



Date of Council Meeting: August 28, 2012

**TOWN OF LEESBURG
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

To: Mayor and Council

From: John Wells, Town Manager

Subject: Loudoun Museum Update

Prior to the August Break, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisor's Finance and Government Services Committee was conducting the planned review of the Loudoun Museum's long term financial and fundraising plan. A Committee recommendation that was scheduled to go before the Board of Supervisors in July would have recommended to discontinue funding for the Museum. Due to scheduling issues, the Board of Supervisors deferred taking up the Museum issue until their meeting scheduled for September 5.

Since the Finance Committee meeting, there have been multiple efforts by members of the Board, the Museum, other organizations, and private individuals to work together with the Museum to develop a financial and fundraising plan for consideration by the Board of Supervisors. The Town has not been a part of these specific efforts so I am not aware of the specific proposals/plans. In talking to the County Administrator, the agenda information for the Board will be available on August 29 (the day after our meeting).

No specific action by the Town Council is necessary at this time. However, there were a few questions about costs to the Town regarding the Museum building itself. I have provided the information below:

Is there a lease between the Museum and the Town for the building and the Log Cabin?

- Yes, the lease has been in effect since 1998. It is currently on a month-to-month basis, following the initial 5-year term.

What costs has the Town incurred recently (last 5 years) to keep the building functional?

- The Town has spent \$311,500. This includes repairs to the roof, the north wall, design, assessment, and painting.

Based on the Town's review of the building, what are the complete costs to fully update/repair the building?

- The most immediate needs for the building (Priority 1 Projects) total approximately \$30,000. All priority levels total \$485,000. However, these items can be scheduled over multiple years.