

November 3, 2011

**Regular Meeting**

Mayor Clendaniel called the regular meeting of the Denton Town Council to order at 7:00 PM on this date leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Clendaniel asked that the record reflect that all Council members were present and accounted for.

Councilman Danielson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2011 regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

Councilman Danielson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2011 working session, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

**Public Hearing**

**Ordinance # 638 – Gifting 414 High St. to Caroline County Habitat for Humanity**

Mayor Clendaniel opened a public hearing at 7:02 PM to receive public comments on Ordinance #638 - An Ordinance of the Town of Denton authorizing the Town to gift 414 High Street to Caroline County Habitat for Humanity, Inc. whose purpose is to provide suitable housing to low and moderate income families.

Mayor Clendaniel asked for comments from the State – there were none

Mayor Clendaniel asked for comments from the County – there were none

Mayor Clendaniel asked for comments from the Council – there were none

Mayor Clendaniel asked for comments from the Public – there were none

With no further comments, Mayor Clendaniel closed this public hearing at 7:03 PM.

**Ordinance #639 – Gifting 502 High St. to Caroline County Habitat for Humanity**

Mayor Clendaniel opened a public hearing at 7:03 PM to receive public comments on Ordinance #639- An Ordinance of the Town of Denton authorizing the Town to gift 502 High Street to Caroline County Habitat for Humanity, Inc. whose purpose is to provide suitable housing to low and moderate income families.

Mayor Clendaniel asked for comments from the State – there were none

Mayor Clendaniel asked for comments from the County – there were none

Mayor Clendaniel asked for comments from the Council – there were none

Mayor Clendaniel asked for comments from the Public – there were none

With no further comments, Mayor Clendaniel closed this public hearing at 7:04 PM.

**Ordinance #640- Bank Alley Closure**

Mayor Clendaniel opened a public hearing at 7:04 PM to receive public comments on Ordinance #640 - An Ordinance of the Town of Denton closing the bank alley entrance and exit onto First Street in downtown Denton.

Mayor Clendaniel asked for comments from the State – there were none

Mayor Clendaniel asked for comments from the County – there were none

Mayor Clendaniel asked for comments from the Council –

Councilman Gregory announced that he had received a call from Mrs. Retzolk of 111 Franklin St., whom was unable to make it to the meeting, but had asked that he share that she was opposed to closing the alley as it would create a public safety inconvenience to the surrounding property owners.

Councilwoman Case mentioned that she had also received calls from people opposed to closing the alley and they recommended looking at alternatives.

Mayor Clendaniel asked for comments from the Public –

*Mr. Randy Moore, resident and local business owner, took the opportunity to provide the history of the alley and the many discussions over the years about closing it or restricting traffic on First & Second. Mr. Moore said that the entrance to the alley at South Second St. is narrow, restricting delivery trucks, closing the end near South First St. would reroute and force traffic from the library and surrounding properties to have to exit on South Second St., which is already congested. Mr. Moore recalled that the last traffic study indicated that this intersection already handles approximately 7,000 cars a week, by forcing the alley traffic to exit on to second, it would significantly increase this count. Mr. Moore added that trimming the holly trees at the Library entrance was a ~~main~~ concern. Mr. Moore recommended making changes to the curbing and expressed that he hopes the Council does not close the alley.*

*Mrs. Doris Walls, resident and Planning Commission Chair, expressed concerns that it would also put more traffic on to Franklin St. and recommended changes to the parking in front of Harry's on the Green.*

*Mr. Walter Palmer, resident and local business owner of 108 Market St., opposed the closing of the alley and forcing traffic to exit on South Second. He stated that it would not be taking public safety into consideration. Mentioning the customers of M&T Bank use the alley to access the bank's drive through; the book drop off at the library would be inconvenienced; the trash trucks would have to be rerouted and how would fire trucks respond if an emergency occurred. Mr. Palmer stated that there was a bunch of reasons that do not support closing the alley.*

*Mrs. Florence Doherty of 109 Riverton Ave., mentioned that former Councilman Horsey had gathered a safety committee to look at this previously, in which they put out a survey. Most of the responses received supported for people to wait patiently to travel on First and to leave the traffic flow the way it is. Mrs. Doherty said that many do not like to use South Second St., because it is difficult to see at the Market St. intersection and many don't like to exit the library onto Franklin because of cars bottoming out. Mrs. Doherty recommended limiting the parking in front of Harry's on the Green.*

*Mrs. Marina Dowdall, resident and Planning Commission member, mentioned that the Town should not want to create a new problem to solve another.*

*Mayor Clendaniel added that he had also heard from a number of citizens in opposition.*

*With no further comments, Mayor Clendaniel closed this public hearing at 7:16 PM.*

#### **Ordinance #641 – Red Speed School Zone**

*Mayor Clendaniel opened a public hearing at 7:16 PM to receive public comments on Ordinance #641 - An Ordinance to amend the Code of the Town of Denton, by adding a new Article IX, Entitled "School Zones", to establish school zones within the town and maximum speed limits on municipal roads within those school zones and a new Article X, entitled "Speed Monitoring Systems", to provide for the authorization and use of speed monitoring systems in school zones in the town.*

*Mayor Clendaniel asked for comments from the State – there were none*

*Mayor Clendaniel asked for comments from the County – there were none*

*Mayor Clendaniel asked for comments from the Council – there were none*

*Mayor Clendaniel asked for comments from the Public –*

*Mr. Sherman McDonald of 710 Camp Rd. announced that the residents of Camp Road had recently submitted a petition seeking help to reduce the speeding on their street. Mr. McDonald questioned how this ordinance would eliminate the problem from the speed zone to Bullock's Deli.*

*It was mentioned that the Police Dept. can locate the cameras any where within a half mile of the school, and it was realized that the half mile distance from the Wesleyan School and the half mile from Lockerman School will overlap, which will place almost all of Camp Road within the enforcement area.*

*Mr. Steve Kapola of 707 Camp Rd. recommended speed bumps. The Mayor advised that this ordinance does not cover those.*

*Councilman Porter expressed that he is opposed to speed bumps and the effects they have on emergency equipment responding and snow plows.*

*With no further comments, Mayor Clendaniel closed this public hearing at 7:24 PM.*

**Petitions, Remonstrance's and Communication**

*None*

**Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Resolution #754 – Fairfield Commons Area**

*A Resolution of the Town of Denton approving and accepting two deeds for “Fairfield Court” (formerly known as “Harmony Court”), “Chesapeake Drive”, and four open space parcels in the Fairfield Subdivision. This item was deferred at the July 11, 2011 Council Meeting until all punch list items could be resolved.*

*Councilman Gregory made a motion to adopt Resolution #754, seconded by Councilman Danielson.*

*In discussion, Councilman Gregory asked if the punch list items have been resolved, and Mr. Mulrine, Town Administrator, announce that all of the items have been completed and reviewed by Mr. Getchell, the Director of Public Works, Mr. Batchelor, Planning & Codes Enforcement Officer and himself.*

*Councilwoman Case asked about the HOA, mentioning that Savannah's HOA is failing. Mr. Mulrine responded that these are two different circumstances and that this would only apply to Fairfield which does not have an existing HOA.*

*Councilman Gregory questioned confirming and not accepting the maintenance. Mr. Mulrine stated that they are going to wait and see, since Mr. Coile has made improvements. Mr. Mulrine added that approving this will be accepting the roads, stormwater ponds and that they are going to work on the cost to maintain before establishing a fee.*

*The motion to adopt passed unanimously.*

**Resolution # 762 –2011 Caroline County Hazard Mitigation Plan**

*A Resolution of the Town of Denton adopting the 2011 Caroline County Hazard Mitigation Plan as the Town's 2011 Hazard Mitigation Plan.*

*Councilman Gregory made a motion to adopt Resolution #762, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.*

**Resolution #763 - Wharves of Choptank Community Legacy Project**

*A Resolution of the Town of Denton approving the application and receipt of financing for the Wharves of Choptank Community Legacy Project to be financed either directly by the Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland, or through other departments or agencies of the State of Maryland.*

*Councilman Danielson made a motion to accept Resolution #763, seconded by Councilman Gregory,*

*In discussion, Councilwoman Case asked if this was the grant she was accused of calling the state on. Mr. Mulrine advised no. Councilwoman Case asked if the Town received a response on the grant that was turned down, and Mr. Mulrine stated that no response has been received.*

Councilwoman Case expressed the need to hold off on making a decision on this item until the discussion is held on the other Denton Development Corp. agenda items.

The Mayor called for the vote on the motion on the floor to adopt Resolution #763. The motion passed 3 to 2 with Councilwoman Case and Mayor Clendaniel voting no.

**Ordinance #636 – Ethics Revision and Amendment**

An Ordinance of the Town of Denton revising and amending Chapter 14 of the Denton Town Code pertaining to Ethics Revisions and Amendments.

The Town Council reviewed a letter from the State Ethics Commission acknowledging the Town's request for an exemption. The letter stated that the State will be meeting on October 27 to discuss the town request.

Mrs. Florence Doherty provided a list of comments and concerns to the Council about the pending legislation.

Councilman Porter made a motion to defer the adoption of this Ordinance until the January 5, 2012 meeting, to give the State time to review and respond to the Town's request, seconded by Councilwoman Case, passing unanimously.

**Ordinance #638 - Gifting 414 High Street to Caroline County Habitat for Humanity**

An Ordinance of the Town of Denton authorizing the Town to gift 414 High Street to Caroline County Habitat for Humanity, Inc.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to adopt Ordinance #638, seconded by Councilwoman Case, passing unanimously.

**Ordinance #639 - Gifting 502 High Street to Caroline County Habitat for Humanity**

An Ordinance of the Town of Denton authorizing the Town to gift 502 High Street to Caroline County Habitat for Humanity, Inc.

Councilwoman Case made a motion to adopt Ordinance #639, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

**Ordinance #640 - Bank Alley Closure**

An Ordinance of the Town of Denton closing the bank alley entrance and exit onto South First Street in downtown Denton.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to adopt Ordinance #640, seconded by Councilman Porter.

In discussion: Councilman Gregory stated that in light of the comments provided during the public hearing that he was opposed to adopting this ordinance.

Councilman Danielson added that he was also opposed and recommended letting it die.

Councilwoman Case recommended doing an in depth study.

Councilman Gregory expressed that he did not think that it was necessary to expend funds for another study.

Councilman Porter expressed that the best answer is to leave it alone.

The Mayor called for a vote on the motion to adopt Ordinance #640, all five council members were opposed and voted no, not to adopt.

**Ordinance #641 - Red Speed School Zone**

An Ordinance to amend the Code of the Town of Denton, by adding a new Article IX, Entitled "School Zones", to establish school zones within the town and maximum speed limits on municipal roads within those school zones and a new Article X, entitled "Speed Monitoring Systems", to provide for the authorization and use of speed monitoring systems in school zones in the town.

Councilman Danielson made a motion to accept Ordinance #641, seconded by Councilman Gregory.

*In discussion:* Chief Cox answered questions and confirmed that the ordinance has been revised to include the Wesleyan School and that warnings will be issued during the first 30 days. The Police Dept. will review the camera tapes and issue all citations with a \$40 fine following the first 30 days. Chief Cox said once adopted they will select a vendor and have the equipment put in place as soon as possible.

Mrs. Sharon VanEmburch, Town Attorney advised that signage will be properly posted and advertised before enforcement begins. Chief Cox concurred that all signage required by State Law will be properly installed in each school zone.

The Mayor called for a vote on the motion to adopt Ordinance #641, the motion passed unanimously.

**Reports of Officers, Board and Committees**

None

**Unfinished Business**

**Agenda #1 Denton Development Corporation – State Bond Bill Funding**

J.O.K. Walsh, Chairman of the Denton Development Corporation, came before the Council seeking support for the DDC to apply for State Bond Bill Funding in the amount of \$192,000.00 during the next Maryland State Legislative Session.

Councilman Danielson made a motion to authorize Mr. JOK Walsh of the Denton Development Corporation to apply for State Bond funds, seconded by Councilman Gregory.

*In discussion:* Councilwoman Case questioned this being “pork barrel money/earmarked” and recommended deferring until they have a plan for maintenance and that this will not cost the tax payers after the grants have expired.

Councilman Danielson stated this is just to authorize the DDC to apply for the funding.

Councilman Porter confirmed with Mr. Walsh that this funding is for the infrastructure of the roads.

The motion passed 3 -2 with Councilwoman Case voting no and Mayor Clendaniel abstaining.

Mr. Fred Spence, town resident and member of the DDC Board, provided some clarity on the DDC and their mission of working for the benefit of Denton. Mr. Spence gave some history on the Crouse Park Project and the need to utilize the water front to keep the downtown alive. He mentioned that the population has almost doubled, but that the businesses have not. There job, as a group, is to do what is necessary to make Denton a better community. Mr. Spence explained that when a grant is applied for, that it is to benefit the community, and that with any grant, whether for hiring a police officer, or road repairs, the liability comes after the grant is expended. Asking who pays for the road maintenance once the grant is finished. The difference with this project is that it will have a commercial unit that will bring in revenue and people at the end of the grant. The Town and the DDC’s mission here is to bring economic development to Denton which will also bring revenues.

Councilwoman Case questioned the cost down the road and would like a cost benefit analysis study to be done.

Mr. Walsh stated that this project will include private funding separate from Town funding.

*Mrs. Ann Jacobs, Downtown Denton Main Street Manager, provided a letter of support for the project from the DDMS board. Mrs. Jacobs raised a concern of what will the cost be to the businesses downtown if they don't do the project.*

*Mr. Mike Lewis, local business owner and DDC Board Member, stated that he would like to see the project happen to improve the quality of life for Denton residents and businesses. He stated that the classic way to kill something is to study it to death. He added that the Restaurant Owner/Operator will foot the cost associated with the building.*

*Councilwoman Case questioned what if the restaurant owner fails and what about the flooding.*

*Mr. Glenn Collins, DDC Project Manager, stated that you're never going to prevent all the flooding, but that the engineering plan is to raise the elevation so that the water will run off.*

*Mr. Dale Minner, town resident, said that he agrees that the waterfront is underutilized and that if they are going to develop it, the Town will need to improve the infrastructure. He asked if it was possible to keep the infrastructure separate from the Town building a Restaurant. He recommended keeping the government out of the restaurant business, but to get involved in the infrastructure.*

*Mr. Collins explained that the roadway infrastructure improvements are tied to the visitor center.*

*Mr. Walsh added that after having watched the waterfront for many years, the sidewalks on the south side were not flooding and that the engineer has taken all the flooding history into consideration, and the elevations will be modified as part of the project.*

*Mr. Al McCullough, town resident and environmental consultant, mentioned that having worked on the project to obtain the permits, expressed that the flooding part has been approved. Two permits have been received from the flood study that was done using FEMA regulations. The permit part has been on going for several years, going through a complicated approval process, receiving approval from the Maryland Heritage Area, along with other State Agencies and local agencies.*

*Mr. Walsh explained that the restaurant is the key component to making the visitor center and the infrastructure improvement funding available. The thought of using the government's money for a restaurant is an absurd idea. The restaurant will be privately funded. Mr. Walsh added that there are also other plans for boat tours and separate businesses that would also bring funding into the Town. Mr. Walsh clarified that the CDBG grant the Town just took over from the County is to build a shell for the restaurant. The private Restaurateur will invest and finish the building and supply the equipment for the business to operate, not the Town.*

*Councilman Porter reiterated that the Town has to fix the road sometime, and that the restaurant portion of the project will not go forward without the private restaurateur. He added that this is an economically viable project. He recently watched people wade through the water to go to a restaurant in Chestertown. Everyone is here to make Denton better.*

*Mrs. Patti Papineau questioned what happens to the grant if the Restaurant doesn't happen.*

*Mr. Walsh advised you give it back. Mr. Walsh also explained that there are 18 different grants, about \$3 million involved in the planning of this project. Mr. Walsh explained the types of grants and how they work; the difference in the Bond bill and the Community Legacy applications that were approved this evening. Mr. Walsh mentioned again that they can not do the roadway infrastructure without the visitor center; these two are tied together.*

*Mrs. Marina Dowdall, town resident, Director of the Caroline County Arts Council and Planning Commission member, added that she loves Denton because of a lot of people working hard together to make some wonderful things happen. Mrs. Dowdall questioned that the decision was made sometime in the past to go ahead and do the project. Then five years down the road to have someone come in and start questioning it, having worked with grants herself that it could be dangerous. What has changed and what exactly is the reason why this is being brought back up and causing the delay of the project, since a decision has already been made to move forward.*

*Councilman Porter stated that economics has changed.*

*Mrs. Florence Doherty, of 109 Riverton Ave, and currently Board of Appeal member, stated that many of the grants are strung together and that the grant process takes a long time. Mrs. Doherty provided a history of the Board of Appeal hearing that was recently held on this project.*

*Councilwoman Case reiterated that her goal is not to make sure the project dies, but to make sure it is done well to benefit the people of Denton. She stated she was told that the State turned down one grant because the scope of the project did not have a plan attached for future funding and that the support was not documented. Councilwoman Case said the idea of separating and doing each individually would be a much better idea and recommended that because of how it will impact the tax payers, that this should be a referendum item.*

*Mr. Michael Owens, downtown business owner, spoke on supporting the project. He questioned Councilwoman Case, mentioning that based on recent newspaper articles, that she had indicated that certain Council member(s) is impeding the project and wanted to know what plan she has to bring jobs and businesses to the downtown.*

*The Mayor responded by stating that Wal-Mart just broke ground and that will bring a larger number of jobs to town than this project. The Mayor also mentioned that he has a lot of faith in the Main Street Manager. He also took a moment to point out that Mr. JOK Walsh recently was honored as the recipient of the Maryland Award for Preservation for his volunteer service.*

*Mr. Owens stated that everyone needs to do whatever can be done to bring jobs to town and that they should keep in mind that Restaurants are anchor points that will help accomplish this task.*

*Mr. Spence thanked the Council for having an engaging discussion, and expressed that they have a job to do, and that is to do what is best for Denton to bring economic businesses to Town. Mr. Spence stated that at the end of the day, as a Council and as a group, everyone needs to accept what is voted on and that they should not loose focus on the fact of building a better community to bring the Denton Business's and quality of life back to what it once was.*

*Mrs. Sue Cruickshank, resident and Planning Commission member, stated that according to the DDC mission statement, their main concern is with economic development and businesses; while her main concern is with being a tax payer in a small town, adding that most of the revenue comes from taxes and that taxes come from property owners and not businesses.*

*Mayor Clendaniel thanked everyone for their comments and stated that he wished to echo what Mr. Spence had said. The Mayor stated that the Council has already voted on this and that it seems as though everyone just wants to do what is right for the town.*

### **New Business**

### **Agenda #1 DDC Board of Directors Letter**

*The Denton Development Corporation respectfully requests time to openly discuss issues involving the Wharves at Choptank Crossing Project with the Town Council. Members of the DDC will be present to answer questions for the Council. The attached letter explains in detail topic subjects for discussion.*

*This item was jointly discuss with unfinished business #1*

**Agenda #2 - Planning Commission Reappointment**

*Mrs. Marina Dowdall's Planning Commission's term expires December 31, 2011. Mrs. Dowdall has submitted a letter requesting reappointment to the Planning Commission for another five year term which expires December 31, 2016.*

*Councilman Danielson made a motion re-appoint Mrs. Dowdall to another five year term on the Planning Commission, seconded by Councilwoman Case, passing unanimously.*

**Agenda #3 – Historic and Architectural Review Commission Reappointment–**

*Mrs. Kathy Mackel's Historic and Architectural Review Commission's term expires December 31, 2011. Mrs. Mackel submitted a letter requesting reappointment to the Historic and Architectural Review Commission for another three year term which will expire December 31, 2014.*

*Councilwoman Case made a motion to re-appoint Mrs. Mackel to another three year term on the Historic and Architectural Review Commission, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.*

**Agenda #4 Board of Appeals Reappointments**

*The terms for Dallas Lister and Tara Lightner expire December 31, 2011. Dallas Lister is requesting reappointment for a three year term as a regular member. Tara Lightner is requesting reappointment for a three year term as an alternate member. Both terms will expire December 31, 2014.*

*Councilman Danielson made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Dallas Lister and Mrs. Tara Lightner to serve a three year term on the Board of Appeals, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.*

**Agenda #5 Downtown Main Street Redistricting**

*Mrs. Ann Jacobs, the Denton Downtown Main Street Manager, requested the Council's support for submitting a letter and map to Main Street Maryland to seek approval to expand the Main Street designated area. The expansion, if approved, will include businesses along North Sixth Street and South Fifth Ave. These are areas just outside of the immediate downtown.*

*Councilman Danielson made a motion to support and approve, seconded by Councilman Gregory.*

*In further discussion: Mr. Kastning stated that these things should be forwarded to the Planning & Codes Dept. and Planning Commission to have a say.*

*Councilman Danielson amended his motion to refer to the Planning Commission. The amendment was seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.*

**Agenda #6 - Municipal Property Loan Extensions**

*In 2003, the Town, through outside lending agencies, acquired the properties known as 305 Gay St and 307 Gay St. These lands were purchased to be utilized for the construction of the proposed new town hall. The loans on these two properties are scheduled to balloon in January and February of 2013. Mr. Mulrine provided additional details about extending the loans for an additional 5 years while working with USDA on the rehabilitation of the existing town hall building at 13 N. Third St. and using USDA loan funds to pay off these loan balances. Mr. Mulrine has spoken with both lending agencies and they are both willing to extend the loans. The*

loan for 305 Gay St. is with Centreville National Bank, the final loan payment of \$58,669 due 2/2013. The other loan for 307 Gay St. is with PNC Bank, the final loan payment of \$41,334.49 that is due 1/27/2013.

Councilman Porter made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to move forward with extending the terms of the loans, seconded by Councilwoman Case, passing unanimously.

**Agenda #7 - Denton Volunteer Fire Dept. CIP Draw Request**

The Denton Volunteer Fire Dept submitted a request seeking approval from the Town Council to draw on the designated CIP-FIRE funds, currently being held in the Town's escrow account, in the amount of \$44,000. These funds are proposed to be used to pay towards the existing loan on a 2007 Pierce Rescue Unit and/or part to be used towards their matching funds for the kitchen renovations.

Staff advised the Council that the available CIP balance designated for the DVFD to date is approximately \$44,500. This includes the \$23,400 that was on record June 30, 2011 and the additional Wal-Mart and Trice Meadows revenues that have been received since July 1, 2011 of approximately \$21,100.

It was also mentioned, that the DVFD is also in the process of purchasing some hose equipment. In researching this, they have found that if the Town were to purchase the equipment on their behalf, it could qualify to receive an additional discount, reducing the cost of the equipment. If they chose to run this purchase through the Town, they plan to fully reimburse the Town for all cost.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to allow the request as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Case, passing unanimously.

**Agenda #8 – Public Works New Equipment Purchase**

The Public Works Department requested approval to purchase a Vivax D46SL 1.8” VCAM digital camera system from Maryland Industrial Trucks, Inc. for the sum of \$9,409. Mr. Getchell, Director of Public Works, advised that this equipment will be used to diagnose issues with sewer lines and has been in the capital improvement plan for several years. The costs will be covered using sewer capital reserve funds.

Councilman Danielson made a motion to authorize the purchase of the equipment, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

**Agenda #9 – Public Works Replacement Dump Truck Purchase**

The Public Works Department requested approval to purchase a 2007 Ford F450 1-Ton dump truck with plowing equipment and warning lights, installed from Wayne's Welding & Truck Equipment, for the sum of \$33,740. This truck would replace a truck that was decommissioned in 2009 and is needed for plowing, street maintenance, water and sewer repairs, and special pick-ups. The cost will be divided as follows: \$4,820 General Fund, \$18,075 Highway Fund, \$6,025 Water Fund, \$4,820 Sewer Fund. \$28,000 was in the FY2012 budget and the difference will be covered using capital reserve.

Councilman Danielson made a motion to allow Mr. Getchell to purchase the equipment, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

**Agenda #10 - Human Service Council – Culinary Center Advisory Committee Member Change**

The Caroline Human Service Council, as a funder of the Chesapeake Culinary School, requests the Town's support to have Chris Pierce replace Jo Ann Staples as a member of the Culinary Advisory Committee.

*Councilman Gregory made a motion to accept the appointment of Chris Pierce to serve on the Culinary Advisory Committee, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.*

**Miscellaneous**

*Councilman Danielson took a moment to wish Councilman Porter a Happy Birthday.*

*Mr. Edward Bombaro, of Choptank Design, thanked the Council for their continued cooperation on 9 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St., while waiting on the USDA Office for additional funding.*

*Councilman Porter asked the Town Administrator to have the current ~~sight~~ **site** plan for Crouse Park and other information posted on the Town's website.*

*Mayor Clendaniel also asked for an updated flow chart on the project funding.*

*With no further discussion Councilman Porter made a motion to close the meeting at 9:19 PM, seconded by Councilman Danielson, passing unanimously.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Karen L. Monteith,  
Clerk - Treasurer*

Adopted with amendments on Page 3161, 3167 and 3169, ~~strike~~/**bold**