

Park Planning Project: Town Council selected Land Planning and Design Associates (LPDA) as the consultant for the park network design project. The Town Manager is working with the Town Attorney to negotiate a contract for services that will be presented to Council for their action in April.

Staff worked with LPDA, the Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission and the Piedmont Environmental Council (PEC) to develop an application for grant funding from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. The funding program is a 50-50 match program that, if funding is awarded, will enable the Town to pursue redevelopment of Verling Park, replacement of Dix Memorial Pool, and recreational/open space development of two adjacent parcels that will link the park to the firemen's fairgrounds. The Town submitted a grant application to the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (VaDCR) on March 15, 2022. Nearly \$1.6M in pledges and donations was raised for the Town's match.

VaDCR has informed the Town that its application has been selected for submission to the National Park Service for their consideration and funding. Town staff is working with LPDA and PEC representatives to prepare additional documentation to be provided with the application by April 13th. The National Park Service will make grant awards in October 2022.

Runway 5-23 Rehabilitation Project: Because of material and supply cost increases, the low-bid contractor selected for the Town's runway project notified staff of a significant increase in their bid price. After consultation with the Town's airport consultant and Town Attorney, Town Council has elected to re-bid the project. The solicitation for bids was released on Wednesday, March 30th; bids are due to the Town at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, and the new bid package will be submitted to the Virginia Aviation Board on April 25th for their consideration at their May 25, 2022 meeting. A pre-bid meeting was held at the airport on Monday, April 4th. It is anticipated that the project will now begin in July—a firm start date will be determined once a contractor is selected. Staff has set up a page on the Town's website so that the community may monitor project progress.

Safe Routes to School Grant Application: VDOT has assigned a project manager to this initiative and preliminary engineering design work has begun. The VDOT Project Manager is currently working on the project scope and some early design and will be prepared to meet with the Town and start on other public involvement steps in late summer.

Sesquicentennial Event: This event has been postponed due to COVID-19 concerns.

Town Hall Parking Lot Renovation: The project consultant has finalized construction plans for the project. Title work is complete and the Town has hired a surveyor to prepare a plat of vacation and easement to address the issues noted. Staff will request Council approval of the plan and authorization to begin the construction bid solicitation process at the April meeting.

Trash Collection: The contract with Time Disposal/GFL expires at the end of June. Town Council has authorized the Town Manager to extend the contract for one year until June 30, 2023. A revised contract document has been provided to GFL for their consideration.

Wayfinding signage project: Gateway signs for the entrances to the town are in production and will be installed this summer.

Website: Staff continues to monitor the website and make modifications to correct or add information as needed. Revize, the Town's website developer, has contacted staff to review a demonstration regarding a free website refresh that is a part of the Town's contract. Staff has reviewed the demonstration; Revize will follow up with the Town in May to begin the refresh process. As with initial site development, Council will be involved in the refresh process.

Budget

Staff presented the FY23 budget to Council for their review on March 21st. Council held budget work sessions on March 24th, 28th and 31st. A public hearing to receive comment on the draft budget will be held on April 18, 2022. The draft FY23 budget may be viewed at [this link](#).

Committees

Airport Advisory Committee: The Airport Advisory Committee did not meet in March.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission did not meet in April. Town Council voted in March to appoint Chris Martin to the Commission to fill the unexpired term of Jennifer Mauller.

Board of Architectural Review: The BAR did not meet in April.

Board of Zoning Appeals: The Board of Zoning Appeals did not meet in March. A vacancy remains on the Board.

Permit Activity

Zoning Permits Issued: 3

- 406 Stonewall Avenue – shed
- 506 N. Main Street – rear yard fence
- 302 Central Street - shed

Certificates of Appropriateness Issued: 0

Subdivision Plats Reviewed/Approved: 0

Site Plans Reviewed: 0

Training & Meetings

None to report for March.

VDOT

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

- **Weaver Street traffic flow review:** Town Council discussed this matter at their January meeting and determined further review is needed before modifications to traffic flow is warranted.
- **Intersection improvements at North High Street and West Gordon Avenue:** This project has been approved for inclusion in the FY22 – FY27 Six Year Improvement Plan and staff awaits further direction from VDOT as to project plan development and timing.
- **Drainage:** Regarding the development of a comprehensive approach for improving drainage town-wide, the Town Manager and Public Works Director met with the new Louisa Resident Engineer on March 29th to discuss drainage issues in the Town. VDOT staff will discuss the issues internally to determine what areas should be addressed in the immediate future. The Public Works Director provided VDOT with information pertaining to storm drainage/cross pipe issues, as well as a map of all drop inlets and stormwater grates, on March 30th.