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2020 COUNCIL RETREAT SUMMARY

The Glasgow Town Council held a daylong retreat on Saturday, January 18, 2020, from 9am-5pm at the Regional 911 Center in Buena Vista, Virginia. The retreat was designed as a time for Council and staff to discuss key town issues and make plans for how to address them in the coming year in their effort to find ways for the local government to support Glasgow citizens in improving the community’s quality of life. Bob Stripling, a retired local government manager with over 32 years of experience as a professional manager, facilitated the retreat.

The retreat opened with a general discussion of the governing process and how it might work better in Glasgow. The council and staff worked through a case study and then talked about how they could apply what they learned in better defining the roles of the mayor, council, staff and citizens as a part of reaching a cooperative model for future projects and issue resolution.

The mayor, council and staff also reviewed town finances, the Capital Improvement Program and several current and potential issues facing the town. The mayor and council discussed how best to set priorities for the coming year and developed a preliminary list of priorities and a model of how insure timely completion for projects and cooperative resolution of issues. The preliminary list included:

1. Updating the Charter to reflect current practices and revising ordinances for easier understanding and enforcement.
2. Establishing an Ad Hoc (temporary) Committee to begin the planning and exploration process for a new Town Hall.
3. Establishing a long-term financial sustainability plan for the water and sewer funds.
4. Expanding current parks and recreation facilities fostering community development.



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Please contact Mayor Watts if you further questions about the retreat.