

## **TOWN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

**November 28, 2006**

### **Minutes**

**Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with Commissioners Gell, Sheets, Williams and Vandervort in attendance. Town Administrator Henry Burden was also in attendance.**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Gell to approve the minutes. Motion passed 3-0, with 2 abstentions.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Letts to approve Accounts Payable. Motion passed 4-0 with one abstention.**

**Town Administrator's report was given by Mr. Burden. Mr. Burden stated that the audit is continuing to progress and we are about 1-1/2 years into the audited years. Also, the town has hired a temporary employee to help with some of the overload in the office. The installation of pipe on Chesapeake Road is going well. So far, 300 feet of pipe has been installed. The breakwater project will begin at the boat ramp tomorrow.**

**Judy Calvert – Judy stated that any more discussion about 380 Chesapeake Road will be handled between lawyers.**

**Community Mediation Service – This is an organization that is looking for matching funds to be able to provide community mediation. Their need is \$12,500. No motion is made at this time.**

**Christmas Party – Discussion was made by Commissioner Sheets to have the party on December 15<sup>th</sup> to allow enough time to plan. Motion was made by Commissioner Letts to have the party on December 15, 2006 2-7 p.m. in the town hall with a budget of \$1,300. Motion approved 4-0. Commissioner Williams abstained.**

**Growth Area – Under the new state bill, we need to consider areas where it might be profitable to grow. At this time, Perryville and North East are both looking at specific areas and to protect our future we need to look at specific areas as well. Mr. Burden defined a growth area as an area favorable to develop and annex into the town's limits.**

**Appointments to Commissions – Both Historic Commissioners Bowles and Barker were reinstated for another term on the Historic Commission. Commissioner Letts motioned to waive the interview process. Motion passed 5-0.**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Letts to accept the nomination of Dr. Susan Gell for another term on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion passed 4-0 with Dr. Robert Gell abstaining.**

**Motion made to accept the letter from Nelson McCall to reinstate him for another year to the Board of Special Appeals. Motion made by Commissioner Letts includes quashing the interview process. Motion passed 4-0, with Commissioner Williams abstaining.**

**All three positions for the Elections Board were up with Judy Newsome and Joan Upperco writing in that they would like to continue on the board. Virginia Slater did not respond and a vacancy is left open. Discussion was made about staggering the commission terms of the election board and also appointing an alternate to the Board of Special Appeals. Motion was made to waive the interviews of the two continuing on the Election Board, Judy Newsome and Joan Upperco. Motion was approve 5-0. Motion was also made by Commissioner Sheets to accept the Ms. Newsome and Ms. Upperco. Motion passed 5-0. Mr. Burden asked who should be soliciting for the positions of Election Judge and Board of Special Appeals alternate that are open. It was decided that Mr. Burden would follow through on that task.**

**Naming the new park – The state has been asking the town what the name of the town is. A suggestion by Commissioner Williams to ask the Historical Commission for suggestions. The**

**creek that runs under the footlog bridge also needs naming. Mr. Burden will take care of contacting the Historical Commission.**

**For the good of the town: Commissioner Williams mentioned that we really need a generator to keep the town running in the event of an electrical outage. Mr. Burden stated that he will write for a grant from the federal government as they offer these grants to help municipalities with continuity of government. Commissioner Williams also discussed the cemetery. He would like to see the town utilize about 25% of the existing town lot to add space. There are two other cemeteries in town that are from the 1800's. Commissioner Vandervort made the suggestion that the Historic Commission look into the use of the cemeteries.**

**Commissioner Gell moved to adjourn the meeting and go into an executive session at 7:32 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.**

**Respectfully submitted by,**

**Barbara R. Kelly**

**Town Clerk**