

TOWN OF WINDSOR

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Established 1902

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Planning and Zoning Report

DATE: August 8, 2019

Planning Grant/Management team- The Management team had its first meeting on July 29th, 2019. 9 of 11 members attended. The Capacity Development Specialist, Ramona Chapman, gave a presentation outlining the purpose of the grant, what the grant could be used for, and possible goals for the team. Ms. Chapman also lead the team in a visioning exercise in which the team split into two groups to develop news headlines that they would like to see about the town in 3-5 years. Several of the connecting themes involved new facilities and services in town, high school students returning to town to help improve it, and continued investment in children and their education. The team set its first goal to be gathering information from residents of Windsor and the surrounding area on what subjects they are interested in and have the survey ready to be used at the County Fair on September 12. The Management Team’s next meeting will be on the 19th.

102 Maple Ln- There has been numerous complaints about the structure at 102 Maple Ln by other residents on the street. The structure is a church owned by Macedonia Church of God, but the property has been abandoned by the owners since at least April 2016. Local residents have both abused and been burdened by this. It has been a dumping spot for refuse such as pedal boats and discarded bikes, and vehicles in various states of operational condition have been parked in front and side yards of the property. Residents on the street have also complained that they have had to mow the grass surrounding it, that the structure is unsound, and two residents have claimed that it has become a breeding ground for snakes (one resident identified them as copper heads).

Isle of Wight County building inspectors are aware of the situation and have deemed the structure “unsafe” as defined in Article 1, Section 105.1 of The Virginia Maintenance Code. The county has attempted to reach the land owners named above, but their contact information leads directly back to the abandoned property. Mark Drumheller, the Chief Codes Compliance Inspector, has said that the county is unable to enforce the ordinance unless they can contact the property owner. There also seemed to be an unwillingness to push the issue since it would constitute a taking of the property, a situation that the county lawyer is said to not want to encourage. Mr. Drumheller has suggested that the town ordinance would be the best tool to handle the abandoned property.

Section 51-1 allows the Town Council to determine if the property is a “hazard or menace from any standpoint” by a majority decision and either remove or repair the troubled structure. However, Section 15.2-906 of the State code requires that the structure “might endanger the public health or safety of other residents of such locality” for the locality to make changes to the structure without the owner’s approval. It is unknown at this time if the structure poses a health or safety issue to those outside of the structure. County animal control was notified of the potential snake infestation on August 6, 2019. Additionally, State Code requires a minimum of 30 day notice for the owner while the Town Code requires 90 days. Cost of removal or repair of structure is not yet known.

Violation Letters 7/4/19- 8/8/19

- Total Letters sent: 8
- Issues resolved- 4
- Second letter issued- 1
- Vehicles to be towed- 3