

September 12, 2023
Town Council
Regular Meeting

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF THE CISTERN LOCATED AT 33 N. CALHOUN STREET

WHEREAS, Warrenton, VA (Hereinafter "the Town") is a municipal corporation located within the County of Fauquier; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrenton owns 33 N. Calhoun and all structures on the property; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2022 the Town of Warrenton entered into a twenty (20) year lease agreement with Fauquier County for 33 N. Calhoun Street to allow the County to use the property for medical and mental health clinic purposes with related services; and

WHEREAS, the subject property, known as the previous Visitors Center, contains a cistern located in front of the building; and

WHEREAS, Fauquier County is requesting to remove the cistern to allow for direct ADA access from the parking lot; and

WHEREAS, the property is part of the historic Brentmoor property that is subject to a historic preservation easement held by the Virginia Board of Historic Resources and administered by the Department of Historic Resources (DHR); and

WHEREAS, the cistern is a noncontributing structure and not listed on the historic surveys conducted in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Fauquier County approached DHR, which found the proposed work of abandoning the cistern/well and thereby preserving it subsurface in the event that it is uncovered again in the future, removing the low wall and railing, and bricking over the cistern/well with pavers in a manner consistent with the existing walkway, to be consistent with the Terms of the easement and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrenton Zoning Ordinance 3-5.3.4.5 states the demolition of a structure within the historic district may be approved by the Town Council if the structure has been identified as noncontributing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Warrenton Town Council that Fauquier County shall be able to abandon, preserve, and brick over the cistern at 33 N. Calhoun Street, provided that all necessary permits are acquired.

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

For Information:

Community Development Director,
Town Attorney

ATTEST: _____ **Town Recorder**