

**JOINT TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION WITH CITIZENS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, February 18, 2016
Clifton Forge Fire Station Community Room**

Mayor Brinkley called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM, followed by Gilbert Davis, Chairman of the Committee calling his meeting to order.

Present: Mayor Brinkley, Vice Mayor Hillert, Councilwoman Roberts, Councilman Irvine, and Councilman Umstead

Also present: Darlene Burcham, Town Manager

The Committee reviewed the agenda items for old business indicating no report on the Intergovernmental program, mentioning the successful holiday events and the zoning change allowing hanging signs being approved.

Under new business, the Chairman mentioned a complaint regarding the lack of snow removal for a resident off Old County Road, which prompted the Town Manager passing out to each member a copy of the Town's snow policy.

Vice Mayor Hillert mentioned the appearance of the C & O Heritage Center given the lack of a safety barrier, where crime scene tape has been draped for over eight (8) months and mentioned that several groups intended to register their concern for this matter by writing the C & O. Andy Bostic mentioned the upcoming train show and his willingness to attend and seek out information on any plans for repair/replacement of a fence. The Town Manager will attempt to get a list of current C & O Society Board Members.

Vice Mayor Hillert brought up the tax exemption program, which has been in place for over a year with no applications having been received. The Committee felt the program was difficult to understand and suggested creation of a brochure as well as contact with realtors and contractors to explain the program. Mrs. Hillert will provide Committee members with a copy of the regulations.

The Committee was asked to comment on its first year of participation and the preferred number of members given two recent resignations. Dick Deaton was in attendance as a possible appointee who indicated during the discussion his willingness to participate.

The Committee indicated that an odd number, preferably 7, would allow for a tie breaker if needed. The Town Manager mentioned the conflict with the meeting tonight at the Fire Station and that March 17 was available, but not the April date. Mr. Davis indicated he would work with Angela on the schedule.

Motion to adjourn

TIME: 7:32 PM

Motion made by: Councilman Irvine

Seconded by: Councilman Umstead

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilman Irvine	Aye
Councilman Umstead	Aye
Councilwoman Roberts	Aye
Vice Mayor Hillert	Aye
Mayor Brinkley	

Motion passed: 5-0