

amenities in the area. Mr. Mayer also showed them that Urban Renewal Development Area behind the South Main Street properties. There was discussion of improving the area with boardwalk and perhaps dock.

4. Mr. Mayer is looking into applying for grant money through the Department of natural Resources.

5. The Mayor and Council agreed to allow for expenses for the Water Tower Project for incidental costs up to a maximum of \$1500.00 as follows:

A motion by Councilmember Phillips seconded by Councilmember Gasser and unanimously passed by a vote of four to zero granting approval for incidental cost for the Water Tower Project up to a maximum cost of \$1500.00.

Planning and Zoning Update

Chuck Planner, Zoning Administrator, reported the following:

1. He attended the Maryland Citizen Planners Meeting. The town can expect to receive notification of dues and membership.
2. The Maryland Citizen Annual Conference will be held on October 13 -14, 2004 at the Clarion in Hagerstown.
3. The Maryland Citizen Planners Fall 2005 Workshop will be held on Tuesday, October 18th from 9 to 5 at Chesapeake College.
4. There will be a growth summit at Chesapeake College on August 25th sponsored by MACO.

ACTION ITEMS

Future Zoning

There was discussion of looking into rezoning the vast amount of R-2 in town to R-1. There are several large homes in Federalsburg that could be turned into duplex houses.

Soap Box Derby

Councilmember Phillips advised that finals for the Soap Box Derby was held in Akron Ohio. The contestants from Federalsburg did not win but they had a good time.

Town Manager Report

1. The Mayor and Council and Historical Society will meet with Jim Waters, from RDA, on Friday, August 5th to discuss grant funding for their projects.

2. Richard Colburn, Mayor Dallas, and Happy Mayer toured the Lacrosse Homes in Delaware. The developer is interested in building homes in Federalsburg.

3. The plans for the ENR/BNR should be completed and approved in January or February 2006.

4. Tom Worley of Comcast has advised that effective September 1st there will be an increase in the rate, by \$2.55 per month. The standard rate will go from \$43.95 per month to 46.50 per month.

5. Mayor Dallas and Richard Colburn advised that Federalsburg would host the 2007 Delmarva Chicken Festival.

A motion by Councilmember Gutkin seconded by Councilmember Gasser and unanimously passed by a vote of four to zero approving Mayor Dallas and George "Happy" Mayer as Co-Chairpersons for the Delmarva Chicken Festival for 2007.

Comcast Internet Service

Chief Nagel requested the town manager to look into obtaining additional free Internet service from Comcast for the other departments in the town. Currently Comcast only allows for one free service and it is at the Town Hall. This could be a bargaining agreement when the Franchise Agreement is renewed.

Eagle Scout

Mayor Dallas has sent out congratulatory letters to Terrell-John K. Hodges, Joseph L. Arnie, and Steven W. Schmidt on becoming an Eagle Scout.

Harriett Tubman School of Excellence

A request was made from Shalesha Lake on behalf of the Harriet Tubman Team of Excellence requesting a donation to help the school assist youth between the ages of 12-15, to Learn, Serve, and Earn. The mission of LSE is to train children in work ethics, money management skills, public communication skills, respect for themselves and others and most important to earn a summer income. The project is in Dorchester County, therefore, the Mayor and Council would not be making a donation on behalf of the Town.

Request for extension to clean up

The owners of 111 Railroad Avenue requested and were granted permission to extend their deadline to clean up their property to September 20, 2005. Approval was granted to give the property owner time to have the tenant move out so that they could get in and clean up the property.