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A regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m., April 22, 2014.

Members present: Mayor Robert T Wandrei; Councilman Stacey L. Hailey; Councilman Steve C. Rush; Councilman C. G. Stanley, Jr.; Councilman W. D. Tharp; and Vice Mayor James A. Vest

Members absent: Councilman Robert D. Carson

Staff present: Town Manager Charles P. Kolakowski; Town Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Deputy Clerk of the Council Debra B. Anderson

Mayor Wandrei opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Wandrei declared that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on March 25, 2014, were approved as distributed. (The April 8, 2014, meeting was cancelled.)

Town Manager Kolakowski reported on the following:

- a packet of financial information was distributed to Council – requested a Finance Committee meeting prior to the next Council meeting
- the annual electronics, recycling, paper shredding, spring cleanup at the Farmer's Market was very successful
- KBBC annual clean-up day was very successful – 57 people participated and picked up over 50 bags of litter
- The Virginia Department of Transportation is getting very close to starting the project on Route 460, west of the Town, where there will be leveling off and closing some of the crossovers. Rt. 460 will be consolidated down to one lane east and one lane west for about nine months.

Vice Mayor Vest stated he attended a tourism event in March, which was sponsored by the state tourism, and it reinforced how much tourism means to the community and the dollars it can bring to it.

The Vice Mayor attended a meeting regarding the D-Day anniversary events and was pleased to see such cooperation from the town staff.

Mayor Wandrei stated that he, Mr. Hailey, and Mr. Kolakowski went to the Region 2000 dinner, which was very informative.

The Mayor said that members of Council received in their packets an invitation to attend a Legislative Wrap-Up Breakfast meeting on April 30.

Mayor Wandrei recognized Kevin Dellis upon his retirement from the Town and read aloud the following:

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Kevin Dellis joined the workforce team of the City of Bedford on October 15, 1990 when he began work as a Landfill Attendant. In this position, he played a direct role in the oversight and construction of what was then the new landfill on Orange Street (adjacent to the Wastewater Treatment Plant). He also oversaw the administrative closure of the former City landfill and quickly established himself as a leader of the City's waste management initiatives.

Kevin was promoted to the position of Landfill Operator on July 1, 1995. He continued to demonstrate excellent performance as a "self-starter" who offered many suggestions to improve the efficiency of the solid waste operation in particular and those of the City overall. As one example, during his tenure in this role he developed a practical approach to snow removal (specifically, outfitting and mobilizing all available vehicles with the appropriate equipment) that is still in place today.

On July 1, 1996 Kevin was promoted to the position of Landfill Supervisor. In that role he was faced with increasing responsibilities and mandates for service which he managed admirably. During this time, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality increased its minimum standards for landfill facilities related to operation, inspections, and reporting. Under Kevin's management, the City and Town consistently maintained the highest level of compliance with these enhanced DEQ standards.

Kevin officially retired from service on December 20, 2013. Throughout his tenure, he was a diligent and dedicated team member who was always willing to provide help wherever it was needed. The community has been very well served by Kevin and is certainly better off as a result of his efforts.

On behalf of the citizens of the Town of Bedford, we are pleased to recognize the valuable contributions of Kevin Dellis throughout his career, to thank him for his service, and to wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

Sara Holdren, 622 Westview Avenue, spoke in favor of Bedford County building a new Liberty zone high school instead of building a new middle school. Mrs. Holdren said she was speaking on behalf of her family and concerned citizens in the community. Mrs. Holdren reviewed 10 reasons to support the construction of a new Liberty High School and refurbished Middle School (at the current Liberty High School Campus): 1) enhanced educational opportunities 2) economic growth 3) aging facilities 4) inadequate high school facility 5) increased community involvement 6) equity issues 7) lack of future planning 8) use of reversion money 9) long-term outlook 10) community support.

The Mayor thanked Mrs. Holdren for her interest in the school system.

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Vice Mayor Vest moved that the Town Council of Bedford respectfully request the Bedford County School Board and the Bedford County Board of Supervisors to build, in the Liberty Zone of Attendance, a new high school and refurbish the current Liberty High School as a middle school. Councilman Stanley seconded the motion.

Councilman Rush said that the Town is not in the school business any more – with reversion the County took that over.

Councilman Rush moved that Vice Mayor Vest’s motion be tabled until Council gets a report on the study being made and the other items that are coming up. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hailey. Councilman Rush suggested that members of Council and the community speak to the County School Board and Board of Supervisors one on one about this issue.

Councilman Rush’s motion was then voted upon and carried by a roll call vote as follows:

Councilman Carson	absent
Councilman Hailey	aye
Councilman Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	nay
Councilman Tharp	nay
Vice Mayor Vest	nay
Mayor Wandrei	aye

The motion did not pass.

Vice Mayor Vest then restated his motion.

Councilman Stanley said the Councilman Rush is correct that the Town is no longer in the school business, but the Town is still very much in the business of supporting the youth of the community. Councilman Stanley said he was in favor of talking one on one with the Board of Supervisors.

Councilman Tharp said the thoughts of the citizens should be made known.

The Mayor spoke about the ongoing need for a new middle school in the Liberty zone as was discussed in the past. Mayor Wandrei said the study should show whether there is a need for a new high school as opposed to a new middle school. The Mayor said he thought it was somewhat premature to say a new high school is needed when Council has not seen the study.

Ms. Tabitha King said it was her understanding that for reversion to take place, the County had to agree to a State Efficiency Report that would review the school system in whole from the Central Office to the operation of buildings.

The Vice Mayor’s motion was then voted upon by roll call vote and did not pass:

Councilman Hailey	nay
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Councilman Rush	nay
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Vice Mayor Vest	aye
Councilman Carson	absent
Mayor Wandrei	nay

The Mayor suggested that this item be placed on the agenda when Councilman Carson is available.

Mr. Mitchell Bond gave a presentation regarding the Artisan Trail. The Trail is part of the Artisan Center of Virginia. Mr. Bond then explained the history of the Artisan Trail and upcoming events.

Mayor Wandrei said that the Artisan Trail has benefited communities in Virginia.

Town Manager Kolakowski said that on October 8, 2013, Town Council approved funds to be rolled over into Fiscal Year 2014 for various projects that were unable to be completed in the previous fiscal year. It has come to the attention of staff that two projects were inadvertently left off from the original list. After review of the additional projects for rollover of funds, the Town Manager has recommended that the below projects be approved for rollover from Fiscal Year 2013 and reappropriated to Fiscal Year 2014. Following is a detailed listing of the amounts requested by account number.

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Department</u>
50044115.582940	Ole Turnpike Road Extension	\$570,500.00	Public Works (VDOT Funding)
40033110.560109	Great-Donations Expenditures	\$14,100.94	Police Department (Donations)

Town Council was requested to approve the rollovers.

On motion by Councilman Rush, seconded by Councilman Hailey, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council approved the rollovers as requested. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Vice Mayor Vest	aye
Councilman Carson	absent
Councilman Hailey	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

Mayor Wandrei adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.