



**CLIFTON TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, June 1, 2010 7:30 PM**

**Town Council members present: Wayne Nickum, Tom Peterson, Chuck Rusnak, Deborah Dillard, Mike Anton, Pat Layden**

Reading of the Minutes-

**Motion:** Wayne Nickum made a motion to approve the Minutes for May 2010. Tom Peterson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**Motion:** Pat Layden made a motion to approve the Minutes for the May special meeting. Wayne Nickum seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report-

Marilyn Barton presented the Treasurer's report. There was a cash balance of \$53,968.14. The bottom line for May at the end of the month was negative \$28,777. The NOVAC bill that was for the month of May but is due in June was \$654.52.

**Motion:** Wayne Nickum made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Deborah Dillard seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Planning Commission-

Recommend to approval of a use permit for the construction of Phase I of the Clifton floodplain park project at 7139 Main street (tax map 75-4((2)) 8) which consist of an improved vehicular entrance on main street, pedestrian trail and public parking lot.

Given that the town engineer has reviewed and recommended approval of the Site Plan for the Clifton Floodplain Park project and that Fairfax County has approved the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan 7646-RGP-002-1), the Planning Commission recommends approval of the Site Plan prepared by J2 Engineers dated May 17, 2010.

Recommend approval of the location of the roadway/driveway and related improvements within the RPA pursuant to Sec. 11-13.a, 11-14.b and c. of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance since:

- a. There are no reasonable alternatives to aligning the roadway/driveway in the RPA due to the location of the existing entrance to the property;
- b. The alignment and design of the roadway/driveway minimizes encroachment in the RPA and has no adverse effects on water quality;
- c. The design and construction of the proposed improvements satisfy all applicable criteria of the ordinance including the submission of a water quality impact assessment; and
- d. The site plan has been reviewed by the Town as part of a use permit and plan of development application.

The recommendation of approval is subject to any additional agreement[s] that may be necessary by or between either the Town of Clifton, the Clifton Betterment Association Town Improvement Fund and / or the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust for a long term maintenance plan, including all maintenance requirements and persons responsible for maintenance is carried out should be submitted for review and approval by the Town Council. In addition, all necessary agreements by or between either the Town of Clifton, the Clifton Betterment Association Town Improvement Fund and /or the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust should be executed prior to construction to ensure public access is provided for the new vehicular entrance, roadway/driveway, pedestrian trail to the adjacent property owned by the Town of Clifton/Northern Virginia Conservation Trust identified as Tax Map 75-4 ((2)) 7 and 7A.

This recommendation of approval is also subject to the Town and/or CBA coordinating with the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust on the location of a trail easement for the pedestrian trail and for other improvements shown on the site plan as may be required by the Conservation Easement recorded in deed Book 14491 Page 0554.

There was one change, to be made to CBA Town Improvement Fund.

**Motion:** Wayne Nickum made a motion to approve this change. Tom Peterson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

ARB-

Chuck Rusnak announced that the ARB did not meet.

Committee Reports-

Town Hall-

Deborah Dillard began. She stated that Bob Peterson had just recently gone into the Town Community Hall, to discover that cooking oil had been poured all over the floor. He contacted the police, took a sample of the oil, and is filing a complaint. The following morning it should be cleaned. There needs to be discussion on the security; only a few people know the code.

Wine Festival-

The event was extremely successful- volunteer help was excellent. They are still tallying the numbers. The upcoming new mayor asked, "What do you attribute to the success this year, besides the weather being good?" Markus answered, the word. He felt like more people were aware of it.

Citizen's remarks-

Matthew Brooks stood up to speak. He stated that he was here from Clifton Presbyterian Church. Part of their mission is reaching out to the community, all ages. A large group that gets ignored in the community is high and early college age kids – they've gotten a grant to call out to them, by running a coffee shop on Saturday, June 19, 2010. It will be headlined by Colin Thompson. His goal is to show the kids what a great community the Town of Clifton is; he requested permission to put the banner up – all it will say is the date of the coffee shop.

**Motion:** Tom Peterson made a motion that the Town Council approves the placement of a banner over Main Street as soon as possible, on

June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010, and taken down 7 days after the event. Deborah Dillard seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Concerning Clifton RED, in their mission to save Clifton Elementary, it was noted that it will be decided within the next six weeks. Fairfax County will either close the school, or renovate it. There is a school board meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Clifton RED is trying their hardest to get everybody out, but most importantly the word. It is important to keep this school open. Dwayne Nitz added that the school board has seemed to be reacting poorly, which is the point that is being made – the point needs to be that the community supports renovating the school as it needs to be renovated, but it doesn't need to be completely re-done and re-located.

Mike Anton noted that the girl scouts have requested to use the bridge on June 5<sup>th</sup> for twenty minutes to have a bridging ceremony.

#### Meal's Tax-

**Motion:** Chuck Rusnak made a motion that the meals tax ordinance be tabled. Mike Anton seconded, there were 3 for and 3 against the motion. The motion did not pass. Chuck Rusnak, Mike Anton, and Deborah Dillard were for, and Tom Peterson, Wayne Nickum and Pat Layden were against.

**Motion:** Pat Layden made a motion that the Town adopt a meal's tax ordinance with one change that it would be effective one month before Fairfax County's meal's tax takes place. That way, the money would come in and stay in the town. Tom Peterson seconded the motion – Pat Layden, Tom Peterson, Wayne Nickum, Chuck Rusnak and Deborah Dillard were in favor, and Mike Anton was against. The motion passed, 5-1.

#### Special Meeting-

Tom Peterson presented. The minutes were approved at the special meeting. They took into consideration all the budget requirements from the committees. The public hearing notice in the paper should be on June 10<sup>th</sup>. 7 days advance notice, the hearing is on the 24<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> beyond. The Public Hearing Date is 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion:** Wayne Nickum made a motion to schedule the Public Hearing on Thursday, June 17, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. at the Clifton Town Community Hall for the Town of Clifton budget for fiscal year ended 06-30-11. Tom Peterson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**Motion:** Wayne Nickum made a motion to adjourn. Deborah Dillard seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Minutes prepared by Kathleen Barton, Clerk.