

AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

ITEM #11: CORRESPONDENCE OF INTEREST

A. LETTER, DELEGATE JOHN COSGROVE TO DWIGHT L. FARMER

Attached is a letter from Delegate John Cosgrove, highlighting bills and resolutions sponsored by Delegate Cosgrove, enacted during the 2010 Session of the General Assembly.

Attachment 11-A

B. TOWN OF WINDSOR LETTER

Attached is a letter from the Town of Windsor acknowledging the HRPDC staff's efforts on the Stormwater Management Program for the Town.

Attachment 11-B



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
HOUSE OF DELEGATES
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SEVENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT

March 11, 2010

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:
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TRANSPORTATION
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Dwight Farmer, PE
Executive Director/Secretary
HRPDC/HRTPO
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Dear Mr. Farmer:

As we approach the end of the 2010 session of the General Assembly, I would like to inform you of some of the accomplishments that we achieved this year. I have taken the liberty of enclosing a brief explanation of some of my bills and resolutions that have been proposed this year.

This budget year has been the most difficult one that we have encountered, and we have had to make extremely difficult choices. But I truly believe that Virginia must act the same as any family in these economic downturns, and I have steadfastly resisted attempts to increase taxes and have worked very hard to reduce the size of the state government in an effort to reduce costs.

It has been an honor and a blessing to be your representative in the Virginia House of Delegates, and I have tried to sponsor legislation that will make Chesapeake an even better place to live and raise a family. Having been elected in a bipartisan vote of Delegates and Senators to remain Chairman of the Hampton Roads Caucus, I will continue to work with both parties on issues that affect our region.

I will continue my work on the Chesapeake Bay Commission, the Joint Commission on Science and Technology, and the Virginia Housing Commission where we will address issues that affect Virginia while we are not in session in Richmond.

Thanks again for the honor of serving you in the General Assembly, and I always look forward to hearing your views and opinions on legislation and other matters that affect our Commonwealth. Please feel free to contact my Chesapeake office at 547-3422 at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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House Bill 1275 – Virginia High Speed Rail Commission

The Virginia High Speed Rail Commission legislation is being carried over until next year so that the General Assembly, the Virginia Department of Rail, and the Governor's staff can evaluate the best method for accomplishing the intent of this bill. The Commission will advise Governor McDonnell, the House of Delegates, and the Senate on issues related to high speed rail that affects the entire Commonwealth, and especially the Hampton Roads region. It is critically important that our area is not left out of this important transportation system.

House Joint Resolution 137 – Honor and Remember Flag as an Official Virginia Symbol.

I was honored to carry this bill that established the "Honor and Remember" flag as the official symbol of the Commonwealth that recognizes the service and sacrifice of members of the armed forces who have served, and those who have given their life for their countrymen. This design was initiated George Lutz who lost his son, Tony, in Iraq.

House bill 294 – Menhaden Fishing to be Regulated by Virginia Marine Resources Commission

This bill requires that the Virginia Marine Resources Commission act as the scientific experts for the General Assembly in regard to the menhaden population in the Chesapeake Bay. This small silver fish is a filter fish that helps clean the bay of algae and other pollutants. The menhaden are currently being commercially fished in Virginia waters with very little regulation or oversight by any Virginia entity.

House Bill 297 - Noise Ordinances by Local Governments

House Bill 297 allows cities, such as Chesapeake, to establish ordinances that will impose a civil fine instead of a criminal citation for excessive noise violations.

House Bill 192 – Fair Housing Law

This bill requires that any person who sells or rents properties must sign an affidavit that says that the salesperson knows and understands the law of Virginia in regard to non-discrimination in housing.

House Bill 389 – Virginia Offshore Wind Development Authority

This Authority will facilitate, coordinate, and support the development of wind-powered electric energy facilities located off the east coast of the Commonwealth beyond our three mile jurisdictional limit.

TOWN OF WINDSOR

Town Elected Officials
Marvin A. Crocker, Jr., Mayor
William L. Jones—Vice Mayor
J. Clinton Bryant
Wesley F. Garris
Carita J. Richardson
Durwood V. Scott
Greg Willis



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Interim Town Manager
John L. Rowe Jr.

Town Clerk/Treasurer
Robin L. Hewett

Town Attorney
Joshua Pretlow, Jr.

March 17, 2010

Mr. Dwight L. Farmer
Executive Director/Secretary
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
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Dwight,

I am writing to thank you for the hard work you and your staff put into the development of the stormwater management plan for the Town of Windsor. As always, the quality of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission's work on our plan was second to none. As you man know, the Windsor Town Council formally adopted the plan at its 9 March meeting.

Again, I wish to commend you and your staff on the quality of work that comes out of the HRPDC.

I look forward to working with you again in the future.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John L. Rowe, Jr.", is written above the typed name.

John L. Rowe, Jr.
Interim Town Manager

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