

TOWN OF WINDSOR

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Established 1902

June 30, 2016

Memorandum

**To: Hon. Mayor Carita J. Richardson and Town Council
Michael R. Stallings, Town Manager**

From: Dennis W. Carney, Planning and Zoning Administrator

Subject: Draft 2016 Comprehensive Plan

Issue: The 2016 Comprehensive Plan if adopted will replace the current Comprehensive Plan (adopted 2008). The Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Windsor is used by Town citizens, staff, the Planning Commission and Town Council as a guide for future decisions affecting the Town including, but not limited to, decisions related to future land use, zoning actions and the appropriate location of public infrastructure. The Plan area encompasses all of the Town of Windsor. The Plan does not rezone land, but it suggests ordinance amendments and other policies that will facilitate implementation of the Plan and lead to the proper development of the Town upon adoption.

Facts: Over the last several years, the Planning Commission and Town Council has held numerous work sessions on the various sections and topics addressed in the 2016 Comprehensive Plan. Representatives from Isle of Wight County have participated, reviewed and commented on the Plan. Where appropriate their comments have been incorporated into the Plan. The Plan designates areas for commercial, low and high density residential, industrial, public/institutional, agricultural and conservation uses for the Town. It provides for a future study area (which is being done now) to protect and revitalize the older sections of Windsor. The Plan recommends goals, objectives and strategies on the subjects of Community Appearance, Economic Development, Transportation, Environment, Land Use and Housing and Community Development. The Town's Future Land-Use Map should be used as a general guide for future development patterns within the Town. It should be followed by the Planning Commission and Town Council in the decisions that they make on land use and development requests and guide their decisions for the development of policies and infrastructure throughout the Town.

As Council is aware, the Virginia Department of Transportation forced a major correction of the Plan when the "southern route" was abandoned and a northern route entirely bypassing the Town was proposed in its place. However, currently there is no funding available for such a project even if it otherwise passes muster with the federal

environmental rules and the Commonwealth's new procedures on funding transportation needs. So an iteration of it moving forward in the next several years is very dubious. Because of this, the U.S. Route 460 Bypass was removed from the plan in its entirety (except for a mention that it may arise again). Areas where the southern route would have made potential commercial uses feasible have now been reverted back to the earlier plan to prevent a sprawling situation with no new major traffic artery (the Bypass) to mitigate the problem. Also because of the time elapsed due to the Bypass conundrum, some other minor changes were made to bring the Plan up to date.

Planning Commission Recommendation: The Planning Commission held a duly advertised public hearing in which there were no public comments either in favor or in opposition to the 2016 Comprehensive Plan. There was a written comment submitted from Mr. Lud Spivey from B Avenue which gave a history of the Bank and B Streets area. However, it was neither in favor nor in opposition to the 2016 Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission recommended unanimously that Town Council adopt the Plan.

Staff Recommendation: As of this writing, Staff has not received any further comments on the Plan. The public hearing has been properly advertised. Town Council should consider accepting the Planning Commission recommendation to adopt the 2016 Comprehensive Plan as the plan to guide the Town over the next five years and as the framework for an even longer twenty year period.

To: Planning Commission
Town of Windsor
May 25, 2016



From: Lud L. Spivey 18 B. Ave., Windsor, Va. 23487 757-242-6443

Dear Members:

Since I will not be attending your Meeting tonight, I would like to comment on the proposed creation of "Old Town Windsor".

First, it appears to be a great idea. Another consideration, however, is that it is not all inclusive of an important part of town and leaves out some of the oldest structures and history of where we live. I hope that you will give consideration to including the Bank Street area in your deliberations.

I have been in Windsor for 45 years this month. As some of you may or may not know, there was The Bank of Windsor which preceded the Farmer's Bank and once stood on Bank Street. The Bank of Windsor building later became the office of the late L. T. Hall, a former Superintendent of Isle of Wight County Schools. Mr. Fred Leathers, the first President of the Windsor Bank, lived in the house where I currently reside. After the business went defunct, his daughter told me before she died that her father suffered mental problems after the bank folded and he became institutionalized for a period of time. Several other businesses were located on the Bank Street side of Rt. 460 during the earliest days of Windsor both before and after the town was incorporated.

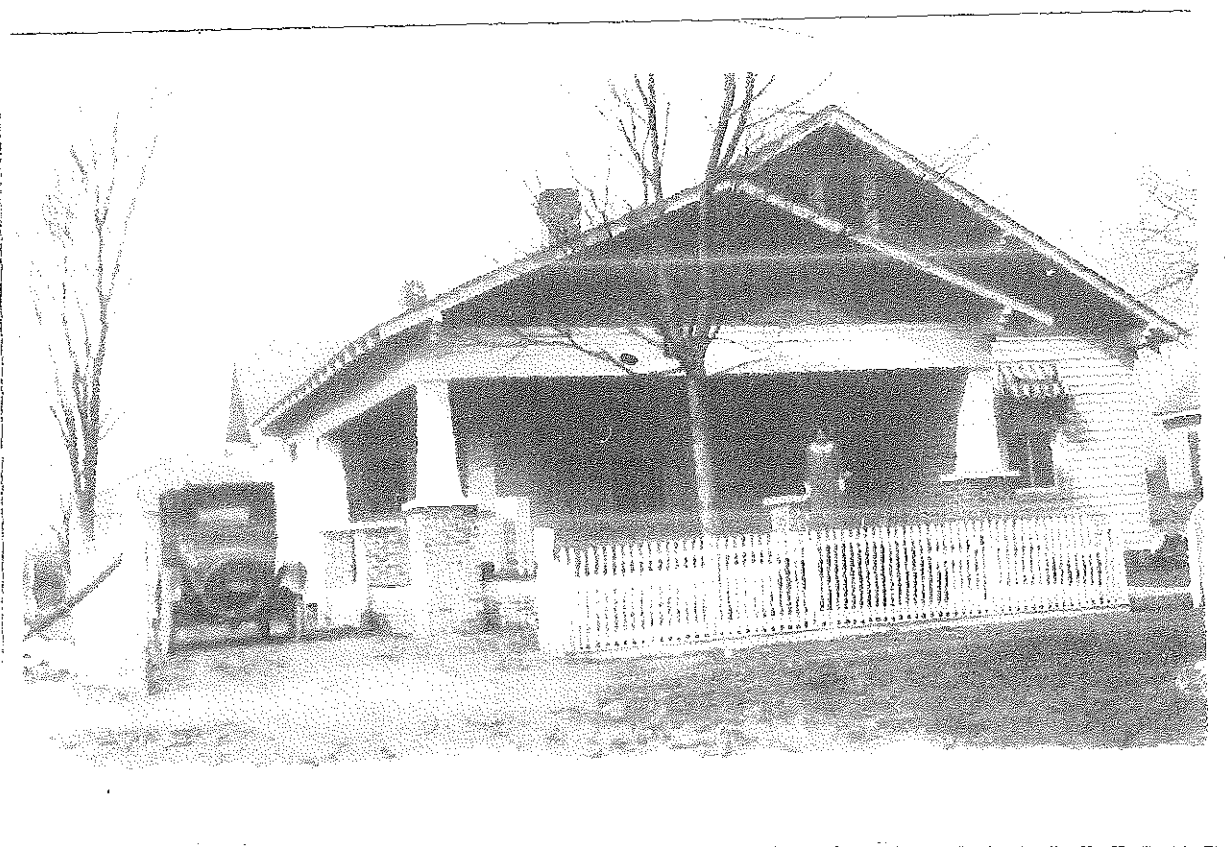
It is said that the oldest house in Windsor reportedly is the Ashburn House now owned by descendants of the Barton Family and is located on Bank Street. There are several other structures in our town which have historical significance in the Bank Street area. Many of them have been demolished.

It has been said that in years past, the main road to the Courthouse actually ran down Bank Street and continued onto Court Street. The house I live in was the residence of Mr. Fred Leathers, the Bank of Windsor's first president, and later of Mr. William (Billy) Johnson, who was the first President of the Farmer's Bank and he was employed by Mr. Joyner's Hardware Store in the 1930's after leaving his store in Colosse. Mr. Leather's daughter, Mrs. Margruette Leathers Cutchins, grew up in the house which is now at 18 B. Ave. She is shown in a picture when my house was a single story. She is standing on the front porch with a Model A or Model T in the driveway. She was President of the Windsor High School Class of 1923.

Mr. Eddie Belcher's current paving business, near the railroad, was previously a Gulf Gas Station, later taken over by Clyde Vaughan. As far as "old" goes, if there is an "Old Town Windsor", Bank Street is part of it. This is it. Take a look. Mike Kitchen's T.V. Repair was once what could be termed a 5 and 10 cents store. Ms. Hattie Fitton, a former Windsor Council Clerk, ran the business. There was a Beauty Parlor attached. My grandfather bought out the stock of Mr. Neblett's hardware after Neblett went out of business. I believe Windsor Hardware now owns the building. Frank Brown ran a Service Station at the triangle near the main stop light. Mr. Eley once made boats on the Bank St. side of 460. Willie B. Copeland ran a grocery store after Mr. Harry Griffin. The old Temperance Masonic Lodge preceded the current Purdie Lodge. Dr. Ivan Steele also had a pharmacy later operated by Ed Lewis. It would be a misnomer to name the area of Windsor including Court and Church Streets and leave out Bank Street. To exclude the Bank St. area from "Old Town Windsor" should not occur if any benefits, current or possible in the future, are lost by such an exclusion.

The true "Old Town Windsor" is mostly gone now. The Zolie Johnsons, Lorenzo Baileys, Howard Turners, Miss Hatties, William S. Hollands and the like are no longer here. The remnants remain. Maybe the current purposed plan for an "Old Town Windsor" leaves out certain parts of the past but a concern for revitalization could possibly be an incentive to address a larger area.

I regret that I will not be at your meeting. Thank you for your consideration and deliberation.



18 B. Ave.

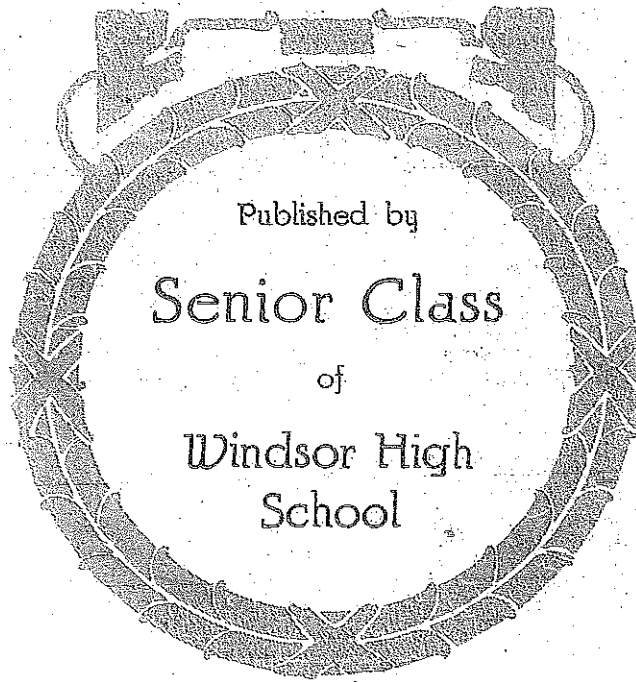
before and including 1920's
Home of Fred Leathers, President
of Bank of Windsor

Ms. Rose Margruett Leathers,
his daughter is on the front
porch

She was President of the 1923
Senior Windsor High School
Class

Home raised to 2 stories
in 1930's by Mr. William
(Billy Johnson) who was first
President of the Farmers Bank.

THE SHADOW



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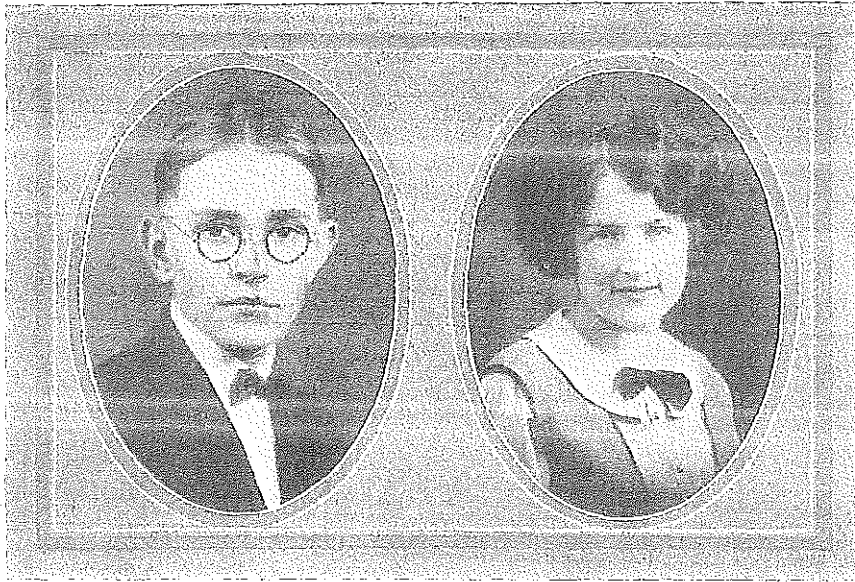
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THE SHADOW



JAMES CURTIS JENKINS

*"And still they gazed and still their wonder grew,
That one small head could carry all he knew."*

He is always in for some fun or a joke; and though he almost always gets the worst end of it, he smiles. He is not much of an athlete, but he can yell for those that are. If there is anything that you don't know, ask Curtis about it, and if he doesn't know, he will find out about it. Good luck to our Editor-in-Chief.

ROSE MARGUERITE LEATHERS

*"It's the songs we sing and the smiles we wear,
That's a-making the sunshine everywhere."*

Marguerite is the president of our class and is liked by everyone, even "Joe" will certify this to be true.

"Music hath charms to soothe a savage, but a rock and eat a cabbage." With her wonderful disposition and other traits, she was voted the most popular girl in high school. Though her career as musician has just begun, we prophesy a very brilliant future for her.

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daughter of
Fred & Rosa B.
Leathers
Fred Leathers -
Pres. of Bank of
Windsor -
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