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Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2013 10:16 AM
To: 'Dale Iman'
Cc: 'Doug Hewett'; 'Aaron Grisdale'; L. A. Miller; Amy Simmons
Subject: FW: quick question- tower

Dale,
Took me a while to find the MSV email regarding the Jefferson St tower. I thought it was an email exchange directly between Dana Evans and me, but it was actually Julie Armel emailing on Dana's behalf while she was away at a conference in February of this year. As you can see below, I provided a similar response to Julie at MSV as that which I had done earlier for Linda Ross.

I believe that these are the only two adjoining property owners that I had communicated with on this topic.
Tim

From: Julie Armel [mailto:jarmel@themsv.org]
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2013 1:59 PM
To: 'Tim Youmans'
Cc: 'dhevans'
Subject: RE: quick question- tower

Thanks so much for the information Tim. We will follow up with Lynn.

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Subject: RE: quick question- tower

Julie,
There is on-going discussion about the proposed tower down at the end of Jefferson St near the elevated water tower. I have not been much involved with this project, but it should be making its way forward to Planning Commission and City Council for review of a Conditional Use Permit in the next couple of months. Below is what I composed as a response to another neighbor back about 2 months ago.
Tim

Probably the best source of information on this is Lynn Miller, Emergency Management Coordinator for the City. He can be reached at 545-4721.

There has been discussion with City Council about a new radio tower for City communications at the end of Jefferson St near the existing water tower. You can find some discussion about it on Page 2 of the June 19th, 2012 City Council work session minutes at this link:

http://www.winchesterva.gov/documents/government/city_council_work_sessions/Council-Work-Session-20120619-no-timestamps.pdf

That discussion was followed up by actions at the July 10, 2012 Council meeting as summarized on Page 7 of those minutes at this link:

http://www.winchesterva.gov/documents/government/city_council_meetings/City-Council-20120710-no-timestamps.pdf

There was also coverage of the topic in the June 20th and July 11th editions of the Winchester Star. The contents of the June 20th article is included below.

Hope this is helpful.

Posted: June 20, 2012

By Vic Bradshaw

The Winchester Star

WINCHESTER — The city might be getting into the communications tower business.

Faced with the need to build a tower for its new emergency communications system, members of City Council voted 8-0 Tuesday night to pursue the option of retaining tower ownership and leasing space to private companies.

That was one of three unanimous votes taken on resolutions regarding the communications project.

One of the others authorized City Manager Dale Iman to execute a nearly \$3.6 million contract with Motorola to purchase and install a radio communications system. The third authorized him to initiate discussions with the Winchester School Board Handley Trust regarding the potential purchase of land on Jefferson Street for the communications tower.

The tower ownership idea evolved after bids for the emergency communications project were received.

The city's bid considers the prospect of a 250-foot tower built only for existing and future city needs — which accounts for \$402,489 of Motorola's total — or allowing a vendor to build the tower to support city operations and lease space to others, reducing the city's cost.

But City Attorney Tony Williams said the second option is problematic because state law restricts localities from allowing a private enterprise to have commercial use of public property.

Councilor Evan Clark said he supported building a tower and leasing space to provide a return on the city's investment.

Councilor Ben Weber said the town of Purcellville generates \$118,000 annually by leasing space on a water tower.

Lynn Miller, emergency management coordinator for the city, said the tower's cost might rise if it has to support other antennae. He said he would check with Motorola to see if its specifications would need to be altered.

If the city opts to build a tower and lease space, it can contract a company to market the option. Iman said most communities "have found that to be the way to go."

The councilors also:

Discussed the action plan being developed to improve downtown Winchester.

Discussed proposed terms for a new water agreement with the town of Middletown and agreed that they were satisfactory and could be put into the form of an agreement.

Voted 8-0 to advance a resolution authorizing an application for a \$6,000 recycling grant through the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

Attending the meeting at Rouss City Hall were President Jeffrey Buettner, Mayor Elizabeth Minor, Vice President John Willingham, Vice-Mayor Milt McInturff and councilors Evan Clark, John Hill, John Tagnesi and Ben Weber. Councilor Les Veach was absent.

From: Julie Armel [mailto:jarmel@themsv.org]
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Subject: quick question

Good morning Tim,

Hope all is well in your world. I am emailing on Dana's behalf as she is out of town at a conference. She received a voice mail message from one of our neighbors asking if we knew about the City's plans for a communications tower near/adjacent to the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley property. This was news to us. Can you shed any light on this or point us in the right direction to find out more information?

Many thanks,
Julie

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