. Resolution in Respect for Dr. Donald J. Amrien **(Page 14 of 17)**
3. Auditors briefing on findings of the audit report "FY 08" (David Hughes)
4. The Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act applying to the Seaside of Accomack County
(Presented by James McGowan)
5. Accomack County Board of Supervisors Update (Honorable Wanda Thornton)
6. Public Works Committee Report of September 3, 2008 (Mayor Tarr) **(Page 15 of 17)**
7. Resolution of Support for the Assateague Lighthouse **(Page 17 of 17)**
8. Mayor & Council Announcements or Comments
(*Note: Roberts Rules do not allow for discussion under comment period*)
9. Closed Meeting in Accordance with Section 2.2-3711(A) (7) of the Code of Virginia.
 - Legal Matters

ADJOURN:

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MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2008
SPECIAL CHINCOTEAGUE TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Council Members Present:

John H. Tarr, Mayor
Nancy B. Conklin, Councilwoman
James Frese, Councilman
Terry Howard, Councilman
John H. Howard, Councilman
John N. Jester, Vice-Mayor

Council Members Not Present:

Ellen W. Richardson, Councilwoman

Planning Commissioners Present:

Ray Rosenberger, Chairman
Chuck Ward, Vice-Chair
Mollie Cherrix, Commissioner
Tripp Muth, Commissioner
Bob Behr, Commissioner

Planning Commissioners Not Present:

Jane Wolffe, Commissioner

Call to Order

Mayor Tarr called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Invocation

Councilman T. Howard offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Tarr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Additions/Deletions and Adoption

“Councilman J. Howard motioned, seconded by Vice-Mayor Jester to approve the agenda.”
The motion was unanimously approved.

1. Consider a Planning Grant for Broadband

Ms. Kat Edwards of the A-NPDC came before Council to ask if they are willing to submit an application to the Department of Housing and Community Development for a planning grant which will show support of Broadband. The invitation is to submit a planning grant application by September 30. The Planning Grant will be for \$25,000, the Town will be asked to pay \$2,500.

Fiber Optics would go from Royal Farms to major areas of Chincoteague that have the most need. A full design application is due in January and an additional commitment by the Town will be required which could be up to \$100,000. After construction the debt could be turned over to the Broadband Authority. The fiber lines will be considered an “open network” meaning there will be a number of service providers using the fiber and providing services to customers.

“Vice-Mayor Jester motioned, seconded by Councilman T. Howard, to write a letter of request for the planning grant application to be submitted.” The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Presentation/ Discussion with Peter Johnston & Associates, LLC (formerly Redman & Johnston Associates) on their most recent draft of the Comprehensive Plan Update for the Town of Chincoteague.

Mr. Pete Johnston began by giving a brief history of the Comprehensive Plan Update work with his company which began in 2006, and which included workshops, and stakeholder meetings. Mr. Johnston indicated that there have been primarily two areas of contention, the new land use area concepts, and the review processes such as Conditional Use.

Mr. Johnston indicated that there are two new land use areas concepts, resort residential, and resort commercial. The current R-1 and R-2 have not changed at all.

Mr. Johnston indicated that one change from the stakeholder’s meetings was the addition of an annexation plan in Chapter 3.

Mayor Tarr would like the Planning Commission and Council to participate in a joint workshop to review and discuss the comprehensive plan in detail.

Mr. Ward questioned whether there are any other instances where a small town annexed Federal Lands.

Councilman T. Howard indicated his interest in the bridge tenders building which could serve as a landmark.

Vice-Mayor Jester would like the story of how the ponies came to Assateague to reflect the story of the ship that wrecked.

AJOURN

“Councilman Frese motioned, seconded by Vice-Mayor Jester, to adjourn the meeting.”
The motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Mayor

Town Manager



A RESOLUTION OF THE CHINCOTEAGUE TOWN COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Dr. Donald J. Amrien has served the citizens of Town of Chincoteague and the Eastern Shore for many years as a physician, caregiver and friend; and

WHEREAS, these years have been marked with conscientious, diligent, and unselfish dedication to those in need; and

WHEREAS, this community has sustained a great loss by the untimely death of this Humanitarian;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Chincoteague, speaking on behalf of all our citizens, hereby extends to the members of the Amrien family our sincere sympathy and appreciation for allowing their husband and father to dedicate his life to serving others.

DATED this 6th day of October 2008.

John H. Tarr, Mayor

Public Works Committee Meeting

September 3, 2008

MINUTES

Chairman Tarr called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Present: Hon. John Tarr, Chairman
Hon. Ellen Richardson
Hon. John Howard

Mr. Michael Cosby
Mr. Robert Ritter
Mr. Ray Rosenberger
Mrs. Ray Rosenberger
Ms. Nancy Conklin
Mr. John Jester
Ms. Ruth Lane

Public Participation – none

Mr. Tarr motioned to adopt the agenda, which was seconded by Ms. Richardson. The motion was approved unanimously.

1. **Public Works Monthly Report August 2008.** There were no questions regarding the August 2008 report. There was a lengthy discussion on possible changes to the sidewalks and entrances at the Shore Stop property on Main and Church.
2. **Status of Requests From August Meeting** – Mr. Cosby updated the committee on the status of sixteen items discussed at the last committee meeting.
3. **Public Works Plan Reviews** – The committee discussed several issues concerning the completion of plan reviews. Mr. Tarr suggested that Mr. Ritter, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Cosby get together to look at this process and get some procedures in writing.
4. **Request to Modify Branscome Contract** – Mr. Cosby outlined some of the options for the consideration of this request. The committee did not wish to grant the request.
5. **Discussion of Public Works Priorities** – Mr. Tarr asked Mr. Cosby to come up with a priority list with estimated costs for the Public Works department. Mr. Cosby agreed to do so.

6. **Committee Member Comments** – Ms. Richardson asked about a sight distance situation at Beebe Road and Main Street. Mr. Ritter stated that staff would work on this problem and that they may be already. Ms. Richardson also inquired about the fire cleanup activities at a property in Misty Meadows. Mr. Ritter responded that staff was addressing this situation.

Mr. Howard asked about the status of the drain cleaning equipment. Mr. Cosby replied that he had spoken to a vendor this summer who expressed that he would get something for us to look at.

Mr. Jester mentioned that Supervisor Thornton has some special project funding for Chincoteague. He also stated that there was some help available for safety reviews and asked Mr. Ritter about the status of a property line question at Bunting Road and Main Street. Mr. Ritter responded that staff was working on this question. Mr. Jester also suggested that we could use the Federal Services supply contract for the purchase of the budgeted waterworks generator.

Mr. Tarr raised the possibility of more than one Public Works Committee meeting per month and asked Mr. Cosby to think about it.

Mr. Howard motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Richardson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 6:00 pm.



TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE, INC.



RESOLUTION

Whereas, in accordance with Commonwealth Transportation Board construction allocation procedures, it is necessary that a request by resolution be received from the local government or state agency in order that the Virginia Department of Transportation program undertake an Enhancement Project at the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge;

And Whereas, the Chincoteague Natural History Association intends to submit an application for VDOT Transportation Enhancement Funds in partnership with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the restoration of the Assateague Lighthouse;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Town of Chincoteague, is in support of this effort and requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish a project for the Assateague Lighthouse Restoration Project.

Duly adopted by the Chincoteague Town Council October 6, 2008:

John H. Tarr, Mayor

Attest: _____

Robert G. Ritter Jr. Town Manager