

**COMMITTEE: INFRASTRUCTURE**  
**DATE: OCTOBER 5, 2009**  
**TIME: 10 A.M.**

**In attendance:** Council Members Baker (Chair), Redmon, and Whittle; Town Manager Fauber, Town Planner Rex, Mr. Leon Smith, Mr. Ryan Judy, Mr. Tommy Cameron, and Liz Wilkerson of the Northern Virginia Daily.

**Ryan Judy, 469 Crystal Lane, Strasburg, VA:** Mr. Judy was in attendance to discuss storm water run-off problems on his property. He presented all in attendance with documentation prepared by his attorney and had copies of the site plan. He explained there is a detention pond on his property which receives much run-off from properties surrounding his.

Council Member Baker said this is in the hands of Town Attorney Neal and Mr. Judy's attorney and he would like to wait on a recommendation from Mr. Neal before proceeding further. He does not think this should be taken before Council since Mr. Judy's attorney is working on this with Mr. Neal. He gave his personal promise that this issue would "not die" and he didn't think the committee was in any position to act upon this until something is received from Mr. Neal. The consensus of the committee was in agreement with Mr. Baker. Town Manager Fauber said he had talked to Mr. Patch, representative from Walter Enterprises (owners of the property where Food Lion is located) and they have plans to repair or fix the basin and that he asked that they get in touch with Shenandoah County since they take care of Erosion and Sediment Control issues. Town Manager Fauber will follow-up with Mr. Patch. Town Manager Fauber said he is in hopes the issues with Mr. Judy will be taken care of in a matter of weeks, but there are some legal questions that will need to be addressed.

**ACTION ITEM:**

➤ **Resolution for VML "Go Green" Challenge**

Planner Rex presented a draft of the resolution (attached here-to) and explained the wording. The Committee unanimously agreed to forward this on to Council with the modification that any actions must be economically feasible.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

➤ **Update on the Transportation Survey**

Planner Rex said a survey had been done by the NSVRC as an on-line survey. Results have not been gotten, but he will send these out to the Council by email, when received. He believes about 60 people responded to the on-line survey and he will be asking if a mailed survey can be done. Planner Rex asked if the committee was in favor of having a mail survey, but the consensus was that the cost would be an issue. If it is found that the NSVRC will "bear" the cost, then the committee would like to move forward with this. Planner Rex will send an email out to Members when he hears from Mr. Price.

➤ **Pavement in front of Spike's**

Town Manager Fauber gave the background of the issue saying the Town had given Mr. Spiker permission to stripe and seal the pavement in front of his business. Spike's went a step further and added wording which has generated some complaints. It was explained to Town Manager Fauber that tractor-trailers have been turning around there which is causing problems. He suggested having Chief Sutherly, Director of Public Works Rhodes, and Planner Rex (or an appointed sub-committee) look into this to see if there might be other solutions, especially from a public safety standpoint.

Concerns from the committee centered on the street still being owned by the Town and so they feel the writing should be removed except for the "No Turn Around." Staff was be instructed to deal with the issue.

➤ **Street Vacation Ordinance**

Chairperson Baker said this specifically deals with the Brill property at King Street extended. It was suggested to just give Mr. Brill the property, but not all committee members agreed with this as a consistent policy needs to be given. Planner Rex said the State Code minimum policy needs to at least be added to our Code, but stated he had presented two policies earlier and was awaiting feedback on these. The policies center on when the Town would receive compensation on the vacated properties. It was decided to move this on to the Ordinance Committee so the basics can be added to the current ordinance.

➤ **Sidewalk to Food Lion**

Town Manager Fauber said this has been discussed in the past and it had been thought that with TEA-21 funding, the sidewalk might be gotten, but this funding now highly favors projects that have already been approved. Planner Rex said he is not sure there will be any funds available and he is not optimistic since the Town is already receiving funds from VDOT for the King Street project. Discussion followed on how or where to put a sidewalk, if the Town decided to do this on their own. There are safety and engineering issues involved in this, especially around the corner at the Hupp Mansion. The committee would like for Staff to get some cost estimates on the cost of a sidewalk from Forest Glen Apartments to the Food Lion access road.

➤ **Queen Street sidewalk**

Director of Public Works Rhodes has proposed using some VDOT maintenance money to repair sidewalks between Fort and Sharpe Streets. A discussion followed as to what type of sidewalk to use in this area and should this area be replaced before some streets even have sidewalks. The consensus was to follow through with Mr. Rhodes' proposal, using the old brick where it is and flat sidewalk in the area where flat sidewalk is currently.

➤ **Route 11 Sanitary Sewer Line Project**

A draft was received and the Public Works Department is reviewing this and all the options. A final draft is expected by the end of the month and the contractors will come to the November meeting to present a final proposal. Staff will give a recommendation to Anderson & Associates on the draft.

➤ **Water Plant construction update**

Construction started last month and Town Manager Fauber told what has been done to date. Some issues have had to be dealt with as far as the building permits. A first draw meeting has not been had yet, but when this happens, there will be a more complete report on what has been done.

➤ **Water and Sewer Fee Structure**

Town Manager Fauber does not think the Staff has the time or expertise to do this project and "outside" help should be gotten to do this. This is an issue because of the rates some properties are charged (commercial vs. residential). The committee recommended Staff issue an RFP on this.

➤ **Trash Contract**

Town Manager Fauber said the current contract ends in October, 2010, not this year as previously thought. He has had some very preliminary talks with Woodstock in developing proposals for trash pick-up and recycling as a joint venture. He will continue talking with Woodstock officials and other County towns on this issue.

➤ **Brill Property Stabilization Plan**

Town Manager Fauber presented figures from Mr. Bill Wine, but said Staff is not ready to move forward on this.

➤ **Strasburg Fire Department Roof**

Town Manager Fauber said this was discussed at the Finance Committee, but it ties into the overall Public Safety program. The Fire Department would like a gabled roof, but the Finance Committee would like for the entire space issue be looked at. How much money should be spent on a quick fix? What needs to be done to fix the problem now and what is the cost? What is the infrastructure needs on the entire public safety issue? These questions need to be answered before moving forward. The committee requested that Staff submit a plan for what needs to be done as far as public safety needs and develop a timeline on how to accomplish this.

➤ **Storm water project behind Strasburg Theatre**

Director of Public Works Rhodes has suggested doing this “in-house” with his department doing the work. A schedule and cost estimate will be created for this.

➤ **Storm Water Run-off New State Regulations**

An up-date will be emailed before the next scheduled meeting or a report will be given at that time by Staff.

➤ **Other Business:**

It was discussed how the Finance Committee and Infrastructure Committee can work together so that projects needed in infrastructure can be funded. It was decided projects should be ranked as far as importance and a timeline on the projects be given. The Finance Committee should be brought into “the loop” as soon as possible on projects.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.