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MEMORANDUM

Town Manager Report 8/14/2023

- The Town received its VDOT Land Use Permit (LUP) required for construction within their right of way for the Central Park project. Plans were resubmitted to DEQ on 8/3 after minor revisions were made. DEQ indicated the review time will be less than the previous turnaround of 5 weeks. We are anticipating not hearing back from DEQ by 9/4, when the playground equipment is scheduled to be delivered. We have made plans to store the equipment at a Town facility for safe keeping until we are able to start construction. Three sub-contractors have indicated interest and are available to work on the project this fall.
- The follow up work session with Essex County has been set for Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Tappahannock-Essex Volunteer Fire House on Airport Road. This will be a follow-up discussion with the Board of Supervisors identifying potential areas of interest for the Town and County to work together.
- The new website is ready to launch! It will have more features, have easier navigation, and is better suited for future growth of the Town. New professional photos and aerial videos of the Town will be featured on the website.
- The Town is advertising request for bids for Phase 1 Downtown Sewer Improvements project. Bids will be opened on Tuesday August 29th at 3:00 p.m. More information can be found on our website.
- Hoskins Creek project is currently under federal environmental review. No further updates about this project at this time.
- The RAISE grant contract is being reviewed by the US Department of Transportation. We are waiting for their approval of the contract before we can start any planning processes.