

# Manager Minute

An Every-So-Often Update from The Town



## **New Entry Sign**

We are all proud of how the collaborative design gelled with the contractors' and artists' work. We will remove the old sign and decide on plantings in that area.



#### **Harbormaster House Dedication**

Recently, our former mayor, Russell Jones, passed away. During his time here in Onancock, few worked harder to bring our Wharf and Marina to the condition it is today. It is an honor to dedicate the Harbormaster House in his name. A brief ceremony will be held on September 27 at 11:00 am at the Wharf.



### Water Meter Replacement Project

This is a reminder that in less than a month, the project to replace all water meters in town begins. This is a very complicated and expensive project that was funded entirely by outside sources. No taxes or water fees were used to fund this project.



## Quick Q&A

Q: Is the town lending the Historic Onancock School \$800,000 for building repairs and upgrades? A: No. The school building belongs to the town. The Town Council is methodically and thoughtfully weighing all available options. I am letting you know that no decision has been made.

Q: Is the field behind the entry sign going to transform into over 100 townhouses and duplexes?

A: There is a public hearing at the next planning Commission meeting to hear Onancock residents'

thoughts on an application to rezone that parcel from B-2 (Business Highway) to R-2 (multi-family). The hearing is open to all residents and is being held at 6:00 PM on September 8, 2025, in the Council Chambers located at 15 North Street.

Q: When will the basketball court in the Northeast Neighborhood be finished?

A: At the end of next week or the beginning of the following week, the paving on Crockett Ave. is being done, as is the repair of a pothole on Parker Street. At that same time, the asphalt for the basketball court will be installed. After that, we will order the equipment, stencils for lining the court, and install a fence backstop on the street side of the court.

Q: What is the status of the Queen Street renovation project?

A: The engineers have the final changes to the plans, and those will be presented to all contiguous property owners. We have applied for a large grant to fund this project. It is a very competitive grant, so I don't expect to get it, but if we do, wonderful! If not, the Town Council has appropriated adequate funds to move forward with the project. We don't have any specific dates, but I hope to put the project out for sealed bid in September.

If you have a question that was not included, please send me an email and I will respond quickly.

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