



**Recycling Center:** The new recycling center officially opened on February 1, 2021. Staff has ordered a permanent pylon sign to be placed at the entrance. The style of the sign will be the same as what is being manufactured for the Town's wayfinding signage program.

**Runway 5-23 Rehabilitation Project:** The project has been resubmitted for consideration by the VAB at their March meeting, scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Safe Routes to School Grant Application:** Staff was informed in late October that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) has awarded \$451,184 in grant funding for the Town's project. Preliminary engineering for the project may be completed by the end of June.

**Sesquicentennial Event Planning:** This event has been scheduled for Saturday, October 2, 2021 and will follow the Town's Fried Chicken Festival, scheduled for the same day. Council will consider the event program and related items at their March meeting.

**Town Hall Parking Lot Renovation:** Thrasher has provided the Town with 95% construction plans and those have been provided to Town Council for their review.

**Wayfinding signage project:** Staff held a project kick-off meeting with Rite Lite Signs and VDOT on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Sign locations will be marked by the contractor in late March or early April, and VDOT will then review the locations in the context of their right-of-way. The Town will need to obtain easements for any signs that will not be located on VDOT's right-of-way.

**Website:** Staff continues to monitor the website and make modifications to correct or add information as needed.

## **Budget**

The draft FY2022 budget will be provided to Town Council on March 15, 2021. The first budget work session will be held on Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. The full budget development schedule may be viewed on the Town's website at [this link](#).

## **Committees**

**Airport Advisory Committee:** The Airport Advisory Committee did not meet in February.

**Planning Commission:** The Planning Commission did not meet in March. Commissioner Page Hutchinson passed away unexpectedly in early February, leaving a vacancy on the Commission. Town Council will consider soliciting applications to fill the vacancy at their March meeting.

**Board of Architectural Review:** The BAR met on Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and considered applications for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a structural addition on properties located at 302 N. Main Street and 313 N. Main Street. Both applications were approved.

**Board of Zoning Appeals:** The Board of Zoning Appeals did not meet in February. The Town continues to seek applications to fill the seat vacated by BZA member Jeff Davis. By statute, BZA members remain on the board until they are replaced.

## **Permit Activity**

Zoning Permits Issued: 0

Certificates of Appropriateness Issued: 2

302 N. Main Street – rear addition

313 N. Main Street – rear addition

Subdivision Plats Reviewed/Approved: 0

## **Training**

The Town Manager attended two leadership development webinars at the end of February, “Developing Brave Leaders and Courageous Cultures”, sponsored by the Virginia Tech Roanoke Center; and “Defining Moments, Lessons Learned”, sponsored by Virginia Women Leading Government, the Virginia chapter of The League of Women in Government, an ICMA-affiliate organization.

## **VDOT**

The following are updates on several issues/projects VDOT is working on for the Town:

- **Traffic circle crosswalk concepts:** Recent VDOT observations of traffic and pedestrian movement in and around the traffic circle reveal numerous safety concerns related to adding crosswalks in that area. Because of the location of drainage infrastructure in proximity to where ADA compliant sidewalk ramps would need to be located for new crosswalks, and because of concern for the safety of pedestrians if the crosswalks are too close to the circle or are placed farther out from the circle in areas where traffic typically speeds up as they leave the circle, there are no viable solutions for safely adding crosswalks in proximity to the circle at this time.
- **Taylor Avenue speed reduction:** In response to a Green Applications concern about the safety of employees who walk to work along Taylor Avenue, VDOT is working to locate a speed hump at a location on the street that will help to slow traffic. VDOT has posted speed limit signs along the street, which will help with speed enforcement. Staff worked with Dominion Energy to get a street light added along Taylor Avenue in proximity to the Martinsville Avenue/Taylor Avenue intersection to help improve pedestrian visibility in this area.
- **Intersection improvements at North High Street and West Gordon Avenue:** An application for this project has been submitted to VDOT for consideration in the 2020 Smart Scale process.
- **Drainage:** Regarding the development of a comprehensive approach for improving drainage town-wide, VDOT provided an updated inventory of drainage issues to be addressed in the Town in mid-March of 2020. Review of the list of improvements to be pursued is a task that will be undertaken as time permits.