

**BERRYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / STREETS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**Berryville-Clarke County Government Center
101 Chalmers Court, Berryville, VA 22611**

**Tuesday
March 25, 2025
3:30 p.m.**

Members of the committee present: Diane Harrison, Chair; Ryan Tibbens

Staff present: Jean Petti, Deputy Town Manager; Terry Russell, Community Development Director; Brandel Kelsey, Town Clerk; Neil White, Berryville Chief of Police

1. Call to Order

Ms. Harrison called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus on a motion by Mr. Tibbens.

3. Unfinished Business

Pollinator Yards Update

Chief White gave an update on the draft. The lawyer, Mrs. Jones, used the Waynesboro ordinance as a guide; it has been challenged before and held up in court. Chief White said one of the changes was the addition of growing season dates, he discussed that he doesn't think the dates are a good idea because the weather is so different year to year. Mrs. Harrison discussed the regulations for the utility strips. Chief White said that it is handled in a separate code. That code deals with encroachment onto the sidewalk. The Committee recommended forwarding the draft ordinance to Council.

Curb Painting Update

Mrs. Petti stated the curb painting happens one to two weeks prior to Memorial Day. Mrs. Harrison stated the curbs should be painted gray if they do not need to be yellow anymore. Mrs. Petti said that is what is done, sometimes the gray will wear off and the old yellow will show through; it just needs to be touched up. It was discussed that at Main and Chalmers to eliminate a space to just one for that homeowner due to sighting issues when leaving the business next door. This would also need the no parking sign moved further down. Further, the space at Duncan Memorial needs to have all the yellow paint covered with gray except immediately adjacent to the entrance and exit.

Joesphine Street Traffic Issue

Mrs. Harrison said the tractor trailers are still going down Josephine Street, even though there are plenty of signs telling them not to. They are turning around on residents' property, ruining their grass. The signs are not working. Chief White stated that he has reached out to the map applications to remove that as a map option, but it isn't helping, he will reach out again. It was suggested that a simple No Trucks sign (Picture

of a truck with an / through it) be placed with the other signs at the end of Josephine due to possible language barriers.

Rose Hill Park Pedestrian Bridge Replacement

Mrs. Petti said the plan is 95% reviewed. Mr. Russell stated he has received four out of the five letters for the grant. The application for the grant should be turned in next week. Mr. Dalton has told the Town Clerk to deny all Special Event Permits to Rose Hill Park for July, August and September.

Livery Stable Rose Hill

Mrs. Petti said Damron met with Mr. Dalton and a report is expected soon.

Wayfinding Update

Mrs. Petti stated that she and Mr. Russell had been to each location for the signs. The interior sign locations need to change. Since there have been new VDOT signs put in place, they interfere with the planned locations. Mrs. Petti said there will be a meeting with VDOT.

Sidewalk Projects- Mosby Blvd and Fairfax St Update

Mr. Russell stated the easements for Mosby were certified yesterday. Mr. Russell said Fairfax is at the beginning stages of negotiations.

Crow St Update

Mrs. Petti spoke about Crow St still being on the plan for spring. Also, the sidewalk has been repaired after the issues with the sewer backup.

4. New Business

Street Parking for Residents

Mr. Russell stated there is no dedicated parking for residents that live above the local businesses. The previous times residents have made the complaint the requests for dedicated parking were denied. Mrs. Harrison suggested a survey be done to see how many residents would want a parking pass. Mrs. Harrison said the code should be checked to see if the renters would be a part of the business code. Mrs. Harrison asked if parking at Rixey Moore could be overnight. Mr. Tibbens is going to check the signs for parking around Town to see what spots could be available. Mrs. Harrison stated for a short term fix they can park south of the doctor's office on S. Church St; it is not metered. Mrs. Petti stated there are 144 metered parking spots that are free after 5:00 p.m. Mr. Tibbens told Mr. Russell to reach out to the resident that complained to let her know about the temporary spots for now. Mrs. Harrison said we need to help figure out resident parking for the long term in the next few months. She noted that downtown residency is important for a vibrant downtown as they eat at the restaurants and purchase from the stores. This also helps ensure long term rentals for the property owners. This item was continued to April's Committee meeting.

5. Other

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 5:10 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Tibbens.