

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WYTHEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2019, AT 7:00 P.M.**

Members present: Beth A. Taylor, Jacqueline K. King, Joseph E. Hand, Jr., Mark J. Bloomfield, Cathy D. Pattison

Others present: Town Manager C. Wayne Sutherland, Jr., Assistant Town Manager Stephen A. Moore, Town Clerk Sharon G. Corvin, Town Attorney Christopher R. Menerick, Marie B. Bishop, Rhonda Sechrest, Terry Beamer, Ross Brown, Kady Minton, Charlie Jones, Rusty Jones, Lisa Burnett, Landon Ferguson, Sandra Ferguson, Emilee Switzer, Jennifer Ferguson, Norma Brown, Alma Watson, Suzie Richert, Anne Powell, Ferd Powell, Sebastian Amario, Olyvia Deal, William Deal, William Tomiak, Josh Tomiak, Police Officer Chastity Russell

RE: CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM, PLEDGE

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order and established that a quorum of Council members was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Bloomfield.

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Taylor presented the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 8, 2019. Mayor Taylor inquired if there is a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented or to somehow be amended. A motion was made by Councilwoman Pattison and seconded by Vice-Mayor King to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 8, 2019, as presented. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to approve the consent agenda, as presented. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Beth A. Taylor, Jacqueline K. King, Joseph E. Hand, Jr., Mark J. Bloomfield, Cathy D. Pattison. Against: None.

Mayor Taylor advised that if the Council is agreeable, she is taking the Chairman's prerogative and moving the agenda around, so that the presentation of a resolution to the George Wythe High School Scholastic Bowl Team is held before the public hearings. Mayor Taylor noted that a majority of the citizens attending the meeting are attending to speak in regard to one of the public hearings or to see the presentation of the resolution.

RE: CITIZENS' PERIOD – PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION – GEORGE WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLASTIC BOWL TEAM

Mayor Taylor advised the next agenda item is the presentation of a resolution to the George Wythe High School Scholastic Bowl Team. She stated that at the last meeting, a resolution was adopted by the Council recognizing the George Wythe High School Scholastic Bowl Team for an outstanding season. Mayor Taylor presented the resolution, which read as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the George Wythe High School Scholastic Bowl Team was the Regional Tournament Champions; and,

WHEREAS, the George Wythe High School Scholastic Bowl Team was runners-up in the Super Regional Tournament; and,

WHEREAS, the Scholastic Bowl Team then advanced to the State Tournament; and,

WHEREAS, this is two years in a row that the Bowl Team advanced to the State Tournament; and,

WHEREAS, the Scholastic Bowl Team was awarded second place in the State Tournament, and this is the highest rank in a State Tournament that the Scholastic Bowl Team has ever placed in the history of George Wythe High School; and,

WHEREAS, the team members and the coach of the George Wythe High School Scholastic Bowl Team, through their outstanding display of academic ability, team play and sportsmanship, have reflected great credit upon the school and upon the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, officially commends the George Wythe High School Scholastic Bowl Team; its Coach, Jennifer Ferguson; and, other high school officials concerned for the outstanding accomplishment of the Scholastic Bowl Team.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be presented to the George Wythe High School Scholastic Bowl Team, the coach, other high school officials and the news media.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, to be affixed this 25th day of March two thousand nineteen.

Mayor Taylor requested the members of the Scholastic Bowl Team and their coach to come forward for the presentation of the resolution and to have a photo taken.

Mayor Taylor inquired if there are others who wish to address the Town Council during Citizen's Period. There being none, she proceeded with the agenda.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING – US CELLULAR SPECIAL EXCEPTION PERMIT REQUEST

Mayor Taylor advised that the meeting constituted a public hearing (due notice having been given) to consider the request of US Cellular for a Special Exception Permit to construct a stealth monopole tower on the west side of Goodwin Lane, which is located between East Main Street and East End Cemetery, in a B-2 Business Zoning District. Mayor Taylor noted that there are several citizens listed on the sign in sheet who would like to address the Council during this public hearing, however, a representative from US Cellular would first make her presentation.

Ms. Emilee Switzer was recognized and stated that she is attending the meeting on behalf of US Cellular to propose a wireless facility in the Town of Wytheville located at 185 Peppers Ferry Road. Ms. Switzer remarked that US Cellular is requesting approval of their application by the Wytheville Planning Commission to construct the new tower that has been designed as a stealth flagpole. She noted that The Center for Municipal Solutions (CMS), the Town's consultant, has also submitted a letter to the Wytheville Planning Commission requesting that the tower be approved, as well. Ms. Switzer continued to review US Cellular's information for the Special Exception Permit request with the Council. Mayor Taylor inquired of Ms. Switzer in regard to the radio frequencies due to the Veterans Clinic being located in such close proximity. She commented that she wanted to clarify that there would be no interference with the procedures or the pacemakers, etc. that may be taking place at the clinic. Ms. Switzer stated that there would not be interference, and that the clinic is going to conduct testing, as requested by the Town, to test the radio frequency and make sure that once the tower is up and running that everything is fine. She noted that towers have actually been installed in medical buildings without any issues. Mayor Taylor inquired of Ms. Switzer what would happen if the property is sold by the owner and the new property owner would not want to continue with the lease with US Cellular. Ms. Switzer stated that US Cellular would be required to remove the tower. She remarked that it is all stated in the lease. Mayor Taylor inquired of Ms. Switzer what happens to the tower if it is damaged by a storm, aircraft, etc. and is knocked over. Ms. Switzer stated that the pole is designed not to fall, but, if for some unknown reason that it were to fall, the pole is designed to actually collapse into the compound that is surrounding it because it is designed not to fall onto other properties, etc. Mayor Taylor inquired of Ms. Switzer what size the flag would be that US Cellular would have flying on the pole. Ms. Switzer stated that she would have to research that question and report back to the Council. She noted that she could make sure that the flag definitely fits to the size of the pole so that it does not look unproportioned. Mayor Taylor inquired if there would be any blinking lights on top of the pole alerting planes. Ms. Switzer stated that there would not be any blinking lights on the pole because as long as towers are under 199 feet tall, they are not required to have blinking lights. She remarked that there would only be a light shining up the pole to illuminate the flag. Councilman Bloomfield inquired if anything was exposed on the pole. Ms. Switzer stated that there was not. She remarked that everything is incased in the canister. Councilwoman Pattison inquired if there would be any visible antennas. Ms. Switzer stated that there would not be any visible antennas other than the lightning rod at the top. Ms. Switzer thanked the Council for allowing her to speak. Mayor Taylor thanked Ms. Switzer for her comments.

Mr. Terry Beamer was recognized and stated that he resides at 290 Fairview Road in Wytheville. He noted that he is attending the meeting on behalf of the Wythe County Historical Society. Mr. Beamer advised that the Historical Society is not in opposition of US Cellular's Special Exception Permit request. Mr. Beamer stated that considering the size that Ms. Switzer noted the flag will be and that it will be displayed in accordance with the United States Flag Code, the Historical Society does not oppose the tower. Discussion ensued regarding the flag

and the size of the pole. Mr. Beamer thanked the Council for allowing him to speak. Mayor Taylor thanked Mr. Beamer for his comments.

Ms. Lisa Burnett was recognized and stated that she is the property owner of the proposed tower site. She noted that she would like to thank the Council for considering US Cellular's request. Ms. Burnett remarked that US Cellular has been wonderful to work with, and they have exceeded the Town's requirements and requests. She continued to express her thoughts regarding the Special Exception Permit request for a stealth monopole tower on Goodwin Lane. Ms. Burnett thanked the Council for allowing her to speak. Mayor Taylor thanked Ms. Burnett for her comments.

Mayor Taylor inquired if there is anyone else who wished to address the Council during the public hearing. There being none, she declared the public hearing closed and proceeded with the agenda.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING – SUZANNE RICHERT SPECIAL EXCEPTION PERMIT REQUEST

Mayor Taylor advised that the meeting constituted a public hearing (due notice having been given) to consider the request of Suzanne Richert for a Special Exception Permit to raise ponies/miniature horses and goats on a portion of her property located at 270 Echo Valley Road, which is located on the west side of Echo Valley Road and south of Echo Valley Circle, in an R-2 Residential Zoning District. Mayor Taylor noted that Ms. Richert's neighbors are all in favor of Ms. Richert's request, and there is a list of supporters included in the Council packets. Mayor Taylor inquired if there is anyone who wished to address the Council during the public hearing. There being none, she declared the public hearing closed and proceeded with the agenda.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - R-3 RESIDENTIAL

Mayor Taylor advised that the meeting constituted a public hearing (due notice having been given) to consider amending the Town of Wytheville Zoning Ordinance, Article VIII – Residential District R-3, Section 8-8, Special Provisions for Residences, to decrease the minimum square footage for residences. Mayor Taylor inquired if there is anyone who wished to address the Council during the public hearing. There being none, she declared the public hearing closed and proceeded with the agenda.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - R-1M RESIDENTIAL

Mayor Taylor advised that the meeting constituted a public hearing (due notice having been given) to consider amending the Town of Wytheville Zoning Ordinance, Article VI-M – Residential District R-1M, to delete Section 6-9.9M, a provision that permits one roomer to reside in the dwelling unit for compensation.

Ms. Rhonda Sechrest was recognized and stated that she resides at 480 Church Street in Wytheville, which is located in the R-1M Residential Zoning District. She remarked that as senior citizens, she and her husband, Mark, would like to request that Section 6-9.9M of Article VI-M - Residential District R-1M of the Zoning Ordinance not be deleted, but that it be modified to more clearly show its intent, which is not to allow short term rentals in the R-1M Residential Zoning District. She continued to express her thoughts regarding the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. Ms. Sechrest thanked the Council for allowing her to speak. Mayor Taylor thanked Ms. Sechrest for her comments.

Dr. William Deal was recognized and stated that he resides at 515 East Withers Road in Wytheville. He stated that he understands Mrs. Sechrest's concern, however, he finds it appropriate to remove this section of the Zoning Ordinance because the need that was originally included is no longer present. He noted that the R-1M Residential Zoning District is a prime residential neighborhood. Dr. Deal continued to express his thoughts regarding the proposed amendment to the R-1M Residential Zoning District. He thanked the Council for allowing him to speak. Mayor Taylor thanked Dr. Deal for his comments. She stated that according to the Zoning Ordinance, three unrelated people can still live in a residence without compensation. Town Manager Sutherland stated that is correct. Mayor Taylor noted, therefore, if a resident needed assistance for health reasons, companionship, etc., then it would be allowed, however, rent would not be allowed to be charged. Discussion ensued regarding the language in the Zoning Ordinance concerning this issue.

Ms. Rhonda Sechrest inquired of the Council if it was referring to three unrelated people living in a home, if the owners were not living in the home, as well. She inquired if this is the provision for

the three unrelated people. Mayor Taylor stated that is not correct. She explained the meaning of this provision.

Mayor Taylor inquired if there is anyone who wished to address the Council during the public hearing. There being none, she declared the public hearing closed and proceeded with the agenda.

RE: CITIZENS' PERIOD

Mayor Taylor advised the next agenda item is Citizens' Period. She noted there were no other citizens attending the meeting to address the Council, therefore, she would proceed with the agenda.

RE: OLD BUSINESS

Under Old Business, Town Manager Sutherland reported the following:

1. The next Council Work Session will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at 7:00 a.m., in the Council Conference Room.
2. The Joint Industrial Development Authority will meet on Thursday, April 25, 2019, at 3:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

RE: BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice-Mayor King, reporting for the Budget and Finance Committee, stated that the Council wanted to take this opportunity to make everyone aware of the upcoming community shredding event. She noted that the Town has provided this service on eight previous occasions. Vice-Mayor King remarked that the ninth shredding event will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. She explained that the document destruction services will be provided by Southwest Shredding. Vice-Mayor King commented that due to the volume of documents that was received previously, the Town will, again, impose the standard that no one can bring anything in excess of what would be held by a 55 gallon container. She stated that the event is limited to town residents only, and businesses are not allowed to participate. Vice-Mayor King noted that the event will be held in the Municipal Building parking lot.

Vice-Mayor King, also, reported that at the Council Work Session last week, Town Treasurer Michael Stephens submitted delinquent taxes that need to be written off of the Town's books. She noted that under Section 58.1-3940 of the Code of Virginia, it states that a collection of local taxes shall only be enforceable for five years following December 31 of the year for which such taxes were assessed. Vice-Mayor King explained that there were \$1,664.19 delinquent in 2013 for Personal Property/Mobile Home taxes and \$10,234.24 for Water/Sewer bills. She remarked that every effort has been made to collect these delinquent taxes, but it is now clear that they cannot be collected. Vice-Mayor King advised, therefore, it is the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee that the Town Council authorize the Town Treasurer to write-off the taxes outlined above. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor King and seconded by Councilwoman Pattison to authorize the Town Treasurer to write off \$1,664.19 in 2013 delinquent Personal Property/Mobile Home Taxes and \$10,234.24 in delinquent 2013 Water/Sewer Bills. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion. Councilman Bloomfield inquired if he remembers Town Treasurer Stephens stating that even though the Town is writing these taxes off, the attempt to collect would still be in place, but that they would not be listed on the books. Town Manager Sutherland stated that is correct. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any further discussion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Beth A. Taylor, Jacqueline K. King, Joseph E. Hand, Jr., Mark J. Bloomfield, Cathy D. Pattison. Against: None. A copy of the Budget and Finance Committee report is attached and made part of these minutes.

RE: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilman Bloomfield, reporting for the Public Works Committee, stated that the Town Code currently has regulations concerning excessive noise made by cats and dogs. He noted that, unfortunately, the court has, on several occasions, found this language to be unclear and would seek a more definitive definition of excessive noise. Councilman Bloomfield explained that, later in the meeting, the Council will consider an ordinance, which amends the Town Code to provide language that is similar to our other noise ordinances with regard to extraneous noises. He remarked that the Public Works Committee thinks the specific times and distances that are provided in the ordinance will make it clearer to pet owners and the court and provide an

opportunity to have additional enforcement for these situations. Councilman Bloomfield advised that when the ordinance is considered, it would be the recommendation of the Public Works Committee that the ordinance be adopted on first and final reading, and it be made effective immediately.

Councilman Bloomfield, also, reported that as the Public Works Committee has reported before, the Town has been designated as a Tree City USA community. He noted that this designation is the result of a great deal of work of many of the Town's staff, including the Town's Tree Advisory Committee. Councilman Bloomfield stated that in recognition of this designation, a ceremony will be held in Withers Park on Friday, April 26, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. He remarked that, at this time, representatives from Tree City USA, as well as other State agencies affiliated with Forestation Projects, will be present to celebrate our achievement. Councilman Bloomfield commented that the Council would like to welcome everyone to participate in this celebration of the Town's new designation. A copy of the Public Works Committee report is attached and made part of these minutes.

RE: ORDINANCE NO. 1358

Mayor Taylor presented Ordinance No. 1356, an ordinance amending and reenacting Ordinance No. 640, generally known as the Zoning Ordinance, Article VI-M - Residential District R-1M, Section 6-9M, Special Provisions for Residences, by deleting Section 6-9.9M, on first reading. Mayor Taylor inquired if there is a motion regarding Ordinance No. 1358. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor King and seconded Councilman Hand to suspend the rules and adopt Ordinance No. 1358, an ordinance amending and reenacting Ordinance No. 640, generally known as the Zoning Ordinance, Article VI-M - Residential District R-1M, Section 6-9M, Special Provisions for Residences, by deleting Section 6-9.9M, on first and final reading. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to adopt the ordinance on first and final reading. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition:

FOR: Beth A. Taylor, Jacqueline K. King, Joseph E. Hand, Jr., Mark J. Bloomfield, Cathy D. Pattison

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Ordinance No. 1358 was adopted on first and final reading.

RE: ORDINANCE NO. 1359

Mayor Taylor presented Ordinance No. 1359, an ordinance amending and reenacting Ordinance No. 640, generally known as the Zoning Ordinance, Article VIII- Residential District R-3, Section 8-8, Special Provisions for Residences, on first reading. Mayor Taylor inquired if there is a motion regarding Ordinance No. 1359. A motion was made by Councilman Hand and seconded by Vice-Mayor King to suspend the rules and adopt Ordinance No. 1359, an ordinance amending and reenacting Ordinance No. 640, generally known as the Zoning Ordinance, Article VIII- Residential District R-3, Section 8-8, Special Provisions for Residences, on first and final reading. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to adopt the ordinance on first and final reading. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition:

FOR: Beth A. Taylor, Jacqueline K. King, Joseph E. Hand, Jr., Mark J. Bloomfield, Cathy D. Pattison

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Ordinance No. 1359 was adopted on first and final reading.

RE: ORDINANCE NO. 1360

Mayor Taylor presented Ordinance No. 1360, an ordinance amending and reenacting Chapter 3, Animals, Article II. Cats and Dogs, Section 3-16. Definitions, of the Code of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, on first reading. Mayor Taylor inquired if there is a motion regarding Ordinance No. 1360. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor King and seconded by Councilman Hand to suspend the rules and adopt Ordinance No. 1360, an ordinance amending and

reenacting Chapter 3, Animals, Article II. Cats and Dogs, Section 3-16. Definitions, of the Code of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, on first and final reading. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion to adopt the ordinance on first and final reading. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition:

FOR: Beth A. Taylor, Jacqueline K. King, Joseph E. Hand, Jr., Mark J. Bloomfield, Cathy D. Pattison

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Ordinance No. 1360 was adopted on first and final reading.

RE: SPECIAL EXCEPTION PERMIT REQUEST – US CELLULAR

Mayor Taylor advised the next agenda item is the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to US Cellular to construct a stealth monopole tower on the west side of Goodwin Lane, which is located between East Main Street and East End Cemetery, in a B-2 Business Zoning District. Mayor Taylor inquired if there is a motion concerning the Special Exception Permit request by US Cellular. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor King and seconded by Councilman Bloomfield to issue a Special Exception Permit to US Cellular to construct a stealth monopole tower on the west side of Goodwin Lane, which is located between East Main Street and East End Cemetery, in a B-2 Business Zoning District, with the following stipulations: 1.) Adequate vegetative or constructed screening of the equipment shall be required for the tower; 2.) Provisions shall be made for lighting the flag if it is to be flown 24 hours per day in accordance with recognized protocol for flying the United States flag, for flying at half-mast when national declarations are made, for replacing the flag when worn, etc.; 3.) The Special Exception Permit shall be reviewed and renewed annually by the Planning Commission; 4.) The Special Exception Permit is issued only to US Cellular and is not transferrable; 5.) The Special Exception Permit shall not be issued until all the requirements made by The Center for Municipal Solutions (CMS) have been met by US Cellular; 6.) US Cellular has requested a timing waiver for the following requirements, which shall be submitted and must be reviewed and approved by CMS prior to the issuance of the building permit: (a) Make, model, type and manufacturer of the proposed tower; (b) Certified Structural Design Analysis including calculations; 7.) Before construction of the permitted wireless communications flagpole is initiated, but in no case later than fifteen (15) days after the grant of the Special Exception Permit, US Cellular shall deliver to the Town a copy of each of the policies or certificates representing the insurance in the required amounts; 8.) The monopole shall be completely constructed and ready for use no later than six (6) months from the date of the Special Exception Permit or the Permit shall be deemed to have expired and of no use or effect; 9.) At the completion of construction, the Applicant must notify the Town's consultant (CMS) and provide proof that all inspections have been satisfactorily completed and the project is ready for a final on-site inspection. Upon passing the final inspection, a recommendation to issue a Certificate of Completion shall be made; 10.) US Cellular Corporation shall not be permitted to actually provide service commercially from the facility until the Certificate of Completion or its functional equivalent is issued or risk forfeiting its Permit; 11.) US Cellular shall install a black chain link fence, with black slat inserts, around the bottom of the tower and the equipment located on the ground; 12.) An RF test shall be conducted, at the expense of US Cellular, after the installation of the tower; 13.) The Special Exception Permit shall be granted only to US Cellular so that any change in ownership shall require an application for a Special Exception Permit; and, 14.) Failure to comply with these conditions shall be grounds for rescinding this Special Exception Permit. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Beth A. Taylor, Jacqueline K. King, Joseph E. Hand, Jr., Mark J. Bloomfield, Cathy D. Pattison. Against: None.

RE: SPECIAL EXCEPTION PERMIT REQUEST – SUZANNE RICHERT

Mayor Taylor advised the next agenda item is the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to Suzanne Richert to raise ponies/miniature goats on a portion of her property located at 270 Echo Valley Road, which is located on the west side of Echo Valley Road and south of Echo Valley Circle, in an R-2 Residential Zoning District. Mayor Taylor inquired if there is a motion concerning the Special Exception Permit request by Suzanne Richert. A motion was made by Councilman Hand and seconded by Vice-Mayor King to issue a Special Exception Permit to Suzanne Richert to raise ponies/miniature goats on a portion of her property located at 270 Echo Valley Road, which is located on the west side of Echo Valley Road and south of Echo Valley Circle, in an R-2 Residential Zoning District, with the following stipulations: 1.) An appropriate farm fencing shall be installed; 2.) The fencing shall be a specific distance from any adjacent property lines for protection of adjacent property owners; 3.) Stockpiles of manure,

feed and watering areas or shelters shall be central to the fencing so as to provide minimal impact to adjacent properties; 4.) The operation shall be reviewed annually to be sure that safeguards are in place; 5.) There shall be no more than two (2) miniature horses/ponies and two (2) goats on the property; 6.) Humane conditions, such as shelter, feeding, watering, shall be maintained; 7.) Failure to maintain the safeguards shall terminate the Special Exception Permit; 8.) The Special Exception Permit shall be reviewed and renewed annually to confirm that all stipulations of the permit are being met. The Planning Commission will give consideration to neighboring properties developing and density increasing when considering to discontinue, or renew, the Special Exception Permit; 9.) The Special Exception Permit shall be granted only to Ms. Suzanne Richert so that any change in ownership shall require an application for a Special Exception Permit; and, 10.) Failure to comply with these conditions shall be grounds for rescinding this Special Exception Permit. Mayor Taylor inquired if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the motion was approved with the following voting in favor and there being no opposition: For: Beth A. Taylor, Jacqueline K. King, Joseph E. Hand, Jr., Mark J. Bloomfield, Cathy D. Pattison. Against: None.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was duly made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting (7:33 p.m.).

Beth A. Taylor, Mayor

Sharon G. Corvin, CMC, Town Clerk

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

APRIL 22, 2019

1. We wanted to take this opportunity to make everyone aware of the upcoming community shredding event. The Town has provided this service on eight previous occasions. The ninth shredding event will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The document destruction services will be provided by Southwest Shredding. Due to the volume of documents that was received previously, we will, again, impose the standard that no one can bring anything in excess of what would be held by a 55 gallon container. The event is limited to town residents only, and businesses are not allowed to participate. The event will be held in the Municipal Building parking lot.
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Jacqueline K. King

Cathy D. Pattison

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

APRIL 22, 2019

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Joseph E. Hand, Jr.

Mark J. Bloomfield