



TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, March 31, 2014 @ 7:00pm
Front Royal Administration Building

Town/Staff Related Issues:

1. Continued Discussion on Loop Study – *Town Manager*
2. Overview of FY2014-2015 Proposed Budget – *Director of Finance/Town Manager*
(Notebooks will be handed out during the meeting)

TIME PERMITTING

Council/Mayor Related Issues:

3. Letter of Support for Grant Application for YouthBuild Program – *Vice Mayor Parker/Mayor Darr*
4. Discussion of Corridor Legal Funds - *Councilman Thorpe*
5. Council Discussion/Goals (*time permitting*)
6. CLOSED MEETING – Consultation with Legal Counsel

Motion to Go Into Closed Meeting

I move that Council convene and go into Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711.7 for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters, specifically, issues that have arisen as a consequence of the 1998 voluntary settlement agreement, and amendment and Court proceedings relating thereto, between the Town of Front Royal and the County of Warren, requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

Motion to Certify Closed Meeting at its Conclusion [*At the conclusion of the Closed Meeting, immediately re-convene in open meeting and take a roll call vote on the following:*]

I move that Council certify that to the best of each member's knowledge, as recognized by each Council member's affirmative vote, that only such public business matters lawfully exempted from Open Meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Action as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the Closed Meeting by Council, and that the vote of each individual member of Council be taken by roll call and recorded and included in the minutes of the meeting of Town Council.



Town of Front Royal, Virginia Work Session Agenda Form

Date: March 31, 2014

Agenda Item: Loop Study Update

Summary: Following the presentation of the Corridor Loop Study, staff contacted VDOT to explore the recommended route along Morgan Ford Road (Rt 624). VDOT has indicated that they do not own right-of-way along Morgan Ford Road north of the river crossing. The road is located within a prescriptive easement. The surrounding property is currently in Virginia Outdoors Foundation easement. Staff have contacted VOF to determine the process to obtain approval for this route

Council Discussion: Council is requested to discuss the status of the recommended route for the Corridor Loop Study.

Staff Evaluation: Discussion with Warren County and VDOT staff indicates that approval of the route through the Rockland Community will be challenging

Budget/Funding: The Finance Director will be available to discuss fiscal issues.

Legal Evaluation: The Town Attorney will be available to discuss legal issues.

Staff Recommendations: Staff recommends that Council discuss options should the preferred route not be available. Staff will continue to pursue approval for the recommended route.

Town Manager Recommendation: The Town Manager recommends that Council discuss options should the preferred route not be available. Staff will continue to pursue approval for the recommended route.

Council Recommendation:

☐ Additional Work Session ☐ Regular Meeting ☐ No Action
Consensus Poll on Action: ____ (Aye) ____ (Nay)

Subject: Morgan Ford Bridge Project - Front Royal Water Loop
Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 8:15:52 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Carter, Edwin (VDOT)
To: Steve Burke
CC: 'Doug Stanley', Dana, Matthew, PE (VDOT), Tabor, Ronald (VDOT), Balderson, Clifton M. (VDOT)

Steve, I have had discussions with our Land Development and R/W groups and offer the following.

VDOT issues utility permits on prescriptive right-of-way for our tracking purposes. However, the applicant must secure easements from the adjoining property owners as legally, they own to the center of the road. I agree with Doug that it would be a significant challenge with the Rockland area folks. Currently our records indicate that it is prescriptive easement from the river up to Rt. 661 and some portion along 661 to Rt. 658. The only way to verify exactly is deed research in the courthouse. For your reference I have attached an area map showing the amount of VOF easement in place along this route.

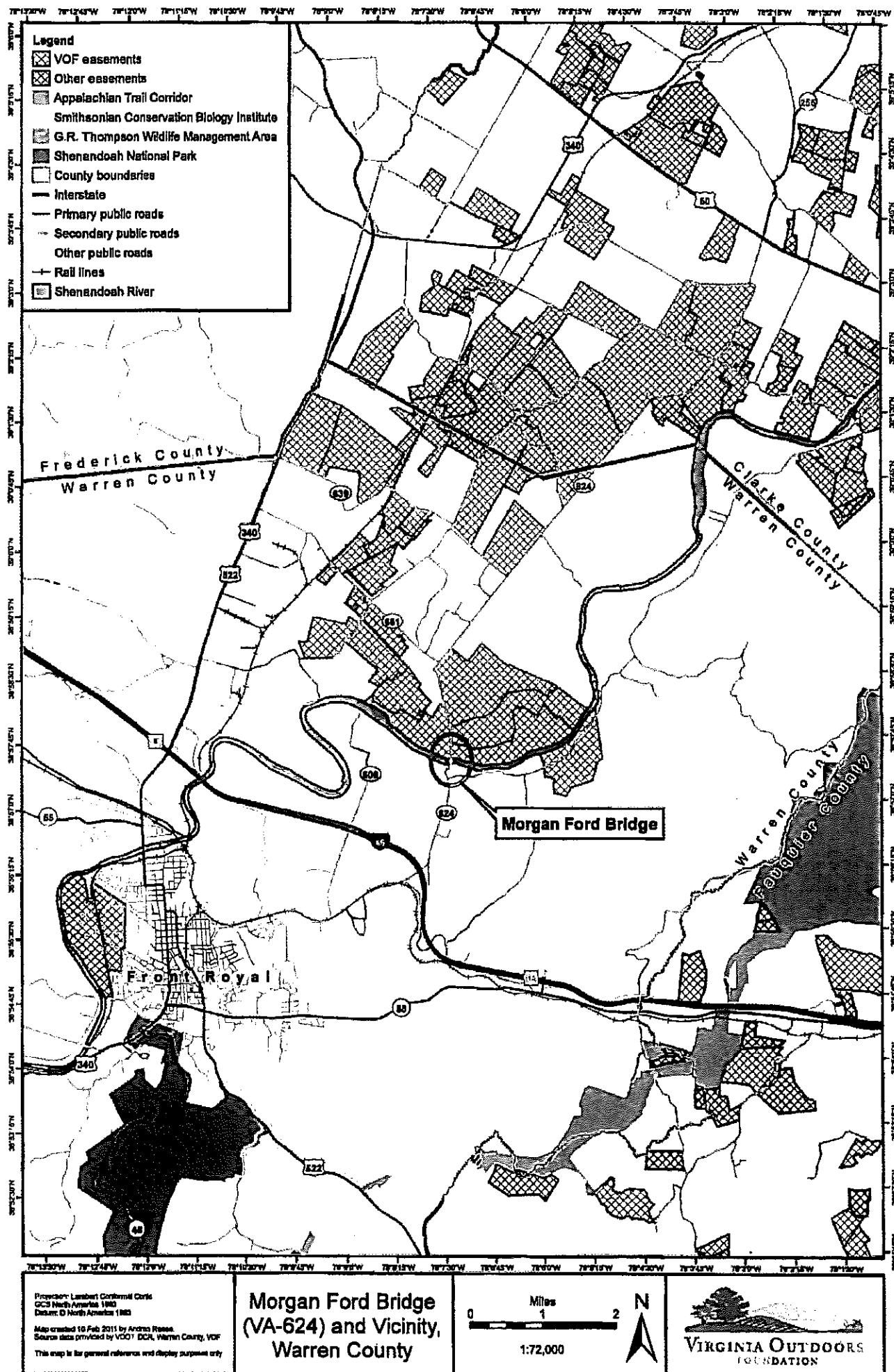
The request for attachment to the bridge has been sent to our Bridge Engineers for evaluation. However I have been told that a similar request by the communications industry was denied. As soon as I get their response, I will forward it to you.

We are willing to meet and discuss should you decide to pursue this route.

Thanks,

Ed

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From: Linda Allen <ljallen1125@embarqmail.com>
Date: Friday, March 7, 2014 at 11:40 PM
To: Tim Darr <darr@frontroyalva.com>, Shae Parker <parker@frontroyalva.com>, Steve Burke <sburke@frontroyalva.com>
Subject: Dept. of Labor grant: YouthBuild program

Tim and Shae,

Brooklyn and her Board members are writing a grant application that we would love to explain to you in an effort to get a letter of support. YouthBuild has been around since 1978, first under HUD, later DOL. It is a 3 year competitive grant to serve between 50-100 out of school youth, age 16-21. The idea is to work with them toward a GED or h.s. diploma and provide construction training with certification—either the Home Builders Institute or the national NCCER level. It is standardized test that they grade. It would involve green building skill with rehab or new construction and low income housing. Upon completion of the six months training, there is a retention program which involves employment or advance training (some may go to college or go into apprentice training. The student is involved as a result for two years. The grant over the 3 year period could handle 2-4 cohorts for training purposes.

Brooklyn has done this before—she has several years experience and top results. I have a copy of the grant in it not-quite-finished stage but we are willing to come to Council, send a copy to everyone, whatever you say you need to know what this is. Also, I need to get in touch with Ashby Crowder as the Habitat for Humanity fellow.

Linda Allen

P.S. Mention this to Steve earlier this week as a heads up on what will coming along if okay with all of you.



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