

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
April 14, 2026

Council Members Present: Mayor Moss, CM Miller, CM Baker, CM Lauzon, CM Kelly

Council Members Absent: CM Barnard

Others: Clerk Reams, Consultant Dennis Carney, Zoning Administrator; David Ball; Adrian Perry; Amanda Rucker, Woodmen Life; Wilbert Dean; Amy Eubank; Nick Boston; Chris Copeley, Woodmen Life; Ashley Johnson; Sandra Moss; Amy Lawhorne; Donna Allen; Lisa Moss

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Open the Meeting: The meeting was held at 1030 Main Street, Dillwyn, VA (Town Hall). Mayor Moss established that a quorum was present.

Minutes:

Donna McRae-Jones: April is Hope Month. Hope Day will be April 25, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Ellis Acres. Pino's all-day dining has been changed from April 8, 2026, to April 22, 2026.

Dennis Carney: Staff Report: There are no new violations for March or April 2026.

Charter: Council may want to reduce the number of councilmembers and bring the Charter into the 21st century. CM Baker made a motion to amend the Charter and bring it into the 21st century and work with Delegate Garrett. The motion was seconded by CM Lauzon. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

Small Towns Conference: Dennis Carney says that we should attend this conference. It is very beneficial to the Town's future. It shows other ideas that could be profitable for the Town. The fee for the conference is \$255 plus travel and lodging. It is set for May 13-15, 2026.

Vacant Buildings: There are several vacant buildings in Town.

Sandra Moss: Chamber of Commerce would like to introduce a new business in Town, W&W Mechanical & Heating & Air.

Woodmen Life: Amanda Rucker & Chris Copeley presented the Town Council flags for the Town to display along Main Steet.

Wilbert Dean: Ellis Acres Park: The Charlottesville Area Community Foundation has moved Buckingham County from the bottom third to the middle third in education.

There will be new trails, and the plants will have identifiers supplied by the VA Department of Forestry. Less than 1% of people that have access to trails are going to be five feet wide and will also be concreted eventually. CM Kelly: Will the basketball court be redone? Wilbert Dean: Yes, it will be redone.

Adrian Perry: Mr. Perry wants to ask the Town for some things. The Town needs an identity and we need businesses. There are several low-cost ideas that will generate a lot of revenue for the Town.

These are things like a New Year's ball drop; Battle of the Bands are a low-cost investment. Mr. Perry would ask if Don Reed would come down and perform. The Town needs to bring in something for tourism.

Amy Eubank: I would like to bring back Buckingham County Days.

David Ball: Heritage Hall Christmas lights tour.

Amy Lawhorne: She would like transparency from the Town Council.

March 10, 2026: Ashley Johnson will be our newest Councilmember. CM Venable has resigned from her position.

Cemetery looks great but needs a lot of work for tree and bush trimming and cleaning up the brush. The price for this project is \$800 with machinery rental is an extra \$380. This will be done in the Fall. CM Kelly made a motion to accept the price and rent the machine. The motion was seconded by CM Lauzon. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

Floor in Council Chamber (front room): Need a price to glue it back down.

Amy Eubank: Arvon Church on July 18th is having a free yard sale with things like school supplies and McDonald's gift cards will be at Gold Hill School.

CM Kelly: There is a lot of speeding on Main Street. The Sheriff's Department has offered the Town to borrow the signs (electronic) from them. CM Kelly would like to reach out to them and see when the Town could borrow them. CM Kelly said that he would handle the entire matter.

Amy Eubank: There are lots of businesses closing in Town. We need a place to shop in our Town and not outside the Town.

ZONING FOR RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS:

Zoning and Residential:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

(discussion on items)

NEW BUSINESS:

Announcements:

COMMITTEES:

Finance – Karen Sue Moss, Curtis Barnard, Loretta Reams

Town Buildings/Grounds – Gilbert W. Reams,

Planning Commission – James O'Bryant, Joseph Patterson, Kay Dunevant, Dennis W. Carney, Robert L. Pinelli. Ossie J. Harris, III

Beautification – Mark Brown, Tricia Taylor, Gilbert W. Reams

Ordinance – Karen Sue Frable-Moss, Sharon Baker,

Christmas Parade – Diane Holman-James, Sarah Walker, Sharon Baker, Amy Eubank

Community Service Workers – RW Maxey, Karen F. Moss, Loretta Reams

Halloween Event – Sharon Baker, Buckingham Chamber of Commerce, Adrian Jones, Ruth Lyle

Economic Development- Calvin Bachrach

Adjournment: CM Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by CM Kelly. All others: Aye. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.