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AGENDA ITEM 9A

Vineyards trail property and maintenance

Attachment(s): yes

MEETING DATE: APRIL 14, 2015

STAFF COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATION:

In February, Council discussed a request from the HOA at The Vineyards at Summerfield related to needed repair/maintenance and ownership of The Vineyard Trail within its community. The item was tabled in order for more information to be presented. As a recap:

These trails are labeled as "existing" on the attached 12/29/10 map and on the development's final plats and the trail is shown within a series of public easements. Town documentation from 2010 and 2011 states that multiple tracts with widths of 8', 10', and 20' had been offered to the town for dedication, but these were never accepted.

The HOA maintains that many people from outside the community use the trail and it's an advertised, public part of a town-wide trail system. The HOA desires assistance with maintenance costs due to its "public" designation. If that cannot be achieved, it is requesting that the trail not be advertised as part of the town's trail system and that it instead be exclusively used by residents of The Vineyards. However, the community would much prefer to keep it intact as a public trail system and have on-going help with up-keep.

Acceptance of trailways inside communities is part of a broader issue that should be addressed from a long-term perspective. The Comprehensive Plan states that the town "shall pursue a high level of connectivity between neighborhoods and other destinations…" and also stresses a limited-services government (e.g., the town has limited personnel for extensive trail maintenance and stresses low taxes). Policy Area 2 is also attached for review.

Staff has not found additional information indicating past help with maintenance. The manager and mayor met with the HOA in March. The manager requested another repair/maintenance proposal (two have been received), along with any past records showing town involvement. Neither has been received, but a representative from The Vineyards is expected to be in attendance to answer questions. Relevant pages from the SF Development Ordinance are also attached for review.

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AGENDA ITEM 9B

Rhondan Rd. paving/improvements

Attachment(s): no

MEETING DATE: APRIL 14, 2015

STAFF COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATION:

In late 2014, NCDOT had a limited amount of funding available to pave secondary roads and the unpaved portion of Rhondan Road was a candidate. The town is one of five affected property owners and all must be in favor of the road improvements in order for it to be paved. All property owners except one have agreed to the proposed improvements and NCDOT has been seeking that approval recently.

The work involves a 50′ right-of-way (ROW) that steps down to 30′ in one section. The pavement width would be 18′–20′ and would narrow within one tighter section.

Council approved an agreement contingent upon the other property owners' agreement. The manager has requested that a NCDOT ROW representative attend the meeting to provide an update and field questions.

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AGENDA ITEM 9C

Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board appointment

Attachment(s): no

MEETING DATE: APRIL 14, 2015

STAFF COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATION:

The town is allowed one representative on the City of Greensboro ABC Board, but this member does not vote. Jane Wilson was appointed in late 2013 and would like to be replaced.

The position has been held by both a non-Council Summerfield citizen and the mayor in the past. Currently there is not a volunteer who has expressed interest in serving, but the hope is to identify a citizen by the meeting date. Meetings are the fourth Tuesday each month at 9:30am at 115 North Cedar Street in downtown Greensboro and typically last 1.5–2 hours.

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TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS / ACTION:

TOWN OF Summerfield

TOWN PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION NAME: **NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**
PROCLAMATION #: PROC-2015-001

ORIGINAL ADOPTION DATE: 4-14-15
ORIGINAL EFFECTIVE DATE: 4-14-15

WHEREAS, a basic ingredient in the foundation of this nation is the voluntary acceptance of initiative and responsibility by private citizens and voluntary organizations, a fact largely responsible for the progress and development of our great country; and,

WHEREAS, many citizens of this community contribute to the well-being of fellow residents and the welfare of all our citizens by giving tirelessly of their time and energy to make a real difference in the lives of children, adults, and the elderly without desire for recognition, remuneration, or personal gain; and,

WHEREAS, for many years these individuals and organizations have worked quietly, often unnoticed and unappreciated by the general public; and,

WHEREAS, since 1974 the United States has celebrated National Volunteer Week every third week in April in order to recognize the contribution of our amazing volunteers.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of Summerfield proclaims April 12 through 18 as **National Volunteer Week,** gives recognition and appreciation to all volunteers, and urges all citizens to be aware of the contributions made by our committees and volunteer workers and to give recognition to these individuals and organizations for their valuable contributions in the quality of life in our community.

Proclaimed this the 14th day of April, 2015.

Tim Sessoms, Mayor | *Valarie R. Halvorsen, Town Clerk* | *(Town Seal)*

TOWN OF Summerfield

TOWN PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION NAME: **CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS WEEK**
PROCLAMATION #: PROC-2015-002

ORIGINAL ADOPTION DATE: 4-14-15
ORIGINAL EFFECTIVE DATE: 4-14-15

WHEREAS, the fiscal health and well-being of Summerfield citizens, businesses, and institutions is critical to the continued vitality and prosperity of the Town; and

WHEREAS, Certified Public Accountants have achieved the education and professional experience required to become licensed and passed the rigorous Uniform CPA Examination; and

WHEREAS, CPAs must uphold high standards of ethics, professionalism, and knowledge by maintaining and enhancing their skills through lifelong continuing professional education, and provide valuable accounting and auditing services, management advisory services, individual and corporate tax and financial planning advice, and countless other services; and

WHEREAS, CPAs continuously draw upon their unique knowledge and experiences to provide sound, reliable, financial counsel in order to protect and promote the growth of business, the soundness of government operations, the excellence of higher education, and the confidence of investors in the Town of Summerfield, the state of North Carolina, and throughout the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize CPAs' contributions to the financial well-being and success of citizens and commerce in the Town of Summerfield and across the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of Summerfield proclaims the week of April 12 through 18 as **Certified Public Accountants Week**, and further extend appreciation to our Town Finance Officer, **Katrina Whitt, CPA,** and to all CPAs for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to their profession.

Proclaimed this the 14th day of April, 2015.

Tim Sessoms, Mayor | *Valarie R. Halvorsen, Town Clerk* | *(Town Seal)*

TOWN OF Summerfield

TOWN PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION NAME: **MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK**
PROCLAMATION #: PROC-2015-003

ORIGINAL ADOPTION DATE: 4-14-15
ORIGINAL EFFECTIVE DATE: 4-14-15

WHEREAS, the Office of the Municipal Clerk, a time-honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world; and, the Office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants; and,

WHEREAS, the Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies, and agencies of government at other levels; and,

WHEREAS, Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all, and the Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community; and,

WHEREAS, Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops, and the annual meetings of their state, province, and international professional organizations; and,

WHEREAS, it is with much appreciation that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of Summerfield proclaims the week of May 3 through 9 as **Municipal Clerks Week**, and further extend appreciation to our Municipal Clerk, **Valarie R. Halvorsen,** and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to their profession.

Proclaimed this the 14th day of April, 2015.

Tim Sessoms, Mayor | *Valarie R. Halvorsen, Town Clerk* | *(Town Seal)*

TOWN OF Summerfield

TOWN PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION NAME: **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**
PROCLAMATION #: PROC-2015-004

ORIGINAL ADOPTION DATE: 4-14-15
ORIGINAL EFFECTIVE DATE: 4-14-15

WHEREAS, civic prayers and national days of prayer have a long and venerable history in our constitutional republic, dating back to the First Continental Congress in 1775; and,

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence, our first statement as Americans of national purpose and identity, made "the Laws of Nature and Nature's God" the foundation of our United States of America and asserted that people have inalienable rights that are God-given; and,

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has affirmed the right of state legislature to open their sessions with prayer and the Supreme Court and the U.S. Congress themselves begin each day with prayer; and,

WHEREAS, in 1988, legislation setting aside the first Thursday in May in each year as a National Day of Prayer was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan; and,

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for Americans of all faiths to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her citizens; and,

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to give thanks to God by observing a day of prayer in Summerfield when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them, while recognizing the need for strengthening religious and moral values in our town, state and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of Summerfield proclaims the first Thursday in May to be designated as **A Day of Prayer** in Summerfield, North Carolina, and encourage the citizens of Summerfield to observe the day in ways appropriate to its importance and significance.

Proclaimed this the 14th day of April, 2015.

Tim Sessoms, Mayor | *Valarie R. Halvorsen, Town Clerk* | *(Town Seal)*