

Minutes
Friends of Esmont Meeting
May 17, 2018

Present: Peggy Denby, Barbara Templeton, Tom Templeton, Randy Haycock, Judy Blake, Sonny Goode, Mark Otis, and Don Jones

Peggy opened the meeting with a bit of background including reading part of an email from the owner of the former Purvis' Store property stating his plans to repair the roof on the building, clear the grounds around the property and get it ready for resale.

Peggy also passed around a "quickly made" Friends of Esmont brochure to use this Sunday in the Exhibit Booth at the Cure the Critters fundraiser/bbq in Scottsville.

Everyone present was asked to introduce themselves and tell their personal interest(s) and what they would like to see improved in the Village:

Randy: School is for sale, would make a great community center, owned by Steeger Family Trust. Larry Barnett is a R/E contact – not listed now.

Mark: Need to clean up homes/buildings, many rentals. Randy suggested a "painting party".

Randy: Cell tower is needed.

Barbara: Need to get the locals involved.

Judy: Go door-to-door – Having a block party

Tom: Only reasons to be in Esmont: PO & church. Need a food/grocery store.

Randy: Vacant homes could be B&Bs

Mark: Water Problems: Need another culvert – Albemarle County. 3 lakes above the Village are becoming much larger due to beaver dams, a huge rain could cause flooding. The lakes are on a several hundred acre planned development by a NY group.

Tom: Suggested contacting the Corps of Engineers on water problems.

Can get an Esmont plat on the Albemarle GIS website.

Judy and Peggy will knock on doors on May 30 inviting everyone to the church parking lot for hamburgers/hotdogs – A Block Party – to be held on June 16. Hopefully, this will generate more interest from local residents to get involved with the group in developing a long range plan.