



Date of Council Work Session: July 23, 2012

**TOWN OF LEESBURG  
TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

**Subject:** Meeting with State Legislators

**Staff Contact:** Betsy Fields, Research & Communications Manager

**Recommendation:** No action required.

**Issue:** What legislative issues should the Council discuss with the Town's state legislators?

**Fiscal Analysis:** The Town's legislative agenda and positions statement seek to protect the Town's authority over local revenue sources as well as increase revenue to the Town from the state.

**Background:** All of the Loudoun/Leesburg state legislators have been invited to the July 23<sup>rd</sup> work session, for a recap discussion of the 2012 General Assembly Session and preliminary discussions regarding issues for the 2013 Session. Currently, the following legislators have responded that they plan to attend:

Senator Mark Herring	confirmed
Senator Barbara Favola	confirmed
Delegate Randy Minchew	confirmed
Senator Richard Black	tentative
Delegate Joe May	tentative
Delegate Tag Greason	tentative

In addition, Mark Flynn, VML's Director of Legal Services, will be attending.

The proposed agenda for the discussion is:

1. Appreciation for actions taken in the 2012 Session at our request:
  - Town charter amendment
  - Conditional zoning (Cornerstone Chapel issue)
  - Storm water service districts
  - Utility line relocation
  - Flexibility in use of cash proffers
2. Unresolved issues from the 2012 Session:
  - Diversion of local fine revenue to the state
  - State funding for local law enforcement (HB 599 funding)

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- Local taxing authority – BPOL and cigarette taxes
  - Public procurement “preference” bills (bid match for local businesses)
3. New issues for the 2013 Session
- Authority to establish an endowment for the Balch Library
4. Eminent Domain
- Unintended consequences of defining local government utilities as “public utilities”