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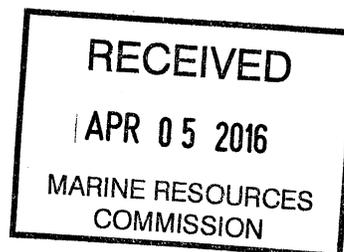
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From: Pete G [<mailto:minutemanpropertypreservation@gmail.com>]
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Randy,

I am sure you are under pressure to push this thing through. Here is a partial list of the recent hyjinx these people have gone through trying to jam this bad deal through:

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Manic big government, misrepresentation, a subverted press and shady dealings the norm for Virginia government?

The following is a brief outline in reverse chronological order of the public hearings, town meetings and other relevant events relating to the JRWA (James River Water Authority) and LCWA (Louisa County Water Authority) plan to establish an intake and pumping station on the James River and a pipeline through Fluvanna for the purpose of providing Louisa County with water to develop their exit ramps from Ferncliff back towards Richmond. Though the local paper and pro-factions within our government are attempting to call it progress, the fact is, prior to the midnight meeting on November 18th no one had even bothered to put any stipulation for Fluvanna to get anything but debt out of the deal. How is that for progressivism? Something smells rotten in Denmark.

Additionally, the public notices throughout the process up until at least mid-October erroneously listed the parcels in SUP 15:08 (Proposed pumping station location) as being in the Columbia voting district. Now with the re-vote they have changed the location completely. What happened to the 1 year public review process?

Here are some of the names that keep coming up:

Supervisors and former supervisors who appear in the November 26th Fluvanna Review Chamber of Commerce Advertisement (p. 15) supporting the project:

Mozell Booker (currently serving on Fluvanna Board of Supervisors)

Tony O'Brien (currently serving on Fluvanna Board of Supervisors)

Joe Chesser (currently serving on JRWA-voted to sue his own county)

John Gooch (Owner/Engineer Gooch Engineering and Testing-ran for retiring Palmyra BOS seat which he used to hold 2008-2012-defeated)

Charles W. Allbaugh ?

Tom Payne ?

Marvin Moss (Chair of Fluvanna County Historical Society who is supposed to be speaking for the history and yet puts his name on the chamber of commerce add-massive conflict of interest)

Shaun Kenney (former supervisor who was formerly implicated for

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misconduct on various issues including acquiring the land on which the pumping station was formerly slated to be built upon at one time in the process.

Norma Hutner ?

Len Gardner ?

Another name that keeps coming up a perhaps Tony O'Brien's controller is Bill Sullivan. Though supposedly an accomplished equities trader he apparently has a lucrative side business making and selling duplicitously worded surveys to the county government.

Reverse chronological outline of meetings and some relevant events regarding SUP 15:06 and SUP 15:08:

April 5- 10:30 a.m.- Meeting of LCWA (Louisa County Water Authority) and JRWA (James River Water Authority) scheduled for the Spring Creek Country Club in Louisa.

January 28- Fluvanna Review January 28-February 3rd –Another pro water fluff piece cover story written by the same reporter though the cover caption “Fluvanna Welcomes Water” doesn't reflect the sombre reality of the meeting—see January 20th below.

January 20th Wednesday-Joint public hearing: Fluvanna County board of supervisors/ Fluvanna county Planning Commission. Citing duress from the threat of lawsuit the board of supervisors re-voted on the December 2nd 2015 decision. Citing strongly worded legal council (duress) the board reverses its decision on yet another issue and votes 4-0 to approve the *new special use permits. Weaver and Eager state they are still not in favor of the project just against the county being sued. Don Weaver referenced a meeting two years ago in which the measure was passed by a 2 to 1 vote with him dissenting as the meeting the “legal council” which recently advised the board referred to as locking them in to the agreement. I assume the meeting he referenced was in or around October 2013 though apparently he was referring to a board of supervisors vote not the 2013 interjurisdictional agreement itself.*

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Also, it should be noted that the results of this re-vote on the earlier defeat resulted in moving the pumping station slightly upriver from the previous site as well as rerouting the line and future tie in for Fork Union to state route 624 instead of state route 6. It occurs to me that since they completely change the SUP the whole thing should have had to go back through the 1yr public notice etc. The proposed project isn't not going to be built on the same land or even in the same tax map as the original and many ensuing public notices stated.

January 14th- The Fluvanna Review dated January 14-20 comes out with another cover story which is another full page editorial in favor of the project written by the reporter who has handled every single story regarding the water project for the paper. How is that for objective reporting?

December 30 and 31st-Louisa co, Louisa Co. bos, LCWA and JRWA filed but did not serve suits on Fluvanna and Fluvanna bos stating they didn't have the right to impose the SUP process at all.

If that is the case then what is the point of representation at all? According to Louisa our whole governmental process has been null and void since the JRWA was formed. And yet we did everything that was legally permissible. Who made this bad deal for our county and what do they stand to gain?

December 16, 2015- Supervisors voted to ratify the November 18th “midnight meeting” agenda with retiring supervisor Bob Ullenbruch present. Supervisor Don Weaver is voted against the measure again. Ullenbruch inexplicably voted to ratify the measure. Not only had he previously voiced his objection to the measure itself but he had made a radio appearance and talked about how they purposely voted on something that was supposedly taken off the agenda due to his scheduled absence from the meeting on November 18th.

Also in this meeting the supervisors vote to go ahead with the aerial survey for the Department of Corrections water project to Zion Crossroads (a separate but related project that two members had also voted down previously).

December 11th, 2015 (Friday)- Special meeting of the JRWA voted to resubmit a special use permit to Fluvanna board of supervisors. Again this SUP changed the location and other details including being in another tax map than the original and ensuing public notices had stipulated.

December 7th, 2015 (Monday 4 p.m.)-Special closed session meeting of board of supervisors. Apparently it was this meeting that they voted to rehear the SUP they voted down less than a week before on December 2nd.

December 2nd, 2015- The SUPs were both defeated and we all thought we the people thought we had won a hard fought battle against big county administrator style government, dishonesty, corruption and greed.

November 18th- The “midnight meeting”-With one member absent and another recused from the situation altogether the two pro water project members force a vote on an issue that had been removed from the docket. Since one of the members was the chair who is not supposed to be able to second the motion it is questionable whether what they did was even valid. It was certainly shady. Ironically though the politicians and their mouthpieces have been passing the whole thing off as great for Fluvanna, up until this point there was no stipulation for Fluvanna getting anything out of the proposed project. This vote was brought it up again in open session on December 16th for yet another revote this time not to change the earlier decision but to affirm it. I wonder how they knew they were going to get Ullenbruch's vote at that point?

November 10th, 2015- Meeting at Fork Union Community Center-people in attendance are overwhelmingly against the proposed project.

October 26, 2015—County website posts “James River Water Project FAQs” Which amounts to a line item rebuttal/ propaganda against “Save the Point” advertisements in the Fluvanna Review.

October 22, 2015-Columbia supervisor Mike Sheridan submits a letter stating he will recuse himself from voting on the pipeline issue as 15:06 affects him directly by being scheduled to cross his land.

October 21st Board of Supervisors: hearings postponed at the last minute (less than 24 hours notice if I recall correctly) through the county website, though the public notice for both SUP 15:06 and SUP 15:08 had appeared as recently as the local Fluvanna paper dated October 15-21st. While no concise reason for the last minute change were given it is supposed that Mike Sheridan had already informed them of his intent to recuse though his letter was dated October 22, 2015. Presumably knowing they didn't have the votes at that point they chose to postpone the vote in order to try and influence one of the other two members.

October 1st- Fluvanna Review dated October 1-7th features a cover story which is a propaganda piece for the project written by the same reporter who has written every single article on the water project. There is a full page paid “Save the Point” advertisement in the same paper. Again, this seems a bit unfair to be so clearly biased against your advertising public and towards county administrator style big government.

September 23rd, 2015-Planning commission public hearing. The planning commission stated that they only made recommendation to the board of supervisors and that they could vote how they wanted regardless of what the planning commission decided. Trish Eagar who was soon to succeed the retiring Ullenbruch as the Palmyra district supervisor was at this point on the planning commission and was the sole dissenting vote on both SUP 15:08 and SUP 15:06. Though the notice to landowners didn't even mention SUP 15:06. It mentions SUP 15:07, though this in fact seems to refer to SUP 15:08. SUP 15:07 is a completely unrelated and separate item in a completely different area of the county.

September 10, 2015 Neighborhood meeting at Kent's Store. The people were overwhelmingly against the proposed project. Not one person in the room that wasn't a part of the project or the government voiced agreement with it. The government clearly doesn't listen to the people even on the local level. What happened to this country?

Though the county administrator posted a list of meetings at the final town meeting the public notice did not contain the correct voting district/tax parcel until at least mid October. It is hard for people to respond to something they don't know about. Whether ignorance or design they didn't follow their own procedure in this and other instances.

Prior to these bizarre events numerous citizens and groups of citizens have tried to fight the formation of the JRWA and the ensuing agreements which they realized would hurt our county. All these groups were stonewalled despite the fact that they acquired thousands of signatures necessary to make an actionable change on at least two separate occasions.

Over the last few years we have gone from a balanced budget to over 100 million dollars in debt with no end in sight. Their answer to the problem is to spend millions more of Fluvanna taxpayer's money for a project which has no foreseeable benefit to our county. It is all about Louisa County. At what point do we say that our government is taxing us but not representing us at all and do something different?