

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Albemarle County, Virginia, and the Town Council of the Town of Scottsville, Virginia, was held on October 26, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 241 of the Albemarle County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, VA 22902. The meeting was adjourned from October 19, 2022.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Ned Gallaway, Ms. Ann H. Mallek, Ms. Diantha H. McKeel, Mr. Jim H. Andrews, Ms. Beatrice (Bea) J.S. LaPisto-Kirtley, and Ms. Donna P. Price.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

SCOTTSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Zachary Bullock, Mr. Dan Gritsko, Ms. Meredith Hynes, Mr. Bill Hyson, Ms. Aileen Morse, Mr. Edward Payne, and Mr. Ron Smith.

SCOTTSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Alex Bessette.

COUNTY OFFICERS PRESENT: County Executive, Jeffrey B. Richardson; County Attorney, Steve Rosenberg; Clerk, Claudette K. Borgersen; and Senior Deputy Clerk, Travis O. Morris.

TOWN OFFICERS PRESENT: Town Attorney, Jim Bolling; Town Administrator, Matt Lawless; and Town Clerk, Javier Raudales.

Agenda Item No. 1. Call to Order.

The Chair of the Board of Supervisors, Ms. Donna Price, called the Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The Mayor of the Town of Scottsville, Mr. Ron Smith, called the Scottsville Town Council meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 2. Welcome and Introductions.

Ms. Price introduced the County Officers present and the Albemarle County Police Officers at the meeting, Officers Josh Right and Devin Sprouse.

Mr. Smith introduced the Town Officers and staff present.

Agenda Item No. 3. County of Albemarle and Town of Scottsville Collaboration on Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Smith stated that there was a 61-acre park in the middle of the Town, and through a grant from Virginia Wildlife Resources (VWR), the Town had installed a floating fishing dock at the park. He said that they hoped to one day make the dock ADA accessible. He noted that Mr. Gritsko was one of the leading forces behind the establishment of the dock in 2013.

Mr. Gritsko stated that he became aware of the Van Clief Nature Area a few years after joining the Scottsville Town Council in 2010. He said that over 100 people had helped over the years to develop the park. He noted that the County had played an important role. He asked who had replaced the role of Dan Mahon, a previous County employee.

Mr. Bob Crickenberger explained that when Mr. Mahon retired, the position was reorganized, so they now had a Parks Planner position who took over many of the responsibilities for trails and greenways.

Mr. Gritsko asked who the Parks Planner was.

Mr. Crickenberger responded that Mr. Tim Padalino was the Parks Planner.

Mr. Gritsko requested that Mr. Padalino visit Scottsville. He said they looked for further cooperation and assistance from the County. He said Mr. Mahon had been a good asset to provide the Town with advice regarding grants and trail designs.

Mr. Gritsko said the park was only partially completed and had significant progress to make. He noted that they had to address ADA access and that there was a trail they wanted to design that would be similar to the Monticello walking trail. He said the trail was referred to as the Overlook Trail. He explained that the Town attempted to get a grant for the trail but did not receive one. He said the Town wanted to work with the County on the project. He said they were excited to work with the County in the future.

Mr. Crickenberger responded that the County was willing to support the Town in any way that it could.

Mr. Gritsko noted that trout were typically stocked in western Albemarle. He said Scottsville Lake was a warm-water lake, but it was stocked with the idea that the fish would be caught out of it. He noted that it was the sixth year the state had stocked in cooperation with the Town. He stated that the state also stocked catfish in the Scottsville Lake. He noted that the Town was the most eastern part of the County

that stocks fish.

Mr. Gritsko said they often found people who visited the lake were coming from eastern parts of the state, and tourism was attracted to the fishery in the Scottsville Lake. He said that they looked forward to new ways to develop the park.

Ms. McKeel asked if the Town had connected with the CACVB (Charlottesville Albemarle Convention and Visitors Bureau).

Mr. Lawless indicated that he had met with the CACVB.

Ms. Price noted that she had met Mr. Mahon at a Rivanna Conservation Alliance (RCA) event commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act. She said it was really nice to talk with him about the work he had done with the County.

Mr. Gritsko reiterated that Scottsville was very thankful for Mr. Mahon's time and advice over the years.

Mr. Smith noted that the County had been gracious with its support of the Scottsville Community Center. He said they were working with a private citizen who wanted to donate money for a splash pad, and recently, the County had shared figures for the construction and operation of a splash pad. He said that they approached the individual to see if he would direct his funds to another project in the Town.

Ms. Price clarified that the County and the Town had exchanged communication over the prior week, and some of the most recent items shared were comparison costs of the construction and operation of a splash pad. She said the County appreciated the generosity of donors who wanted to share their wealth and resources with the community, but every offer was not easily accepted.

Ms. Price said in addition to construction costs, there were operational costs. She said the particular donation, while generous, did not cover the full construction costs, so the project would have to be funded through the CIP. She said they had to consider the cost of construction, operation, and maintenance.

Mr. Hyson recognized Mr. Crickenberger's work for Dorrier Park. He noted that Mr. Crickenberger worked on the park 30 years ago and that most of the trees were 30 years old. He said the park was a treasure to the Town, and that it was used all the time and was constantly full. He noted the park had pickleball courts, tennis courts, and basketball courts.

Agenda Item No. 4. Road Improvements in the Region.

Mr. Smith noted there was a need for road improvements in the region. He said that Mr. Gritsko and Mr. Payne lived on Mountain Vista Road. He said the closest access to Route 20 from Mr. Gritsko's house was like an unpaved mountain trail that required a four-wheel-drive vehicle to traverse. He said that Mr. Payne's section of the road would get flooded when it rained hard and washed out during storms. He said they had tried to work with VDOT to improve the road, but they had not had success. He asked if the County was able to help get VDOT to fix the issues on Mountain Vista Road.

Mr. Payne stated that his family had tried to get a portion of the road paved for a short time. He noted that his family had lived on the property since 1958. He said he loved the dirt road and noted that there was a lot of pedestrian traffic. He said in the summertime, there were 20-foot plumes of dust, and in the winter, it was the last road to be plowed. He said there were commercial entrances with ACE Hardware on the road, and tractor-trailers traveled down a portion of it. He said the road was also a school bus route.

Mr. Payne said only a 100-yard stretch of the road was in Scottsville, and it was likely the only dirt road left in the Town. He said after 65 years, he wanted to see improvements. He said he had spoken with supervisors, but the road had not improved.

Mr. Gritsko stated that Scottsville desired to connect the uptown with the downtown. He said there were two different areas in the Town: one, where the Food Lion was located, and the other, where the main downtown area was. He said he had considered over the years some type of sidewalk or trail running parallel to Mountain Vista Road. He requested help from the County to find a way to connect the uptown and downtown areas. He said he was not sure whether Mountain Vista Road was the right location for the connection, but he did want it to be paved.

Mr. Gritsko noted that Mr. Payne's stretch of the road was in much more need of improvement. He said his request was to find a way the County could support the Town in finding resources to create a connection between the uptown and downtown areas. He noted that the Town had received a grant to evaluate a sidewalk along Route 20, but it was not the best idea.

Ms. Price said in her meeting with the mayor early in the week, they discussed the connection of uptown and downtown. She explained the slope of the surrounding terrain on Route 20 made the installation of a sidewalk expensive and labor intensive, and at times, the path would have to switch sides of the road.

Ms. Price said that the Town Mayor and Town Administrator had mentioned alternative projects to the Route 20 sidewalk. She said the County could work with the Town to try to find a feasible way to construct the connection. She said the disconnection was to the detriment of the Town as a whole, and a connection would be beneficial.

Ms. Price noted that she had been working with Ms. Carrie Shephard on Mountain Vista Road. She said she was not aware of the flooding issues, so she would follow up on those. She stated that Ms. Shephard had been looking into the business entrance impacts on the road from Ace Hardware. She said that Ms. Shephard was also looking into the consequences and responsibilities of the company for any damage caused as a result of commercial vehicles using the entrance.

Mr. Payne stated that he had personally made phone calls to VDOT and to the County, and he had made calls to Albemarle and Scottsville police when he noticed flooding on Mountain Vista Road. He said it did not take much rain to flood. He said school buses should not be driving on the road.

Ms. Price said she would follow up on the issues. She said it reminded her of an issue she dealt with on Glendower Road where the road flooded regularly during heavy rains. She said it took a while, but VDOT eventually addressed the issue.

Mr. Bullock noted that there was commercial activity on the road, and VDOT had a list for its pipeline of work. He asked if commercial access would expedite the completion of the project.

Ms. Price said she did not know the answer to Mr. Bullock's question.

Mr. Hyson said the road was currently used as a connection was Warren Street. He said people walked on the street. He mentioned that the road may need repaving, and he suggested that it be widened during the next paving. He explained it was hard in places for pedestrians to get onto the shoulder as cars passed.

Ms. Price said she would add the item to her list. She noted that road widening required rights-of-way, easements, and additional expenses.

Agenda Item No. 5. Collaboration on Tourism Efforts.

Mr. Smith explained the Town Administrator served on the County's Economic Development Authority (EDA). He said the Town appreciated the work of the EDA, but there were still empty storefronts that needed to be built. He noted there were also empty storefronts at the shopping center, but they had their own team of realtors. He said the shopping center was not energetic about filling the spaces.

Mr. Smith said the CACVB van had been to the Town, and it was in Town almost every Saturday. He said Mr. Hyson's Government Services Committee was not involved in tourism but was invested in economic development. He said if councilors heard or saw economic development opportunities to let him know so that the opportunities could be explored.

Mr. Smith said the Friends of Buckingham was formed a few years ago to fight a proposed gold mining operation which was up-river from Scottsville. He said the gold mine was a proposed 5,000-acre operation with a 500-acre holding pond. He said the pond would have water conveying cyanide, and if the earthen dam were to break, then it would destroy the James River.

Mr. Smith said in Richmond in the 1970s, when Allied Chemical dumped Kepone in the river at Hopewell, the James River was closed for 7 years. He said the main attraction of the Town was the river. He encouraged supervisors and councilors to strengthen their relationships with members of Friends of Buckingham.

Ms. Mallek asked for an update on the process for the gold mine; where it was located and what was to come.

Mr. Smith said he did not know where the mine stood.

Mr. Lawless said there was a state bill for a study passed during the prior General Assembly session, and Delegate Guzman from Prince William carried the legislation. He said the bill was within the jurisdiction of the State Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy (DMME). He explained that Virginia had not had commercially viable goldmines since the 19th century. He said the regulations that remained as to how to permit a gold mine were archaic.

Mr. Lawless said the state recognized the gap in regulation and wanted to update the rules for environmental regulations so that if there were a commercially viable mine, it would be regulated effectively. He said that the public comment for the agency rule making process was active at that time. He said they were far off from an open mine.

Mr. Lawless said in addition to gold, the legislation may have been more industrially relevant for materials like lead and zinc which existed in the ground closer to the Lynchburg area. He said there was only so much gold in Buckingham, but there were more lead and zinc resources which were materials useful in battery production.

Ms. Mallek said that when there was a push for fracking, they learned DMME was focused on the exploitation of resources and was not an environmental agency. She said she did not know if there had been a shift of control to DEQ for the rule making.

Mr. Lawless said it depended which agency had control. He said that the County's legislative program was more sophisticated.

Mr. Gritsko noted that Scottsville was the original County seat, and they had occupied an important historical place. He said the James River was important back then and it remained important now, and they got a lot of tourism from the river in the summer. He said there was also a vibrant restaurant industry, nearby breweries, and other exciting businesses. He said the Town was vibrant and noted that there were other towns along the river that were not as vibrant.

Mr. Gritsko said Scottsville was vibrant because of the history of the Town. He said the community was wonderful. He mentioned the Boys and Girls Club, soccer leagues, football leagues, basketball leagues, and other opportunities for families and youth.

Mr. Gritsko said ecotourism drew people to the Town because people visited to enjoy the nature areas and the river. He noted that the number one draw for people in southern Albemarle was Pine Knot. He suggested the County find ways to utilize a bigger tie-in of Monticello to Highlands to Pine Knot. He explained that Pine Knot was the retreat location for President Teddy Roosevelt. He said tour groups mentioned the site was the highlight of tours.

Mr. Gritsko suggested the supervisors subscribe to the former mayor's James Exchange where Ms. Nancy Gill interviewed people, and which was a big source of news for the Town. He said he worked for WorldStrides in Charlottesville, so tourism was his life.

Mr. Gritsko noted the history of the County. He said he occasionally performed tours at the University of Virginia, and it was important to take the tours to the enslaved workers memorial. He said they interpreted history and were bringing in the aspects of enslavement to places like the presidential houses. He said there were many tours that could happen. He mentioned that the first Black University President was buried in Scottsville.

Mr. Gritsko said the Town wanted to be tied into the resources of the County. He said the businesses in the Town were excited to have patrons from Charlottesville. He said the Scottsville Museum recently held an event and Ms. Price had attended.

Ms. Price explained Scott's Landing, now Scottsville, was at one point the busiest in-land port in the U.S. She said there was an event the prior weekend with tours of Scottsville on Friday and Saturday night. She said a presentation was provided for those who were unable to follow the walking tour through the Town. She said there were eight homestays in the Town limits and about 30 in the adjacent area which had been a big tourist draw for the Town. She noted over 200 people attended the tours.

Mr. Bullock said the Town had a lot of sites to see, and the CACVB bus at the farmer's market on Saturdays had been good for tourism. He said the tourism bus had maps of parks in the County, but there was no map of Scottsville. He said he wanted to find ways to make the Town more visible as a place to visit. He said he was interested in how the Town could add on to the work the County was already doing in promotion and visibility.

Ms. Price said she believed the CACVB and the Office of Communication and Public Engagement (CAPE) would be good places to start.

Mr. Payne mentioned Scottsville recently became a tourism zone. He said in 2007, the General Assembly allowed localities to form tourism zones. He said in 2013, the Board voted to have a portion of the Crozet community designated as a tourism zone. He said a tourism zone was new to Scottsville. He asked whether the Crozet tourism zone had been beneficial to the County in its 9 years.

Ms. Price said there could be comments across the spectrum on the topic. She said she believed the zone had been good. She said some people believed there should not be more tourism into the County.

Mr. Payne said the idea of tourism zones was to draw businesses in that would appreciate with the tourist draw. He asked if the tourism zone had drawn businesses into the County.

Ms. Mallek said when the tourism zone was adopted, it was intended to make it possible for a local hotelier with a permit to participate in state funding where the state would contribute 1% of the sales tax and the County would contribute 1% of the sales tax. She said the funds were to provide stop-gap funding for the hotel.

Ms. Mallek said the hotel had not come to fruition. She said in that respect, they had not seen the benefit. She said she did not know if there was a non-financial aspect where it would be as beneficial as regular tourism efforts. She mentioned the need to revitalize the Monticello Artisan Trail.

Ms. McKeel said that her late husband worked at the Virginia Highway and Transportation Research Council, which was associated with VDOT and located on Observatory Hill in Albemarle County. She said that it had come to her attention from her District's Planning Commissioner, Mr. Julian

Bivins, who mentioned in a meeting that a few years back, the Research Council conducted a research project and study on the standing James River Turnpike. She said that it talked about the history of the turnpike, which ran from Scottsville to Staunton, and pieces of the turnpike were still in existence.

Ms. McKeel said that it would be fascinating if they could use that as an economic development and tourism opportunity if they wanted to build out a story and narrative about the turnpike. She said that Claudius Crozet worked around the turnpike when he was a state engineer. She said that she left Mr. Lawless a copy so he could share it amongst the other meeting attendees. She said that it was something to look at as developing another story around Scottsville, the history of Scottsville, and the importance of the river. She said that Ms. Price was right that Scottsville was critically important to the Shenandoah Valley and to the whole area in moving product all the way up to Philadelphia, and to play off of that narrative would be interesting to do.

Mr. Gritsko said that he was aware of the time of the bateau boats in the late 1700s, followed by the canals in the 1840s to 1880s. He said that one of their more famous festivals was called the Bateau Festival, where the boats began in Lynchburg and ended near Richmond, which reenacted something that happened years ago. He said that recently, there was a new business started this year in Scottsville that provided bateau boats. He said that the connections from Scottsville, whether it was the canal, the river, or this road that went to seven counties were very helpful. He said that the Canal Society based in Lynchburg had a lot of information, so tying this into the information available from them would be very helpful.

Ms. McKeel said that the information she provided discussed the canal on their side of the mountain from Afton to Route 750 where the road joined at 250, cut across 692, through Batesville, across 29 at Crossroads, and through North and South Garden into Keane, joining 20 into Scottsville.

Ms. Mallek said that was Plank Road.

Ms. McKeel said that she discovered when she reread this information that that was where the name "Plank" came from; they planked it before they discussed putting macadam down, which they never really did. She said that it was a fascinating report that she encouraged everyone in Scottsville to review and build upon for their story.

Ms. Price thanked Ms. McKeel.

Agenda Item No. 6. Community Development Partnership.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Lawless to present the information for the community development partnership.

Mr. Lawless said that the community development partnership covered a range of cooperation from the longest range from the day-to-day. He said that the Town had its own zoning authority, so on a daily basis, a deck or garage addition would be reviewed by the department for zoning clearance, and then they got the building permits. He said that similar back and forth occurred with inspections on driveways. He said that was a routine staff partnership that worked very smoothly, and the Community Development staff was very involved in that.

Mr. Lawless said that looking out to their long-range planning processes, they had the same governing law on comprehensive plans, and those plans had been more or less well-aligned at different points in the past thirty years. He said that they had a good opportunity now to run the same schedule for five-year updates, so to work together on data sharing, attending on each other's team meetings, and Serena Gruia's team helped to include Town residents in the groups throughout the process, so they could learn a lot of the same things and set shared goals, while remembering that the Town zoning authority remained there.

Mr. Lawless said they could have their separate plans align and find where they could implement the same kinds of community development actions in a shared direction together. He said that growth area management was one of the key questions related to community development actions. He said that the Town had soul-searching to do about the type or nature of growth that was healthy, and the County also had to make those bigger policy questions when planning the micro-area.

Mr. Smith asked if there were any questions for Mr. Lawless.

Ms. McKeel asked if the next step was to wrap up.

Mr. Walker said that staff had a presentation to complement the information on the AC44 process.

Ms. McKeel said that she would wait to ask her question because it was about a separate topic.

Mr. Hyson said that in his experience on the Planning Commission, he relied a lot on the County for consultation, recommendation, and guidance, and he would like to see if there could be a way to get that from Albemarle, because there were so many knowledgeable and experienced people who could help with things like the Comprehensive Plan. He said that they were considering developing a planned unit development (PUD) and they did not have a policy on that. He said that they did not have a policy on

Airbnb's either, so to have help with some of those policies would be helpful. He said that if they had people available to help perform environmental studies, they needed information on environment and traffic studies on developable sites.

Ms. Price said that might be a question best addressed to the County Executive in terms of capacity. She said that the County was always interested and desirous of helping in that way, but just as they had limitations on resources, they also had to be aware of their own capacity. She asked Mr. Richardson if that was a fair statement to make.

Mr. Richardson said yes.

Ms. Mallek said that the adopted policies they had were great resources.

Mr. Hyson said that he had used those policies for ordinances.

Ms. Price asked if Mr. Rapp had a presentation.

Mr. Rapp greeted the Board and Town Council. He introduced himself as Charles Rapp, Director of Planning for Albemarle County. He said that he would present information about the Comprehensive Plan update, which had been worked on for 7 or 8 months for the first phase and was now being wrapped up. He said that he would review the purpose of the plan, its goals, the current status, and the future plans for the next few years.

Mr. Rapp said that there was a state mandate for every five years to update a comprehensive plan, and they wanted to update this plan to reflect the County-wide strategic initiatives, which were climate action planning, economic development, and multi-modal transportation planning. He said that they made significant strides in those areas as well as others and wanted to make sure that this plan reflected those. He said that they had a significant goal of making sure the plan incorporated equity in the plan, its content, its engagement process, in all of their policies, and in the action steps throughout it. He said that they wanted to improve the usability of the plan, clearly articulating goals, creating metrics that they could track so they could see their progress, and create a modern, streamlined document that was easy to read, use, and navigate.

Mr. Rapp said that there were many recent plans and policies over the years that had been adopted, a few of them including master plans, small area plans, climate action plan, biodiversity action plan, Project Enable, and Housing Albemarle. He said that there were a variety of things that had happened since the last update in 2015, and they wanted to make sure the Comprehensive Plan incorporated those ideas and aligned it into one comprehensive vision.

Mr. Rapp said that there would be a four-phase process, and as he had mentioned, Phase 1 was wrapping up. He said that Phase 1 took a high-level view of the growth policy and where they were. He said that Phase 2 would look at individual policies for different topics such as transportation, housing, land use, and other topics. He said that Phase 3 took those policies into implementable goals, objectives, and strategies, and then would bring the plan together into a final document. He said that they were beginning to scope Phase 2, where they would get into specific comments.

Mr. Rapp said that Phase 1 began with a capacity analysis, looking at demographic projections of how the County would grow, and at the current land use plan and other documents to see if they used the current plan, if it would meet their needs, and what might need to be done to adjust infrastructure, and if it reflected climate action goals and goals of equity throughout the community. He said that was viewed at a high level in the first phase, and they would learn more in future phases.

Mr. Rapp said that they discussed this with the Board of Supervisors and established the idea of focusing on a lens of climate action and equity in reviewing the current plan and taking a lot of public input. He said that they took a lot of the information learned and how they might grow as a community, including some of the challenges their citizens faced, through all kinds of events to engage people, which resulted in some big ideas in which people found common ground. He said that information created the framework for an equitable and resilient community. He said that it established four ideas of being green and resilient, welcoming and equitable, connected and accessible, and thriving and prosperous. He said that as they looked at certain policies and ideas, they would return to the framework and ensure those guiding principles were being achieved.

Mr. Rapp said the framework would be used as they discussed transportation, housing, and economic development, and they would evaluate whether the current policies should be adjusted and updated based on the new plans and efforts that had been achieved in the County recently. He said that they had just begun the idea of scoping Phase 2, and that was where specific topics would be discussed. He said that they engaged people through the website for the project, engagealbemarle.org, where people could sign up and receive updates. He said it was also the location of the information about the history of the different comprehensive plans over the years in the County, past and upcoming events, sharing of documents, surveys, and other information so people could be as involved as they liked. He said that he loved the idea of collaborating with the Town and with all the residents in the County.

Ms. Price asked if there were any questions for Mr. Rapp.

Mr. Gritsko asked if he had seen Scottsville's Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Rapp said that he had briefly.

Mr. Gritsko said that, referring back to something that Councilor Hyson was saying before, as they got into the next phase, it might be good on their own review to get information from the County and their staff as they looked to ensure that what they were looking at was in sync with what they were doing through the County. He said that sometimes, information that they were going to be learning in other areas would be applicable to the Town and it would be helpful to take their notes on that.

Mr. Rapp said that they looked forward to that collaboration. He said that Mr. Lawless had been great with reaching out to them about the capacity analysis and other items, and they looked forward to continuing to do so.

Mr. Hyson said he had a question about the growth. He said he understood that Crozet had grown a lot, but when they had a designated growth area, they first looked at the infrastructure that would be needed there for the growth period to see if it was even feasible. He asked how they determined the growth areas.

Mr. Rapp said that the establishment of the growth area was before his time working at the County, but part of the process was to make sure they identified the necessary infrastructure improvements to accommodate the growth that had happened or the growth to come in the 20-year vision. He said that there was only so much capacity, so how they capitalized on that in the most efficient way possible must be identified so that they did not just have to expand the growth areas over and over, and utilized the encouragement of density where it was a good fit and there was existing infrastructure, and it was financially efficient to do so.

Ms. Hynes asked how they determined whether to create infrastructure first in hopes of growth or created growth and then put infrastructure.

Mr. Rapp said that both strategies could work. He said that infrastructure had a cost, and VDOT was typically not giving large sums of money for road improvements until a problem was identified, so usually structure came after growth. He said that from an economic development standpoint, installation of that infrastructure could encourage different types of development. He said that it was usually a combination, but due to the cost, infrastructure usually followed the growth pattern, so the idea was to identify where the growth would be and then plan ahead so that they were planning and preparing for the future cost of that growth.

Ms. Price said that the costs of developing infrastructure were such that it was virtually impossible to build infrastructure before there was the demand. She said that otherwise, they might end up with a bridge to nowhere, so it followed the development.

Ms. Price said that led to the last topic on the agenda, which was the conceptual discussion of Scottsville as a development area. She said that the Mayor and Councilors could decide what they wanted within their jurisdictional limits, and she did not believe that the County at that time was looking to make a development area in the properties adjacent to the Town of Scottsville, so what they wanted to do within the Town was theirs to choose. She said that her understanding was from the County's perspective; they looked at the properties surrounding the Town limits of Scottsville as remaining a rural non-development area.

Mr. Hyson said that there was a piece of property just outside of Scottsville that could be developed, and one of the ideas over the years had been to create a medical facility, which had been lacking in the area. He said that that way, they would have something in their Town that was within 10 minutes instead of within 30 or 40, but it would be difficult if they could not have County rescue squads to come and go from there. He said it may be a collaboration for the future, but a medical facility would be a beneficial thing to the community.

Ms. Price said that she understood. She said that she was not making a determination, but the cost for a medical facility and associated infrastructure was very expensive, so what they wanted to do within the Town was within the Council's jurisdictional authority, but she was unaware of any investor plans or design right now on the part of the County to expand the development area outside of the Town limits.

Ms. McKeel said that she agreed with Ms. Price. She said that there were different levels of medical facility, and they did not have to build a complete hospital to have a robust medical clinic. She said that it would be helpful for the community to have something like that.

Ms. Price said that in the uptown area, there appeared to be space for something like that and the infrastructure appeared to already be present. She said that the land was owned as private property, so the landowners would take the lead in how those parcels were developed.

Mr. Smith thanked the Board for having this meeting today. He said that there had been a number of comments made about how Albemarle could help the Town, and while the Town was small, they had resources, so he would say that if there were any ways that the Town of Scottsville could help Albemarle, they should not hesitate to let him know, because they would be glad to work together. He said that it was only three years ago was when the first joint meeting came about, and it was amazing what a long history of Scottsville being in Albemarle County, yet it had never happened.

Mr. Payne said that he had a message that Chief Greg Jenkins wanted to pass along. He said that Chief Greg Jenkins and his officers enjoyed a great working relationship with Col. Sean Reaves and his staff in Albemarle County, and the technical support and expertise of the Albemarle County Police Department (ACPD) for the Town Police Department to continue to provide the highest quality of services to the good citizens and residents of the Town of Scottsville. He said that the Chief continued to talk about the partnership that had formed over the years up until that time between ACPD and the Town of Scottsville Police Department. He said that it could not be done without this tight partnership.

Mr. Payne said that a few suggestions were the completion of a memorandum of understanding (MOU), an agreement between the two agencies to work as closely as possible. He said that they sent a copy of this MOU 4-5 months ago to the Albemarle County Attorney's Office and never received a response. He said that it appeared to be important to the Chief, so he would like to ask the County to look into the MOU in the Attorney's Office and forward it to Mr. Bowling to get that done.

Mr. Payne said that with as much communication as they did have between Albemarle County and Scottsville, they could not afford what it took to have access to all the information that involved the County and would have to set up a computer system that they could not afford. He said that they did have access to a lot of the information from Albemarle County, and they appreciated that.

Mr. Payne said that a recent example of a miscommunication was that the Scottsville Cemetery had a break-in where the thieves stole lawncare equipment worth a few thousand dollars, and Albemarle County came down and did their investigation and report. He said that he met with the Chief every Monday morning, and he asked the Chief how the investigation at the cemetery was going, and the Chief had not received any of that information from the ACPD. He said that it was important for that type of information to be shared with Scottsville.

Ms. Price said that she had one other item that was not on the agenda. She said that she wanted to commend the Town of Scottsville. She said that during the pandemic, none of them knew where things were going to end up, and Scottsville expanded during the pandemic. She said that almost all of the storefronts were closed, and they had many fewer resources than the County had, and even in the County there were people who had multiple responsibilities.

Ms. Price said that one noteworthy incident was that there were tours last week about the history of Scottsville, and she had an image she would like to show of Mr. Matthew Lawless portraying Corporal Isaac Winthrop, one of his ancestors. She said that there was another image of Mr. Doug Walker and commended him for his performance. She said that the Town was a happening place and she encouraged everyone to go visit. She said that she was appreciative of her opportunity to represent the Town on the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Smith said that at 10 a.m. the following morning, they were having a ribbon-cutting for their newest law firm in town, Voors and Kenefick, located in the Dansey Building across from Food Lion.

Ms. Price said that she thought it was at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Smith said that it had changed.

Mr. Gallaway said that it was important for the councilors to hear the appreciation the Senior Town Administrator participating in the Regional Housing Partnership and other things that embodied the region and not only the County. He said that as the current Chair of the Regional Housing Partnership, knowing that Mr. Lawless attended the quarterly meetings, he would also invite the Councilors to join in. He said that the partnership was made up of private citizens, private industry non-profits, and elected officials from the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission.

Mr. Gallaway said if they were interested in the housing going on regionally, March 24, 2023, would be the Regional Housing Partnership's annual summit that had been paused during the pandemic but would be a full day long with presentations from people from Nelson County and other rural areas as well as urban areas so that there was a spread of housing topics. He said that it was something that Councilors may benefit from, because affordable housing affected all of them no matter where they represented.

Mr. Gallaway said that the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) was also kicking off its long-range transportation planning process, and that impacted the entire area as well, so he would highlight it as something that the Councilors and Mayor may want to participate in in terms of community engagement. He said that while it might not be focused specifically on Scottsville or Albemarle, it impacted the region.

Ms. McKeel said that the County Attorney's Office had noted the information about communication and the MOU. She said that Albemarle County had staff capacity, and this was true for Scottsville, too. She said that in understanding that Scottsville was a town that had certain parameters of what they could do legally and what they could not, and she would like to better understand what the authority of the Scottsville Town Council encompassed so that she knew how to help them.

Ms. McKeel said that if she knew how the Council could raise funds and help the County help them, it could be informative for everyone. She said that for example, when discussing VDOT roads, VDOT often required matching funds, so perhaps they could work together to achieve that. She said that she did not fully understand the laws and rules around towns, and it would be helpful to make that

information available to the Board.

Ms. Mallek said that perhaps a video or presentation would help.

Mr. Hyson said that they relied on many volunteers, grants, and donations, and they had a very limited budget. He said that they raised taxes for homestays and may do so again for meals tax, but they were on a tight budget.

Ms. McKeel said that she was interested in learning what they had the ability to do.

Mr. Hyson said that there may be other ways to get money.

Ms. McKeel said that she had just come from a college reunion in the town of Bridgewater, which was larger than Scottsville, and was an interesting juxtaposition. She said that she must be able to understand the parameters of what could be done.

Mr. Hyson said that they had started a DMV office a few years earlier.

Ms. McKeel said that she was there for the opening.

Mr. Hyson said that they were looking to see if that was worth it, because any way that they could get more revenue in the Town would be helpful.

Agenda Item No. 7. Wrap-up/Next Steps.

There was none.

Agenda Item No. 8. Adjourn to November 2, 2022, 1:00 p.m., Lane Auditorium.

At 8:18 p.m., Mayor Smith asked Town Council for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hyson **moved** to adjourn the Town Council meeting. Ms. Hynes **seconded** the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:18 p.m., the Chair of the Board of Supervisors, Ms. Price, adjourned the Board meeting to November 2, 2022, 1:00 p.m., in Lane Auditorium, Albemarle County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, VA 22902. She said information on how to participate in the meeting would be posted on the Albemarle County website Board of Supervisors home page and on the Albemarle County calendar.

Chair

Approved by Board
Date: 08/07/2024 Initials: CKB