

WORKSHOP MEETING
WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 8, 2024
4:00 P.M. - Town Hall

Present: Mayor Davis, Council members Vernon Brown, Wesley Hutchins, Caroline Jones, Peggy Leight, Town Manager Scott Snow and Town Clerk Rusty Sawyer.

Mayor Davis calls the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and opens with a prayer.
Doc: Any additions to the agenda? YES
Peggy: Please add #5 COG Meeting to the agenda.

Discussion Items for the February 8th, 2024 Meeting

1. 2024 POWELL BILL MAP UPDATE DISCUSSION

Scott: Powell Bill Funding: Current State Funding: \$1,642.85 / mile
It is time to update our Powell Bill Map. We have roads to add and roads to remove. Roads added to the Powell Bill Map must meet DOT standards. Whitehall Village HOA has not officially requested the town take over maintenance of their 1.89 miles of streets. However, now is the time for that decision so their streets will be correctly designated on our new maps. Resurfacing costs are currently approximately \$150,000 / mile.

**MOTION: TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE POWELL BILL UPDATES:
ROADS TO ADD TO POWELL BILL MAP EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024**

- CRANFILL LANE - .15 MILES
- WHITEHALL VILLAGE (IF FORMALLY REQUESTED) – 1.89 MILES

ROADS TO REMOVE FROM POWELL BILL MAP EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

- SALEM ROAD (PORTION IN THE COUNTY) - .08 MILES
- CHAPEL STREET (UNCONFORMING) - .19 MILES

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: VERNON BROWN

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)

2. 5095 MAIN STREET BUILDING USES DISCUSSION

Scott leads this discussion.

** Council is in agreement to review uses list and make decision later.*

3. DISCUSSION OF FIRE SERVICES

Scott leads this discussion.

Doc: The Talley's Station is closed with a for sale sign out.

Wesley: We have complied with the request from the Walkertown Fire Dept. for a RESOLUTION. Now we need a response from the county.

Doc: Should we go directly to the County Commissioners?

MOTION: WE HAVE COMPLIED WITH THE REQUEST FROM THE WALKERTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT TO SEND RESOLUTION TO FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING CONSIDERATION OF A SERVICE DISTRICT FOR PURPOSE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES WITHIN WALKERTOWN CITY LIMITS, ON THE CONDITION THAT TALLEY'S CROSSING FIRE STATION IS NOT REPLACED WHEN IT IS TAKEN OUT OF SERVICE NOW WE NEED A RESPONSE FROM THE COUNTY

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS
SECOND: VERNON BROWN
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(BROWN, HUTCHINSD, JONES, LEIGHT)

4. PROJECT UPDATES

Scott leads the discussion.

Town Center Park

Scott: We need to make a decision on the wood fence.

Peggy: Parents like the fence as a barrier to keep kids in TCP.

Wesley: Take it down.

Peggy: Should we extend the Black metal fence on Depot inside the sidewalk?

Scott: Daniel Lasley says the trees behind the BP are overgrown and hard to clean trash out from under them. He suggest a similar tree that doesn't grow as large. Now is the time to replace them with better trees while they are easier to cut down. Same with the trees behind the warehouse.

Peggy: No. It took them 20 years to grow that size.

Wesley: Get a quote.

Council Chambers Project

- Framing completed
- Metal roof completed
- Started brick work

Old Hollow Road Community meeting with DOT

- February 15, 5 – 7 pm in the Walkertown Library
- Connie James from DOT will be there to answer questions

5. COG

Peggy leads this discussion

Grants available for broadband.

Disaster training.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN WORKSHOP MEETING @ 7:42
BY: PEGGY LEIGHT
SECOND: CAROLINE JONES
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(BROWN, HUTCHINSD, JONES, LEIGHT)

Submitted by: Rusty Sawyer, Town Clerk

