



Town of Kilmarnock

Council Committee Notes – Economic Development

Date: October 12, 2010 **Time:** 3:00 PM **Location:** Town Hall **Chair:** Vice Mayor William Smith
Attendees: Mayor Raymond Booth, Council member Rebecca Nunn, Town Manager Tom Saunders, Asst. TM Susan Cockrell

Notes on Discussions:

1. The committee discussed potential approaches to attract new businesses to Town and what options the Town has within its direct control. Discussion centered on a business incubator approach to launch small businesses.
2. The committee discussed the different needs and solutions for attracting new businesses vs. new consumers (tourists) to the immediate area and the region. One of the keys to attracting consumers to the area are the amenities that Kilmarnock can offer-one lacking feature within the county is public access to water.
3. A process to incorporate the Mayor's Economic Leadership Initiative into this Committee was discussed. The Mayor's Initiative is to begin meeting in November.
4. A review of Lt. Gov. Bolling's Economic Summit meeting was given by Council member Nunn.

Advisory Items (FYI):

None at this time.

Recommendations to Council:

1. **Recommend to Lancaster & Northumberland Board of Supervisors that Kilmarnock concurs with the need for a representative on the Governor's Economic Development and Jobs Creation Commission and to push for said representative wherever possible.**
2. **Recommend to Lancaster County Board of Supervisors that Kilmarnock supports the need for public access to our creeks and rivers.**

Recommended for further study:

1. Staff will research what programs are available through the Commonwealth's agencies that could support an incubator-styled program.