

**Narrows Town Council Meeting
April 12, 2021**

Mayor John Davis called the meeting to order. Council Members present were Clyde Turner, Sara Bowles, George Conley, Sarah Thwaites, and Joe Goorskey.

Staff members present were Lindsey Caudill, Susan Kidd, Cindy Laws, Benji Ratcliffe, Dakota Shrader, and Debbie Thomas.

Attorney Mike Bedsaul was present.

Clayton Davis gave the invocation.

Council and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Davis said he would like for council to amend the agenda for consideration by council.

Councilmember Thwaites made a motion to amend the agenda to include Matters for Consideration by Council. Councilman Turner seconded the motion.

Ayes: Goorskey, Thwaites, Conley, Bowles, and Turner

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5-0

Mayor Davis asked Councilmember Thwaites to read a statement from him.

Councilmember Thwaites read the following:

To Narrows Town Council & Citizens of Narrows,

Effective immediately, I will be resigning as Mayor from the Town of Narrows. After much prayer, consideration, and discussion with my family, upon my resignation as Mayor I will be accepting the position of Public Works Director with the town. I would like to thank the citizens of Narrows for having the faith and trust in me to serve you as councilman and then as your Mayor. It has truly been an honor during my tenure as councilman and as your Mayor I have always strived to serve the citizens of Narrows to the best of my ability, and I will continue to do so as an employee of the town.

Signed, John Davis, Mayor.

John Davis said, at this time, he would turn the chair over to Councilman Goorskey, Vice Mayor.

Vice Mayor Goorskey thanked John Davis for his time and his service. They look forward to working many years with him.

Vice Mayor Goorskey said they will now draw for the prize for #shopped24124.

Lindsey Caudill said the winner is Richard Duncan.

Public Hearing

Vice Mayor Goorskey said he would like to open the public hearing for the disposal of property at 126 Monroe Street.

Susan Kidd said this is property that was purchased with the ARC Grant at 126 Monroe Street. This is a small apartment that is not actually part of the plans for the grant. There are several people interested in purchasing the property.

Mike Bedsaul said if council did end up selling the property it would have to be upon approval of the Department of Housing and Community Development. As he understands it, any proceeds from the sale of the property would either have to be returned to DHCD or go back into the project which is what DHCD would prefer.

Susan Kidd said she had a conversation with DHCD today and they would prefer for the funds to go back into the project. If council approves it and the property is sold the project budget would be amended and it would be submitted to DHCD for approval.

Vice Mayor Goorskey asked if there were any comments or concerns from the public concerning the disposal of property at 126 Monroe Street?

Terry Nicholson said he lives on Main Street in Narrows and he is working with the committee that is doing the CDBG Grant. This would actually be a benefit to place that money back into the grant program for the façade improvement program. He would like to suggest that council approves the sale of the property.

Vice Mayor Goorskey declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember Thwaites made a motion to approve the disposal of property at 126 Monroe Street, subject to approval by the Department of Housing and Community Development. Councilman Turner seconded the motion.

Ayes: Turner, Conley, Thwaites, and Goorskey

Abstain: Bowles

Nays: None

Motion Carried 4-0

Approval of March 8th Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Thwaites made a motion to approve the March 8th meeting minutes. Councilman Conley seconded the motion.

Ayes: Turner, Bowles, Conley, Thwaites, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5-0

Consent Agenda

Vice Mayor Goorskey said there are some very happy kids since they have been able to use a portion of the ballfields for soccer practice.

Councilman Conley said he has received some comments from people saying they did not know the food trucks were going to be at the Farmer's Market. Is there any way to get that in the newspaper?

Lindsey Caudill said she can. She advertises it on Facebook because it is free.

Councilman Conley said he does not do Facebook and there are other people that do not do it either.

Councilmember Bowles asked Lindsey Caudill if she puts a notice on the board across the river of events at the Farmer's Market?

Lindsey Caudill said no because she has various vendors.

Councilmember Bowles said she could just put something about activities at the Farmer's Market.

Councilmember Thwaites said she would be interested to know how much it would cost to advertise in the Virginian Leader.

Lindsey Caudill said that is her biggest concern because their prices are kind of expensive. She will try incorporating that into the Farmer's Market Budget.

Vice Mayor Goorskey asked Lindsey Caudill to bring back a cost for advertising in the Virginian Leader. He is not opposed to placing it in the paper, but they need to know the cost.

Cindy Laws said they can also place it in the town newsletter.

Vice Mayor Goorskey said they could place an ad in the newspaper letting residents know the Farmer's Market is open and list the dates ahead of time so that they only run the ad one time.

Lindsey Caudill said she is thinking about adjusting the hours at the Farmer's Market.

Dakota Shrader said he received an email Friday evening concerning the grant they applied for in November 2020. They have been awarded the grant, which is in the amount of \$39,490.

Vice Mayor Goorskey asked Cindy Laws how the library was going? He likes her report because she always has activities going on.

Cindy Laws said the library is doing very well and it is exciting to see the children come to the library. She is getting ready to apply for the FY22 State Aid Grant.

Councilmember Bowles said she has a vested interest in the town park, and it is the biggest investment for the town. She wants there to be concrete hours for supervision at the park. She knows they have hired for this. Are they going to be working on the

weekend during the day? She believes there definitely needs to be someone there from 12-7. Will Dakota Shrader and Lindsey Caudill be there during the week?

Dakota Shrader said what they did last year was spend the end of their day at the park and after they went home they had someone there.

Councilmember Bowles asked if there were clear expectations as what is expected if a problem arises?

Dakota Shrader said yes.

Councilmember Bowles said she would like to see the kids at the park that are not interested in playing basketball or swimming but are there for social interaction. She believes the middle shelter could use some sprucing up on the inside and, to get kids involved, they may reach out to 5 or 6 kids to come up with a mural for the town. They could create a rough drawing, present it to council, and once approved the kids could paint the mural at the middle shelter. She believes this would be a huge sense of pride. She would be happy to purchase the supplies for this and another council member has offered to also purchase supplies.

Lindsey Caudill said this is a good idea, but she does not know how much of a response they will receive for this.

Councilmember Bowles said Lindsey Caudill may be surprised.

Lindsey Caudill said they can try.

Vice Mayor Goorskey said the parks and rec commission can talk about things like this. He would like to hear more about what they talk about.

Councilman Turner asked if the Splash Pad was going to be ready for opening day at the park?

Lindsey Caudill said yes. The executive order for COVID does not permit splash pads to be open now. Pools can be open.

Dakota Shrader asked if they could consider the Splash Pad a part of the park and not a separate entity?

Mike Bedsaul said he believes it would be a difficult hair to split. There is a general exception in the executive order linked to the operations of government and the one exception to that is masks. He is a little concerned about considering the operation of the Splash Pad, although within the town, as operating it as an operation of government. Hopefully, those restrictions will be relaxed by the time the Splash Pad is to be opened.

Lindsey Caudill said they have set May 28th as ribbon cutting day for council and everyone to come to and then Memorial Day weekend will be the opening for the public. She does want to open the concession stand at the park this year.

Vice Mayor Goorskey asked what it would take to get the canopy/window covering open at the concession stand? The big window in the front that stays closed.

Councilman Turner said that window is nailed shut because of people breaking in.

Lindsey Caudill said there is a banner they hang on the fence at the park to let people know the concession stand is open.

Councilman Conley said he would like to thank Police Chief Ratcliffe and Officer McCroskey for the drug arrests.

Councilmember Thwaites said last year policemen patrolled the park and had a presence there. Will they do that this year?

Police Chief Ratcliffe said they will and will have several more walk throughs after the park closes.

Susan Kidd said the voter registrar has informed her that Narrows may lose their polling place because the VFW is selling their building. They will hold the June primary there. The new polling place must be ADA accessible. If anyone has any ideas where elections can be held please let her know.

Councilmember Thwaites made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Councilman Turner seconded the motion.

Ayes: Turner, Bowles, Conley, Thwaites, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5-0

Communications, Concerns and Requests from the Public

Susan Kidd said Super Value had a large water leak and received a leak adjustment on their January bill. In late February and early March, they had another large leak. The owner is asking for another leak adjustment for the late February bill and the early March bill, if needed. Tasha Riddle said they are good customers and would like to see the leak adjustments granted.

Vice Mayor Goorskey made a motion to approve the leak adjustments for Super Value. Councilmember Thwaites seconded the motion.

Ayes: Turner, Bowles, Conley, Thwaites, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5-0

Chucky Buracker said he has had sewer backup issues for several months. He was told this was happening because he did not have a sewer cleanout so one was installed, and it continued to happen. If he opens the top of the cleanout his house will empty. If the cleanout stays closed it will stay stopped up until someone comes and uses the camel jet to open it back up. This happened back in November and he contacted the town to tell them this has happened numerous times. This was around Thanksgiving and he told the person he called with the town that he wanted the town to pay for his house being cleaned

because he had some bad seals around his toilet, and it leaked into his basement. He never received a phone call concerning this. In November he had a new sewer line installed because he was told the issue was on him. The Saturday before Easter it happened again and after he took the top off the cleanout his house emptied. He is asking the town to help pay for cleaning supplies and to have something done concerning this issue because it has happened a total of 6 or 7 times.

Councilmember Thwaites asked Chucky Buracker who he spoke with that gave him different answers?

Chucky Buracker said Jeff Perdue and his son. He has pictures of the inside of the sewer line before it was replaced and pictures of the new sewer line. He was told there were trees that used to grow in his yard and that tree roots could have grown through the lines but in looking at the old sewer line there are no tree roots visible. He wants to get this fixed.

Susan Kidd said she spoke with Jeff Perdue today about this issue and he said they do plan to dig up the line and re-route it, but it will have to be done on a weekend because of school traffic.

John Davis said he spoke to Jeff Perdue about this and he said the sewer line that runs in front of Chucky Buracker's house is more of a dry line and they are going to work to re-route the line.

Vice Mayor Goorskey asked Chucky Buracker how much he had put into cleaning?

Chucky Buracker said about \$50-\$75 in cleaning supplies.

Councilman Conley asked if Jeff Perdue has scheduled this to be done?

Susan Kidd said Jeff Perdue has scheduled this, but he has a lot of other things on his schedule as well. He will probably have to do it on a Saturday because of school being in session.

Chucky Buracker said he did everything he should have done but he is just looking for a solution. This is happening about every 3 months.

Mike Bedsaul asked if this seems to be happening in 3-month intervals could they let Jeff Perdue assess the situation and report back to council and decide what to do from there?

Vice Mayor Goorskey said he would like for Jeff Perdue to assess the situation and report to council by the next council meeting.

John Davis said Jeff Perdue hoped to have it done in a week or so.

Susan Kidd said the work will probably happen sooner than later.

Vice Mayor Goorskey asked what they could do to offset the cost of the cleaning supplies?

Susan Kidd said they could either turn it in to insurance or handle it here.

Vice Mayor Goorskey asked Mike Bedsaul how the town could offer Chucky Buracker some compensation?

Mike Bedsaul said they first need to diagnose what the problem is because that will solve Chucky Buracker's long-term problem. It will put the town in a better position to evaluate what it should be.

Councilman Conley told Chucky Buracker to keep his receipts for cleaning supplies.

Councilman Conley said he has been receiving numerous phone calls concerning how the public works director vacancy was filled. He does not know himself how it was filled. He sent an email to Susan Kidd. He does not know how it has historically been filled and he has been enlightened on how it has historically been filled. When he reads the charter, it is not as the charter says how it is to be filled. Council was left out on the process.

Vice Mayor Goorskey said they are at a different place on the agenda and there is a time for that. They may discuss this in executive session. He does not mean to cut him off or prohibit him from speaking but they are now requesting any concerns from the public. There will be an item added to executive session to discuss this.

Communications from Mayor and Council

Councilman Goorskey said there had been 2 PSA meeting since the last council meeting and he was able to attend 1 of them. At the PSA meeting he did attend they approved for tire disposal day to help the Renew the New Committee and there were over 4,000 tires donated that day. The PSA paid half of the bill and the Renew the New Committee paid the other half. Any business or customer could dispose of tires without having to pay a fee.

Councilman Turner said he was approached last week concerning town workers working on Fairview Street. They had one "road work ahead" sign out and a backhoe was in the road with no one around it. There was a backhoe sitting at the bottom of the hill and no one was flagging. He does not know what the procedure is but if there is a vehicle in the road there must be a flagman and a "road work ahead" sign. Someone is going to get hurt and he does not want to see that. When they are cleaning the hill, they need to close one of the lanes.

Councilman Conley said the morning of the last council meeting he was at Burger King when the backhoe pulled in. The operator got off, went in and got a biscuit, got back on the backhoe and he followed him all the way back to the town shop. He does not believe the backhoe is a good taxicab for their breakfast and everything else. Somebody is going to get killed on that thing if something is not done.

Councilman Turner said he would like to see churches getting together once a month and have something like a potluck dinner and singing. He is tired of the bickering and the griping and would like to see this community come back together.

Councilmember Thwaites said she believes this is a great idea.

Mike Bedsaul said COVID restrictions would still apply. He is not sure how they want to structure this, but this could create a problem with a local government sponsoring a religious event. This does not mean the town cannot permit any group to hold some type of event, but it should not be sponsored by the town. He is not trying to stand in the way of this idea, but the town should not sponsor it.

Councilmember Bowles said any church can obtain a permit to hold an event at Camp Success.

Mike Bedsaul said this is correct.

Councilmember Bowles said council was given an article to read concerning an initiative they are doing in Pulaski. If the town could do a clean-up day where the town is sectioned off and have a couple of sponsors from each area, i.e., Park Drive. There is some littering in town.

Councilman Conley asked who enforces the code and ordinances on cleanup?

Susan Kidd said the public works director responds on a complaint basis.

Mike Bedsaul said sometimes it is referred to them as a nuisance and they take court action.

Councilmember Bowles said she has heard people speak of a group that used to be in Narrows called P.I.N.N.

Debbie Thomas said that stands for Progress in Narrows Now.

Councilmember Bowles asked if that was something that could be started back up? Were there volunteers? How was it funded?

Susan Kidd said that was before her time but there was a very active group of people that were responsible for the snowflakes in town. She does not know if they were a 501c3, but they were just a local group of volunteers that were recognized by council.

Councilmember Bowles asked if they did fundraising?

Terry Nicholson said they operated a small arts store on Main Street to raise money.

Councilmember Thwaites said she has a folder that belonged to them and an issue she has with them is that the officers were never changed and there are huge gaps in the documents in the folders. She does not know if someone could just take the folder and continue where they left off. It would probably need to be reorganized.

Councilmember Bowles said she would like to have baskets placed on Main Street and Monroe Street. There would be a total of 20 baskets and they can be ordered from

Amazon and the flowers will come from Sanders greenhouse. She is going to sponsor some and will go ahead and order them. She is going to try to get some sponsorship for the baskets. Where would that money need to go?

Susan Kidd said they could place it under “miscellaneous” and checks could be written from “contingency”.

Mike Bedsaul said he did not know if this would be enough funds to open a separate account.

Susan Kidd said a spreadsheet could be kept to keep up with these donations. They could add an income and expense line item for these transactions.

Vice Mayor Goorskey said the echeck payment function has not been working when trying to pay a utility bill online but the credit/debit card payment function has been working.

Vice Mayor Goorskey said he has a letter from the First National Bank of Peterstown. They wanted to share their sentiments toward some of the town staff with council:

Susan & Debbie have been excellent to work with over the years. They proactively approached the bank several years ago with the goal of reducing the Town’s banking fees and our relationship has grown from that point. They are good stewards of the Town’s finances.

Susan & Debbie are excellent advocates for the Town. Not only do we appreciate their professionalism, but it is also evident they care greatly about the Town of Narrows, its citizens & employees. From banking to business development to community events, First National Bank shares the Town’s commitment to the community. We are grateful the Town has allowed FNB to partner with them on several occasions over the years.

We greatly appreciate the Town’s consistent leadership. Much of our interactions have been with Mrs. Kidd & Ms. Thomas. They represent the town well.

Vice Mayor Goorskey said it is nice to receive feedback from businesses in our community and how they interact with our staff.

Councilman Conley asked if anything had been heard back from the cable companies?

Susan Kidd said she has not approached any yet. She has been busy, but she will put it on her list.

Mike Bedsaul said there is a vacancy in the job of Mayor since John Davis has resigned. He has provided council some information not only from the town’s charter but also from the Code of Virginia. Normally, charter provisions take precedence over state code provisions. However, for some things in the law, i.e. elections, state code provisions will take precedence over charter provisions. The first state code provision (Sec. 24.2-226) provides that *the governing body or, in the case of an elected school board, the school board of the county, city, or town in which the vacancy occurs shall, within 15 days of the*

occurrence of the vacancy, petition the circuit court to issue a writ of election to fill the vacancy as set forth in Article 5 (§ 24.2-681 et seq.) of Chapter 6. This special election is to be held at the next general election in November. A petition will have to be filed with the Giles County Circuit Court for a special election. He will prepare that on behalf of council and file it. At that point, the court will order that a special election be held at the next general election, which will be November 2, 2021. In the meantime, under state code section 24.2-228 Section A provides that *when a vacancy occurs in a local governing body or an elected school board, the remaining members of the body or board, respectively, within 45 days of the office becoming vacant, may appoint a qualified voter of the election district in which the vacancy occurred to fill the vacancy.* Section B states that *when a vacancy occurs in the office of a mayor who is elected by the voters, the council shall make an interim appointment to fill the vacancy as provided in subsection A.* The remaining members of council, by a majority vote, will appoint someone to serve as the Mayor as an interim position until the special election is held. The important time frame they need to keep in mind is that they are required to act to fill that position on an interim basis within 45 days. If that fails to happen council loses the power to do that and the Circuit Court will appoint someone. The 45-day clock begins now. They could approach some people and do some recruiting and take this up at their next council meeting. The person chosen needs to be a qualified voter.

Councilmember Bowles asked if someone tells her they are interested in the position does she bring their name back to council?

Mike Bedsaul said if they find someone that is interested in the position, they need to tell Susan Kidd so she can compile a list to bring to council. They can discuss it at the next meeting and vote on someone. Candidates that would run in the special election have to declare their candidacy by June 8.

New Business

Susan Kidd said there has been an opening on the Planning & Zoning Commission for a while. John Mills has agreed to serve if council so pleases.

Councilman Conley made a motion to appoint John Mills to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Vice Mayor Goorskey seconded the motion.

Ayes: Turner, Bowles, Conley, Thwaites, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5-0

Susan Kidd said the façade program review board needs to be reappointed. The former review board consisted of Terry Nicholson, Susan Kidd, Patrick O'Brien, Joe Goorskey, Michael Bedsaul, and Buddy Kast. She would like to ask that John Davis be appointed in Buddy Kast's place.

Vice Mayor Goorskey said he believes all of the above know what is going on with the program, so he has no problem with them being reappointed.

Councilmember Thwaites made a motion to reappoint the Façade Program Review Board, removing Buddy Kast and adding John Davis. Vice Mayor Joe Goorskey is authorized to sign the appointment. Councilman Turner seconded the motion.

Ayes: Turner, Bowles, Conley, Thwaites, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5-0

Lindsey Caudill said there are teenagers that are building fires in the fireplace at the lower shelter. She would like for a sign to be installed to state the fireplace is for shelter-rental users only.

Councilman Goorskey said the language on the sign needs to state that a fire is only to be built with adult supervision.

Councilmember Bowles made a motion to have proper signage installed at the lower and upper shelter concerning building fires in the fireplace and firepit. Vice Mayor Goorskey seconded the motion.

Ayes: Turner, Bowles, Conley, Thwaites, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5-0

Vice Mayor Goorskey said he read the request for the time capsule at the park and he has no issues with it.

Dakota Shrader said a seventh grader at Narrows Elementary had contacted the town and showed concern about how COVID had affected her and her friends. She has requested to place a time capsule at the park. After speaking with Susan Kidd, they have no issues with it, but they do not want every class placing a time capsule at the park.

Councilmember Bowles said she thinks it is a great idea.

Councilman Conley said he would like to make a motion for it to be one time only.

Councilmember Thwaites made a motion to grant the time capsule, that it be a reasonable size, and for one time only. Councilman Turner seconded the motion.

Ayes: Turner, Bowles, Conley, Thwaites, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5-0

Susan Kidd said in her report she mentioned that in the New River Valley the counties and towns are discussing a regional tax board. She met with people from the county, Pearisburg, and Pembroke and they discussed the cigarette tax. All towns in the county already have a .10¢/pack cigarette tax. The county does not have one and have not been allowed to have one until this year. The county is not leaning toward having this tax but since all the towns have it that may hurt the towns, so the county is going to discuss it again. The other towns in the county are interested in increasing the tax. The New River Valley is interested in going to .40¢/pack. Pearisburg, Pembroke, and Rich Creek are interested in going to .25¢ - .30¢/pack. At .10¢/pack the town received around \$20,000 in revenue so far this year, which is down this year. If it were increased to .25¢/pack that

would bring in another \$20,000-\$30,000 and if it were increased to .30¢/pack it would jump up to around \$40,000. If this was done it would happen July 1st.

Mike Bedsaul said whenever you add a new tax or increase an existing tax you are required to hold a public hearing upon giving 7 days' notice in the paper. There is a new law that takes effect July 1st, 2021 that sets the maximum tax rate at .02¢/cigarette. A lot of localities, including Narrows, have been doing the cigarette tax on a per-pack basis instead of a per-cigarette basis. If the town sets the tax at a per-pack basis the limit would be .40¢/pack since cigarettes usually come 20 cigarettes per pack. If the pack has more cigarettes it would need to be less than .02¢/cigarette and if the pack has fewer cigarettes it would need to be more than .02¢/cigarette.

Susan Kidd said towns in Giles County were not in favor of belonging to a regional tax board.

Councilman Conley asked if this was only on cigarettes and not cigars or chewing tobacco?

Susan Kidd said it is only on cigarettes.

Mike Bedsaul said he does not see the need for the town to be on a regional board.

Vice Mayor Goorskey said he is a smoker and he does not have a problem raising the cigarette tax to .40¢/pack.

Mike Bedsaul said he would like to suggest waiting to discuss this after finding out what other jurisdictions are going to be charging.

Unfinished Business

None.

Matters for Consideration by Council

Susan Kidd said the old Shuff building was purchased with the ARC Grant. There is an old sign on the building that says "S.W. Equipment" and 3 different parties have approached the town concerning the sign. She was wondering if council wants to sell it or offer it for bid.

Vice Mayor Goorskey asked if the proceeds of the sale would have to go back to the grant?

Susan Kidd said she does not know. They could take sealed bids for the purchase of the sign.

Vice Mayor Goorskey made a motion to allow Susan Kidd to move forward with the sale of the sign on the old Shuff property and use the proceeds as allowed.

Councilman Turner seconded the motion.

Ayes: Turner, Bowles, Conley, Thwaites, and Goorskey

Nays: None
Motion Carried 5-0

Susan Kidd said council needs to set a date for the first budget workshop for FY22.

The first budget workshop for FY22 is scheduled for April 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Susan Kidd said the purchase for meter reading equipment was going to be a request in the FY22 budget. Our water loss this time was 39% and part of that was due to bad meters. Our equipment is outdated and the antennas do not communicate very well so there are a lot of manual reads that have to be done. There needs to be new antennas on those meters.

Vice Mayor Goorskey asked if there was money in the current budget to purchase these?

Susan Kidd said no but they can use various line items to purchase the antennas.

Vice Mayor Goorskey made a motion to approve the purchase of new antennas for the water meters. Councilmember Thwaites seconded the motion.

Ayes: Turner, Bowles, Conley, Thwaites, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5-0

Susan Kidd said council is being asked to approve the façade program improvement design changes. The main change is that owners were going to have to put up a 50% match, either by work they have previously done or a cash match. Due to COVID, owners do not have to match it.

Councilmember Thwaites made a motion to approve the façade program improvement design changes. Councilmember Bowles seconded the motion.

Ayes: Turner, Bowles, Conley, Thwaites, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5-0

Councilmember Thwaites made a motion to amend the agenda to add Personnel Matters (Sec. 2.2-3711.A.1) to executive session. Councilman Turner seconded the motion.

Ayes: Turner, Bowles, Conley, Thwaites, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5-0

Councilmember Thwaites made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Real Property (Sec. 2.2-3711.A.3) and Personnel Matters (Sec. 2.2-3711.A.1). Councilman Conley seconded the motion.

Ayes: Turner, Bowles, Conley, Thwaites, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5-0

Councilmember Thwaites made a motion to return to open session. Councilman Turner seconded the motion.

Ayes: Turner, Bowles, Conley, Thwaites, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5-0

Certification

WHEREAS, the Town of Narrows, has convened an executive meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative-recorded vote and in accordance with the provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act: and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification of the Town Council that such executive meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Town of Narrows hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia Law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies: and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Town Council.

ATTEST: _____

Councilman Turner made a motion to accept the certification. Councilmember Thwaites seconded the motion.

Ayes: Turner, Bowles, Conley, Thwaites, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5-0

Councilmember Thwaites made a motion to schedule a public hearing for the disposition of real property owned by the town, known as a six-acre tract called the Boy Scout Camp. Councilman Conley seconded the motion.

Ayes: Turner, Bowles, Conley, Thwaites, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5-0

Councilmember Thwaites made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Bowles seconded the motion.

Ayes: Turner, Bowles, Conley, Thwaites, and Goorskey

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5-0

Clerk, Debbie Thomas

Vice Mayor, Joe Goorskey