

Friends of Esmont – Minutes of Meeting August 21, 2018

Present: Robbyrda Preston, Nick Duke, Sonny Goode, Gail Hobbs-Page, Anna Boeschenstein, Jen Deibert, Mark Otis, Don Jones, Peggy Denby

Discussion was led by Peggy Denby, who opened with introductions of all attending then talked about the importance of having many people listed as Friends and attending the meetings. The more people participating, the more attention we will get. Esmont is often described as being in “the forgotten part of Albemarle County” and we need to change that.

The remainder of the meeting involved discussion of each of the Projects on the Project List sent out to all Friends prior to the meeting. During discussion, a number of ideas were suggested, and some attendees began to identify with projects. Jen Deibert expressed interest in the Purvis Store property and Mark Otis has taken lead on the culvert. Gail Hobbs-Page suggested we look at Mother Earth Brewery in Kingsten, NC as a good example of a small village that rejuvenated itself.

At the end of discussion, everyone scored the Projects in order of importance to them. The idea was to find the top five projects in rank order. The results of the scoring: (1) Rails to Trails (2) Purvis Store property as possible Community Center (3) Wildlife Refuge (4) Replica Depot to contain museum (5) Fulfillment Farms open to public.

We agreed to meet more often, at least monthly, at 6:00 pm on Mondays.

Submitted by Peggy Denby, August 23, 2018