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Marshall Minute

July 2018

MBRA Community Meeting
7:30 pm on Tuesday, July 10, 2018
(no August meeting)

at the Marshall Community Center
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Mark your calendars for
7:30 pm on September 11, 2018
Marshall Main Street Project
at the MBRA Community Meeting
Marshall Community Center Auditorium
Marshall District Supervisor Mary Leigh McDaniel and County staff will be here to show us the plans for Main Street between Frost St. & Winchester Rd. and answer our questions. **See page 3 for more info—>**

MBRA June 12th Meeting Notes

Mary Wilkerson, President, called the meeting to order at 7:34pm. She announced our door prize raffle, thanked Gentle Harvest for providing refreshments this evening, and announced our upcoming Double Showcase Mixer with Carr & Hyde Insurance and Flying Heron Herbs and Teas.

Patty Cloud, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$4,381.25 in the treasury and two new business members.

Our first speaker of the night was **Jennifer Goldman, Manager, Fauquier County's Vint Hill and Marshall Enterprise Centers**. She also has her own business called Resonance, a commercial, business, and government relations company. The Marshall Enterprise Center is located on Renalds Avenue in Dr. Royston's old building.

She explained that the Mason Enterprise Center was in place in Warrenton, but Mason would not open any others in Fauquier. Since the Mason Center was so great, the Fauquier County Economic Department opened two more incubators within the County.

Jennifer said that the Enterprise Center is moving away from being called an incubator and is more of a business resource center for people, whether you are a solopreneur, etc. They have good professional space with reliable internet and working equipment, as well as a co-working space. All tenants have 24-hour access. The space is board room capable and can be used for presentations and classes. They sometimes do small business seminars.

The Marshall location has four private offices and a coworking space combined with the board room. They also have day passes if you need an hour, four hours, or eight hours.

Northern Fauquier Business Networking group is for businesses in Northern Fauquier and meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 9am. Get to know business owners on this side of the community. A private office rents for \$450 to \$600/month. Coworking space is \$200/month for 24/7 access and all utilities and amenities are included. For \$100/month you can also do a virtual assistant for 10 hours/month which gives you the right to a mailing address at their Renalds Avenue location. Call (571) 285-7273 or email FauqEntCtr@gmail.com.

Mary Leigh McDaniel, Marshall District Supervisor, said that she and Mary Wilkerson spoke about the Main Street sidewalk project and Mary Leigh will try to put together a meeting for the MBRA in September that will likely be in the gym. People from the County will come to speak about timing, cost, and the process over the last ten years. Water in Marshall: Mary Leigh just recently attended a seminar on rainwater and felt it was very promising.

Mary Leigh introduced **Ben Shoemaker, Executive Director of the Fauquier County Water and Sanitation Authority (WSA)**. Ben Shoemaker started with the WSA on March 5, 2018. He said these last three months have gone by quickly. He grew up in Manassas on the outskirts of town. He has worked in Prince William County water, Loudoun County water, and now Fauquier. He was overseeing water quality for all of Loudoun County when he left. He likes to think Fauquier is a natural fit for him. He feels it is a middle ground, particularly with the service district concept of small and big; small systems growing now into mid-size systems with our groundwater situation. WSA's roles: The authority was chartered under the Virginia Water and Waste Authority Act in 1964. It separated utilities so taxpayers were not subsidizing the act. The County is the financial framework which the state set up. Fauquier WSA has 48 employees. Prince William's has 300 employees and Loudoun's has 280. Ben said that we are still a small organization for an authority and that we are very spread out. Each County Supervisor appoints a representative to the WSA Board. He explained that Mary Leigh's appointment was Mike Focazio.

Facilities are spread out through the County Service Districts and each place WSA serves is done differently. Ben explained that Marshall is a hilltop. Marshall is at the intersection of three different watersheds: the Goose Creek, Rappahannock, and Occoquan watersheds. He said that WSA must understand Marshall's geology, future needs of the community, and the County's plans. Ben feels there is a unique opportunity in Marshall: we have the opportunity to really go forward and build relationships with watershed counties whose water flows south of us. We have an opportunity to be sustainable partners with them. WSA expects economic development in

the planned industrial land use area of Marshall. Ben explained that when you see the industrial land use area of Marshall, the first thing that comes to mind is that future use that comes there must work in harmony with the water in all of Marshall.

According to County planning data, the average daily demand in 2020 will be 231,000 gallons and the maximum daily demand will be 350,000. Current water supply permitted capacity totals 307,920 gallons. Salem Well #3 that is coming online will add 100,000 gallons to that figure.

WSA works at the direction of the County that chartered it. Marshall has a more than 50-year history of when water was under private ownership. Ten years ago, WSA assumed ownership of the Marshall waterworks.

He said that Marshall groundwater is sustainable for our needs. They have seen issues from time-to-time from the past history and that is what they need to look out for and to continually monitor in order to maintain resiliency. Rainwater Harvesting: It has been on Virginia books since 1999. Delegate David Yancey got a law passed this year which forces Virginia's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to sit down and write a law for rainwater harvesting, since there have not been any regulations for it thus far.

WSA is ambitiously working on the eastern side of the service district to get Salem Well #3 online. That well will provide the flexibility and resiliency WSA wants Marshall to have.

New water sources are likely going to be outside the Service District, like Salem well #3. The reason is that whatever contaminating uses that were here 100 years ago were generally confined to the service district. Ben explained that they can still protect the water supply.

As things move over to the east as the County determines, then WSA can put good practices into use there. Protecting the Groundwater: Lots of communities, aside from encouraging cleaner industry, embark on ordinances or regulations mandating that certain industries are allowed or prohibited. He said there are typically no harmful industries on land that is under conservation easement, and there are lots of conservation easements around Marshall.

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MBRA June 12th Meeting Notes concluded~

Ben said that agriculture is a harmful thing for groundwater but we are in a better spot because of cleaner farming.

Wastewater service came to Marshall about 100 years ago. Since the 1970s, the plant has serviced Marshall and The Plains. The plant's capacity today is 640,000 gallons. He explained that we are a part of the Chesapeake Bay area. The Marshall wastewater facility has been upgraded a bit, and is nowhere near capacity right now. WSA is allowed to treat Marshall and Remington facilities as one, which means they do not have to upgrade it as often. Wastewater in the state of Virginia has actually met its 2025 goal already! Stormwater is the next one.

WSA Planning: Ben explained that he does not have his WSA mission yet; he will get it through talking to the County government, citizens, and stakeholders. Summertime/Fall they will embark on a strategic goal with their Board. Then they will move to technical planning. Fauquier County's last Master Plan was in 1997, but not much has changed since then.

Community Engagement: We fund them and they work for us. Ben said that WSA is still a public body, even though they are not elected. He explained that Marshall WSA representative Mike Focazio talks to Mary Leigh McDaniel quite often.

What about a reservoir as a long term solution? Ben said he has seen that in the papers. He said that the County has talked about it and is opposed to it to begin with; we have a much larger toolbox now than when Ben was growing up with which to serve their customers. A reservoir will be on the list of possible solutions. Does the County own any reservoirs and did they have one but sold it in the last year or two? Fauquier County did have some property somewhere.

Any inherent problem catching rainwater taking out the middleman? Ben has seen it at places where you do not have any other option. Source-water protection is the alternative to catching rainwater before contaminants get to it.

Any expectations to address stormwater management? Ben said that is a hot topic. Stormwater management is usually done by DEQ, and it is not even close to statewide. Encourage better development in order to protect stormwater; its protection is necessary to protect all drinking water. Prince William, Loudoun, and Fairfax counties are all working to

protect streams from winter road salt impacting it. Has WSA already been consulted with the Marshall Main Street plans? Mary Leigh McDaniel answered that some designs are designed to correct some problems we have been having with stormwater management.

Ben Shoemaker encouraged everyone to reach out to him because he wants to hear from us. Ben can be reached at (540) 349-2092, Extension 108. Offices at 7172 Kennedy Road, Warrenton, VA 20187.

The meeting was adjourned with the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:47 pm.
*Minutes taken by Mary-Elizabeth Wilkerson,
MBRA Secretary*

Marshall Main Street Improvement Project Info

Everyone wants to know what's happening with the Main Street improvements and sidewalks. That's why our September Community Meeting will be one you don't want to miss!

Supervisor Mary Leigh, and Ms. Erin Kozanecki, Director of Fauquier County's Office of Management & Budget, along with other staff will be at our meeting on September 11, 2018 to present the project details and answer your questions!

In the meantime, we spoke with County staff in June for info on the process. Marshall Main Street is a County road and the County has already received a VDOT grant of 3.9 million dollars (does not have to be paid back) to renovate both sides of the block of Main Street located between Winchester Road and Frost Street. This improvement project will reduce the width of Main Street.

There will be four crosswalks, two at Frost and two at Winchester. In addition

to the current outfalls for drainage, this project will add another outfall at Frost Street. The design firm currently used for this project is Land Planning Design Associates (LPDA) in Charlottesville, Virginia.

The construction easements needed to begin this project have been obtained from the property owners and will be permanent. Undergrounding of power lines will not be possible with this current project; however, Peter Schwartz has been volunteering his time to try to obtain additional easements for such a project in case these power lines can be buried at some time in the future.

There is currently an approved levy on the **Marshall Electric Light and Business Improvement District (MELBID)** by the County for approximately \$640,000 to pay back additional funds loaned by the County for these Main Street improvements. (MELBID is what has been commonly known as the Marshall Lighting Tax District.) That levy begins the year after Main Street improvements begin construction and will increase the tax rate to Marshall property owners from one half cent per \$100 in property value to two and a half cents per \$100 in property value.

That new two cent increase in the Marshall tax rate will enable Marshall taxpayers, over the course of 10 years, to pay back the loan from the County for the one block improvements.

We are looking at development proffers from Van Metre's Carters Run development to help defray the costs of Marshall's Main Street Improvement.

For the latest info, come hear the County's presentation September 11th at the Marshall Community Center!

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