

Concern about filling the vacant Town Council seat

From: lblanc [lori.blanc@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2009 12:56 AM

To: Town Council

Subject: Concern about filling the vacant Town Council seat

Dear Members of Town Council -

I am currently out of town and unable to attend tomorrow's Town Council work session to speak with you directly, so I am emailing you to express my concern.

I understand that you will soon be discussing the replacement for Derek Meyer's seat on Town Council. I have also heard that you may be considering appointing Paul Lancaster to this seat. I am writing you to express my objection to Paul Lancaster being nominated to Council, and I'd like to explain why.

Whether or not a member of Town Council agrees with the particulars of public input, I believe it is (a) their responsibility as elected officials to respectfully listen to and genuinely consider public input and (b) encourage and recognize the value of citizen participation in town matters. I never saw either of these attributes in Mr. Lancaster; indeed, he often conveyed exactly the opposite. At a number of Town Council meetings that I attended last year, Paul strongly conveyed through his posturing, words, and behavior, that he disapproved of the heavy citizen involvement in "council matters".

For example, he was continually flippant, condescending, and full of disdain towards the many citizens who showed up to the various Town Council meetings to speak out against the proposed Wal-Mart / Big Box in Blacksburg. I believe that it was for this reason that Paul was voted off of Council during the last election. He angered and offended too many people because he tried to discourage citizen input and involvement in Council's decision-making process.

If there is not going to be another public election to fill Derek Myers' seat, then I respectfully ask that you at least choose someone who is more in line with Derek's values and his warm, thoughtful, engaged and respectful approach to citizen involvement in Blacksburg.

Thank you,

Lori Blanc  
603 Rose Ave  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

(no subject)

From: Linden804@aol.com

Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 2:37 PM

To: Ron Rordam; Tom Sherman; Leslie Hager-Smith; Susan Anderson; Don Langrehr; Al Leighton

Subject: (no subject)

Members of Town Council:

You are going to make a decision in the next few weeks that is going to affect the town and how it does business by appointing someone to the council who will replace Derek Myers.

I hope that you replace Derek with someone who has his vision and willingness to listen to all sides of an issue.

I do not think that Paul Lancaster promotes either of these. He is a very negative person who does not listen to all sides and is not willing to be open with the townspeople. He was an incumbent who lost the race. There is a reason for that. His very childish antics are very visible to people and he does not put a good face forward for the town.

Please, put great thought into this issue as it means a lot to the town.

Thank you

Ann Linden

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against Paul Lancaster for Town Council

From: Beth Pokorski [niemka@vt.edu]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2009 9:35 AM  
To: Town Council  
Subject: against Paul Lancaster for Town Council

Hello. My name is Beth Pokorski and I am a concerned citizen of the Town of Blacksburg. I heard that you are soon to be voting on Derek Myers' replacement for the Town Council seat, and I wanted to share my opposition on choosing Paul Lancaster as his replacement.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Take care,  
Beth Pokorski  
316 Graves Ave.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060  
203-231-8682

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Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.

-Mother Theresa

An endorsement for Paul Lancaster

From: Elizabeth Obenshain [nrlt@newriverlandtrust.org]  
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 11:44 AM  
To: Town Council  
Subject: An endorsement for Paul Lancaster

Dear Staff Member:  
Please print this out and share with the Town Council.

From:  
Elizabeth Obenshain  
2010 Prices Fork Road  
Blacksburg, Va 24060

Dear Members of the Blacksburg Town Council,

It gives me great pleasure as a private citizen of the Town of Blacksburg to endorse Paul Lancaster for appointment to the Town Council. Paul has provided leadership in numerous ways over the years here in Blacksburg. Even after losing a close council race, he has stayed actively involved in promoting Blacksburg - including serving on the Arts Initiative. He brings good judgment, humor and a thorough knowledge of our town to his candidacy for Town Council. I could write volumes more, but you all know Paul well. We could not do better than to have Paul back on Town Council.

Thank you for your consideration.

Elizabeth Obenshain

appointing Paul Lancaster

From: phvaught@verizon.net  
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 1:41 PM  
To: Town Council  
Subject: appointing Paul Lancaster  
Town Council Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my support in the appointment of Paul Lancaster to Town Council. I have known Paul for 20 years and can truly say he cares for everyone in our town, regardless of their circumstances or philosophies. He would represent the majority of the town's people and give a voice where there has been an absence. His dedication to service in Blacksburg is remarkable and I think the future of this town rests on people like Paul.

Sincerely,  
Paula Vaught  
604 Sunrise Drive  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Appointment to Town Council

From: Barbara Shifflett [bfshifflett@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 01, 2009 4:51 PM

To: Town Council

Subject: Appointment to Town Council

To Blacksburg Council Members:

I am writing to urge the re-appointment of Paul Lancaster to Town Council. Mr. Lancaster would represent the citizens in a balanced and fair way--for all the town citizens. He has the experience and knowledge of issues which the Council will face and he would avoid representing only special interest groups.

Thank you for your consideration.

Barbara Shifflett  
602 Sunrise Drive

appointment

From: Carol Guest [cguest509@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 1:38 PM

To: Town Council

Subject: appointment

I have to wonder if Rhoda Myers (whose financial expertise includes being a past Controller at Virginia Tech) would be a possibility for serving out the remainder of Derek's term if she were willing to serve. We have seen this done in other factions of government.

Appointment20

AppointmentFrom: Phyllis Olinger [phylo@vt.edu]

Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 10:06 AM

To: Town Council

Subject: Appointment

I am writing this note to support the appointment to fill the vacant seat on council with Paul Lancaster. Paul has been dedicated to this community. Indeed I feel that he has been very supportive and very understanding of what income levels exist in our town. He is always open to hearing about the plight of those individuals who work and live in Blacksburg but have many challenges because of their income level.

I just think with all his input and level headed thinking, he would be a great asset to return to town council. At least, personally, I feel I would finally have a voice back on council for my income and those below my income level.

I am always impressed with Paul that he is always fair in his decisions. Certainly, I may not agree with him on some point or vote in the past but I admire that he explains his stand and appreciated your stand on the issue. I have never seen Paul's strings as being pulled by one group or another in a vote. That I do admire.

Please bring him back on to council. If I can add more or you wish to contact me, please do so.

## Appointment

From: Rick DiSalvo [rdisalvo@daa.com]  
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 12:50 PM  
To: Town Council  
Subject: Appointment

Dear Council Members:

As a town resident, I am writing to respectfully request your consideration in appointing Paul Lancaster to fill the remaining term of Mr. Derek Myers. As you recall, Mr. Lancaster received the support of many fellow Blacksburg residents in the last election, falling short in his re-election campaign by only 44 votes. Paul's experience is an advantage for our residents in that he can assume the responsibilities with little time spent getting up to speed. During this transition period, our residents would be well served by someone who could contribute meaningfully as soon as possible. Paul is well positioned to do just that for us.

If memory serves me correctly, I believe that in 2006 Mary Holliman was appointed to Council as the runner up candidate. That appointment was logical then and it seems like the correct approach today as well.

I appreciate your consideration. Thanks.

Rick DiSalvo

2805 Heritage Lane

Blacksburg, VA 24060

540-951-3121

appointment 10

From: Carol Guest [cguest509@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 11:08 AM

To: Ron Rordam

Subject: appointment

I have a request-

First, I want to tell you an incident that happened between Paul and Derek-

Derek went up to speak to Paul Lancaster and shake his hand. This was some time after the election. Paul completely rebuffed him and would not even speak to him. This actually happened. Derek was flabbergasted and told several of us in the presence of his wife Rhoda. Derek was not a gossip. He was truly concerned that an adult would behave in such a manner. This is a Paul you fellow council members don't see and don't deal with.

I've walked on the trail and practically brushed shoulders with Paul Lancaster, and I've spoken to him. He has glared right in my eyes and continued on. Many others have witnessed this behavior. He was extremely rude to Greg Tew at a planning commission meeting, when Greg was offering an explanation, Paul snapped to cut him off, I heard you or some such hateful remark. He is most intolerant of differing opinions. That is the kindest way I can explain his behavior.

I have thanked Paul for his work concerning the Blacksburg Middle School-he's a diligent committee member of the Planning Commission. Please leave him on the Planning Commission and do not appoint him back on Council.

If Paul decides to run in the next election and is successful, I pledge to try to work with him and overcome past difficulties, but please do not appoint him to Derek's vacant seat. Please. It's just for seven months, let him continue to serve on the Planning Commission.

Perhaps you could choose someone like John Novak, someone who has served their community and isn't going to run next election. I hope you don't rush into this decision-

Appointment 19

From: Randall Smith [randallsmith163@hotmail.com]

Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 10:23 AM

To: Town Council

Subject: Appointment

As a lifelong resident of Blacksburg and a follower of local Government, I am interested in your appointment to replace Mr. Myers. I don't even know if he is interested or not, but Paul Lancaster would be an excellent choice. I did not agree with him on a lot of issues, but I did admire his hard work and did put a lot of thought into each decision. If Mr. Lancaster is no longer interested, Michael Hedgpeth would be an excellent choice also. Good luck and I hope you will make a decision that is best for the TOB on not just a YES man or woman. Thank you,  
Randy

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Randy

appointment for vacancy

From: E. Gail Billingsley [gailed@peoplepc.com]

Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 11:39 AM

To: Town Council

Subject: appointment for vacancy

Dear Council Members, first, let me offer my sympathy for your loss of fellow councilman, Derek Myers. You would probably be hard pressed to find a community member who has NOT sat on a board or committee with Derek. He certainly gave quite a bit of himself.

Second, during your consideration of an appointment to fill his position, I hope Paul Lancaster will be among your top choices. Paul always brought a good deal of thoughtfulness to his Council decisions and took time to research the subjects presented to Council. If he had affiliations with particular parties or groups, it certainly was never evident in his voting. It always seemed that he truly tried to uphold the TOB's codes and ordinances in an even-handed manner. And this past election was quite close, if I remember correctly, with Paul losing by a very small number of votes.

As full disclosure, I will note that I am not a citizen of Blacksburg, but of Montgomery County. I will also note that Paul is an active member of the board of directors of the YMCA at Virginia Tech, my employer.

Thank you all for the time and passion that you show for the region. You give much of yourselves and we are grateful for that.

Gail Billingsley

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Appointment of Paul Lancaster

From: Tony Distler [distler@vt.edu]  
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 11:12 AM  
To: Town Council  
Subject: Appointment of Paul Lancaster

Dear Council Members:

I am writing to support the appointment of Paul Lancaster to fill the vacancy on the Town Council. I have known and worked with Paul for several decades, and I have always found him to be intelligent, perceptive, and hard-working. He gets jobs done thoroughly and completely--and usually with dispatch.

When he served on Town Council, I believe he was very effective in keeping in touch with Blacksburg residents and their needs and desires.

I believe he will bring this sense of duty back to Council if you approve his appointment. And, if I'm not mistaken, he was not re-elected last year by only a very slim margin of votes--under 50, I believe.

So, I hope my endorsement of Paul will be of some help as you wrestle with filling the unfortunate vacancy.

And, hooray for the Virginia Supreme Court--AND Town Council and Town Staff for all their diligent efforts!!!

Most cordially,

Tony Distler

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(540) 552-8964 (home)  
(540) 558-8086 (cell)

New Council Member Appointment

From: Victor Dritselis [vicdrit@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 3:30 PM  
To: Town Council  
Subject: New Council Member Appointment

Dear Mayor Rordham and Town Council Members:

I was sorry to hear of the passing of councilman Derek Myers.

The purpose of my email to encourage the choice of a replacement member whom will bring more balance to the current political make-up of the Town Council.

In my opinion, most of the current council appear to lean left of center. It seems to me that the appropriate thing to do is to bring more diversity to the council by including someone whose views are more centrist, who is pro-business, pro-growth and will represent a big segment of Blacksburg which isn't necessarily directly tied to academia.

Based on that, I am in favor of following a previous procedure of appointing the top losing candidate of the last election, namely Paul Lancaster.

Otherwise, you should consider other candidates, in which case I would like to propose, Mr. Michael Hedgepeth, who is surely known to most of the council members. I feel that his views represent a large constituency of Blacksburg which is less vocal and feels intimidated by confronting the passionate views of the local left wing.

I think Michael would be extremely beneficial to Blacksburg by representing business owners and residents alike by supporting practical smart growth, especially, the crucial revitalization of the Downtown area by creating meaningful incentive programs. I also believe Michael would bring an excellent voice in making sound budgetary decisions and keeping taxes low in the Town of Blacksburg. Michael would be great for Blacksburg!

Please consider Mike if you don't go the route of re-appointing Paul Lancaster.

Thank you for your time,

Victor Dritselis  
526 Edgewood Lane  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

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Council Opening

Council Opening  
From: Mitchell, Joseph (Richard), Acetate/US [Richard.Mitchell@celanese.com]  
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 3:09 PM  
To: Ron Rordam  
Subject: Council Opening

Ron, I am saddened about the creation of town council opening by the death of Mr Myers. Although I did not know him, he sounds like a fine citizen and person.

As you and the council ponder the opening, I want to recommend Paul Lancaster. Of course you know Paul very well already. I am recommending him because of his experience and his sound judgment. I have found him to be an effective listener and one that searches for compromise. I think nothing more be said of his character and love of Blacksburg than his willingness to serve on the Planning Commission after his council loss.

I wholeheartedly support Paul for the opening on council. Thank you.

Richard Mitchell  
PPI and Manufacturing Excellence Manager - Acetate  
Office 540 921 6207  
Cell 540 599 0858

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Council Vacancy

From: Wright, Bob [rswright@vt.edu]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2009 11:12 AM  
To: Town Council  
Subject: Council Vacancy

Attachments: image001.emz; oledata.mso

To Members of the Blacksburg Town Council,

I am writing to express my strong displeasure with past the performance of Paul Lancaster while he was on Town Council. He seems to exude an arrogance which precludes any ability for him to listen to the varied opinions and input from town residents.

As Town Council moves in the direction of filling the vacant position, please consider replacement candidates with open perspectives and open minds.

Thank You.

Bob Wright

Research Associate

Virginia Tech; College of Natural Resources

T.M. Brooks Forest Products Research Lab

1650 Ramble Rd.

Blacksburg, VA 24061

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Council Vacancy3

From: Kay Kay Goette [ekk1@verizon.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2009 6:17 AM  
To: Town Council  
Subject: Council Vacancy

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I realize that Derek Myers untimely death has left an vacancy on the council that must be filled until the next town election. My understanding is that Paul Lancaster has expressed an interest in that appointment and I am writing to convey my extreme discomfort with that prospect.

After voting for Mr.Lancaster when he first ran for and was elected to Town Council I became disturbed to observe the contempt he displayed for those who disagreed with him. In his relations with the public Derek Myers was the antithesis of Paul Lancaster, which I believe accounts for the past election results. I hope Derek's replacement will be someone who reflects his warmth and openness.

Thank you.

Kay Kay Goette

Council vacancy4

From: Roger Hedgepeth [rogerh@vt.edu]  
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 2:45 PM  
To: Ron Rordam  
Subject: Council vacancy

Dear Ron,

The logical choice for filling the current Council vacancy is Paul Lancaster. Paul, as we all know, has the direct experience and objective insight to bring immediate input and vision to bear on the challenging issues that are facing Council right now.

Best regards, Roger

new council member1

From: diss [diss@vt.edu]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2009 8:25 AM  
To: Town Council  
Subject: new council member

Hello,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the replacement of Derek Myers on town council. I am unsure of the process for assigning a replacement, but strongly believe that it should not be a rushed decision. The rumor that Paul Lancaster could be re-appointed is very concerning to me as well. I do not support his appointment because he does not advocate for citizen's concerns. Please do what ever you can to make the appointment process slow, thoughtful and deliberate. Otherwise I feel a great number of town citizens will feel very disenfranchised and upset with council. Derek worked very hard to get elected and it would be a total disservice to him if Council just appoints someone quickly. Thank you for taking the time to read this note and consider my point of view.

Sincerely,

Lily Westcott

615 Rose Ave

Council Vacancy11

From: Nola Elliott [ne\_elliott@peoplepc.com]  
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 10:35 AM  
To: Town Council  
Subject: Council Vacancy

I am a resident of the Town of Blacksburg residing at 611 Lee Street. I would like to voice my support for the re-appointment of Mr. Paul Lancaster to fill the vacant position on your Council. He was fourth in the 2008 election and missed by only 44 votes of being re-elected. I believe that 4th position should be given much value in your decision making. I find Paul to be a very fair and understanding person, and I believe a great advocate for the citizens of our town. Your serious consideration in naming Paul to fill the vacancy would be appreciated.

Nola Elliott  
611 Lee Street  
540-320-1751

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Council vacancy13

From: Francis Lau [franklau1@verizon.net]  
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 12:42 AM  
To: Town Council  
Subject: Council vacancy

Dear Council Members,

In deliberations leading to an appointment for member vacancy, please consider my request for the seat. I believe that my appointment would add more balance to discussion of new and continuing issues before Council.

The favorable Supreme Court ruling settled the issue of what is "substantial" vested interest with First & Main, but not the underlying problem for VT students, all the people in Town, and from out of Town VT generated employment. The need is still there for everyday needs. How the new ordinance requiring a SUP for larger than 50K square foot stores is used will be critical for the Town. I desire to be a partner in those deliberations.

My contribution would add balance and expand the dialog, something always needed in representative government. My success in dealing with the general public is demonstrated by:

- a.. Chemical engineer interaction to conduct the best chance approach to experiments in New Jersey,
- b.. The general public as a BT part-time bus operator for almost five years,
- c.. AARP Tax-Aide preparer for 14 years, and now continuing this free service under YMCA sponsorship,
- d.. A County Planning Commissioner since 2005,
- e.. Woodbine Homeowners Association President for three years,
- f.. Offering my computer knowledge to the Senior Community at the Recreation Center and Warm Hearth,
- g.. The many hours of Community Service here in Blacksburg.

I would appreciate to be included in your deliberations.

Thank you,

Frank Lau

304 Woodbine Drive

Council vacancy13

Blacksburg.

Franklau1@verizon.net

March 2, 2009

Council Vacancy16

From: Spencer, Edward [espencer@vt.edu]  
Sent: Saturday, February 28, 2009 10:42 AM  
To: Town Council  
Subject: Council Vacancy

Dear Council Members,

As residents of Blacksburg, we were saddened by the untimely passing of Derek Myers. He had much yet to offer to the Council and to the Town.

As you begin the process of filling his vacancy on Town Council, we would urge you to follow the principle you used in making the last appointment to Council: appointing the person who came in "next" in the last election. In this case, that person would be Paul Lancaster, a very qualified and experienced former member of the Council. It would seem to us that from both a precedent and experience standpoint, Paul would be the ideal person for you to appoint to the vacancy. We urge you to do so.

Edward Spencer & Norrine Bailey Spencer  
4005 Tall Oaks Drive  
Blacksburg, VA 24060-8114

Derek Myers' replacement

From: Neil & Amy Crawford [nacrawford@verizon.net]

Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2009 8:58 AM

To: Town Council

Subject: Derek Myers' replacement

Members of Blacksburg Town Council,

You will probably be selecting someone to take the seat vacated by the recent passing of Derek Myers. Please, please do not consider Paul Lancaster as a replacement. He has seemed less than receptive to the thoughts, desires, and comments of his constituents, the citizens of Blacksburg, in the past, and we do not want him on Council. Please consider someone who is will to listen and represent the citizens openly, fairly, and honestly.

Thank you.

Neil & Amy Crawford  
1116 Palmer Dr.

In support of Paul Lancaster

From: Gabrielle Minnich [gabrielleminnich@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 10:03 AM

To: Town Council

Subject: In support of Paul Lancaster

Town Council members,

As a resident of Blacksburg since 1970, I'm writing to support the appointment of Paul Lancaster to the open seat on Town Council. I've known Paul since 1990, and in all those years he's continually shown an ability to explore issues and topics with an able mind and a genuinely fair process. I am now fortunate to be Paul's coworker, and I see Paul use this same intellectual capacity and thorough approach to problem solving in day to day activities. I feel completely comfortable with Paul helping to direct the course of my hometown. I can think of no one else who has the same level of dedication, or who brings to the table the same drive to investigate and analyze policies that will guide the future of Blacksburg and its citizens. Please appoint Paul Lancaster to the open seat.

Thank you,

Gabrielle Amos Minnich

2608 Capistrano Street

Blacksburg, VA 24060

540-961-4843

new council member

From: Lisa Belden [frog18dy@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2009 9:31 AM

To: Town Council

Subject: new council member

Dear Council members,

I am writing to voice my opinion concerning the currently open seat on the town council. The development of South Main, and especially the "big box" issue, was an important issue in the last election. I voted for Derek Myers because of his stance on that issue and I'm sure that is true for a lot of people. I think it is important that his replacement holds similar values.

Sincerely,

Lisa Belden

803 Preston Ave

Blacksburg, VA 24060

RE Town Council Appointment

From: David Scheim [dscheim@comcast.net]

Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 5:50 PM

To: Ron Rordam; Susan Anderson; Leslie Hager-Smith; Don Langrehr; Al Leighton; Tom Sherman

Subject: RE: Town Council Appointment

Dear Ron, Susan, Leslie, Don, Al, and Tom –

In the balance, despite a tradition of appointing an election runner-up to a Council vacancy and Paul Lancaster's past experience on Council experience and positive attributes, I believe that issues of public policy and appropriateness at this time override these and argue strongly for appointing someone else.

Last Spring, Derek Meyers told me and other citizens that after the election, he passed Paul in the street and greeted Paul, but Paul would not acknowledge his greeting. Derek ran for Council in part based upon a philosophy of government that put a priority on actively listening to citizens and encouraging their continuing participation in governing, and this quality would be appropriate to carry on.

Thus, I believe that in the interest of carrying on Derek Myers' legacy, of active engagement of citizens in government as citizens affirmed in the May 2008 election results, and for a selection that is broadly supported rather than divisive, that Town Council would do better to consider other possible candidates. When the runner up in a past election is a defeated incumbent, the tradition of appointing that person has much less standing.

Possible candidates I have heard mentioned who strike me as worthy of consideration include Cecile Newcomb and Rhoda Myers. I hope Town Council can find someone with significant capability and related experience who will receive widespread support. Thank you for considering my views. – David

(P.S. I got a failed transmission message the first time I sent this; my apologies if you received this twice.)

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David E. Scheim, Ph.D.

3300 Old Farm Road

Blacksburg, VA 24060

voice: 540 552-8014, cell 540 320-8013

RE Town Council Appointment

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NO to Paul Lancaster for Town Council

From: Cortney V. Martin [martinc@vt.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2009 2:14 AM

To: Town Council

Subject: NO to Paul Lancaster for Town Council

I realize you are looking into Derek Meyer's successor.

I don't support Paul Lancaster and see him in opposition to the general will of the people of Blacksburg. What about Pat Bixler or Lori Blanc?

Best,

Cortney Martin

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Cortney V. Martin, Ph.D.  
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Open council position

From: Lisa Goatley [lzgoatley@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 7:56 PM  
To: Town Council  
Subject: Open council position

Dear Town Council members,

Sadly, it is necessary to appoint another member to our Blacksburg Town Council. I am contacting you to encourage you to consider appointing Paul Lancaster to this position. As a resident of the town of Blacksburg who has voted in every local election, I have followed our town issues closely. Paul Lancaster has been a valuable member of our town council in the past, and will serve Blacksburg's residents well. In the last election, Paul came in fourth by a handful of votes. It seems apparent that he is the next candidate in line chosen by the voters. I encourage you to ask Paul to serve our community again and look forward to hearing that he has agreed.

Sincerely,

Lisa Goatley  
2213 Birchleaf Lane  
Blacksburg, VA 24060  
lzgoatley@yahoo.com

OurRecomendation

From: Wessf5@aol.com  
Sent: Sunday, March 01, 2009 2:35 PM  
To: Town Council  
Cc: Wessf5@aol.com  
Subject: OurRecomendation

As taxpaying residents of Blacksburg, Virginia, we request that you appoint Paul Lancaster to fill the vacancy on Town Council created by the death of Mr. Derek Myers. This seems fair considering the fact that Mr. Lancaster lost the past election by only 44 votes.  
Sincerely, Thomas J. and Marjean Anthony

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Paul Lancaster

From: Doug Juanarena [doug@juanarena.net]  
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 11:42 AM  
To: Ron Rordam  
Subject: Paul Lancaster

Hi Ron,

Everyone was saddened to learn of Derek Meyers passing last week.

I know you are deliberating on whom to appoint to replace Derek. Many of us feel Paul Lancaster would be the correct choice given his love of Blacksburg, his year's experience in local government and the results from the last election.

Thanks (as always) for your consideration.

Regards,

Doug

Doug Juanarena

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Paul Lancaster

Paul Lancaster8

From: R. B. Crawford [ben.crawford@vt.edu]  
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 11:33 AM  
To: Town Council  
Subject: Paul Lancaster

Dear Council members,

This is to recommend Paul Lancaster for your consideration to appointment on Town Council. Paul has demonstrated his commitment and dedication to Blacksburg both before and after his service on Council, and I believe Paul just missed by a few votes being reelected; so his appointment would be a logical choice.

Thanks for all you do that makes Blacksburg A SPECIAL PLACE!

Ben and Carol

P. S. By the way, we could use some more of those "Special Place" bumper stickers.

Paul Lancaster14

From: Crandall Shifflett [shifflet@vt.edu]  
Sent: Sunday, March 01, 2009 1:21 PM  
To: Town Council  
Subject: Paul Lancaster

Dear Council,

I am writing to urge the reappointment of Paul Lancaster to Blacksburg Town Council. Mr. Lancaster is a town resident in the best sense of that phrase, someone we need to represent, in a balanced, fair, and judicious way, the interests of all town citizens. Mr. Lancaster has the experience and knowledge of issues necessary to face the challenges of town government. But especially commendable, he avoids special interest politics and considers the needs of all citizens as equally important.

Best wishes with your decision,

Crandall Shifflett

Paul Lancaster17

favorFrom: Nanci Hardwick [nanci.hardwick@schultz-creehan.com]

Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 3:34 PM

To: Town Council

Subject: Paul Lancaster

Please consider this email my personal statement of support for the re-appointment of Paul Lancaster to town council.

Paul is a great asset to our community and I know is well respected since he lost the 2008 elections by only 44 votes.

Thank you,

Nanci Hardwick, town resident

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Paul Lancaster18

From: Ted Ellmore [tellmore@vt.edu]  
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 10:25 AM  
To: Town Council  
Subject: Paul Lancaster

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From: Ted Ellmore [tellmore@vt.edu]  
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Paul Lancaster - re-appointment

From: Walter Hearn [whearn@swva.net]  
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 3:02 PM  
To: Town Council  
Subject: Paul Lancaster - re-appointment

DATE: 2-27-09  
TO: Blacksburg Town Council  
RE: Re-appointment of Paul Lancaster

I am writing as a Town resident in support of the re-appointment of Paul Lancaster to the Town Council

Sincerely,

Walter Hearn

1099 Deerfield Dr. NW  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Paul Lancaster for Town Council

From: Mike Goatley [goatley@vt.edu]  
Sent: Sunday, March 01, 2009 8:33 PM  
To: Town Council  
Subject: Paul Lancaster for Town Council

As a resident of the town of Blacksburg, I strongly encourage the Town Council to re-appoint Mr. Paul Lancaster to the Board. Paul's previous experience on the board and his successful track record as a council member truly dedicated to bettering our town easily justify this decision. Given that he missed re-election by less than 50 votes, it is clear that many others like me desired Paul's continued service to this community in the most recent election. Please return a dedicated community servant to this Board. Thank you.

Mike Goatley  
2213 Birchleaf Lane  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

RE Vacancy Appointment

Re:From: Marylou [marylou@marylou.name]

Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 1:02 PM

To: Town Council

Subject: RE: Vacancy Appointment

Dear Town Council:

I deeply regret the passing of Derek Myers.

This does give Town Council the opportunity to appoint Paul Lancaster to complete Derek's term.

Certainly Paul, as a long time town resident and former councilman, has the experience and expertise to fulfill the requirements of a dedicated citizen. I, and my friends and neighbors, strongly recommend that you appoint Paul Lancaster to Town Council.

Sincerely,

MARYLOU

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MARYLOU

marylou@marylou.name

"Climb though the rocks be rugged and rough!" -- LoPoJo

"Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened!" -- Anonymous

RE Vacancy Appointment

"Tell the truth, shame the devil, let the chips fall where they may." -- ML

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From: Bruce Harper [brucebharper@gmail.com]

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From: Mark Lattanzi [marklattanzi@gmail.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2009 7:29 AM  
To: Town Council  
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Mark Lattanzi  
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540-449-6275 (MARK)  
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900 Preston Ave.  
Blacksburg

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Kay

TC vacancy

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Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 3:59 PM

To: Ron Rordam; Leslie Hager-Smith; Susan Anderson; Don Langrehr; Al Leighton; Tom Sherman

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Work Session Input

Work Session Input From: Anderson, Michael [miander2@vt.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2009 11:14 AM

To: Town Council

Subject: Work Session Input

Dear Town Council,

I understand the council may discuss filling the vacant Town Council seat at today's work session. It seems reasonable that former councilman Lancaster might be considered for this position as well as former councilwoman Holliman. I am writing to express my objection to any former council member being nominated to fill the empty council seat. I believe there is a very good reason why Derek Myers was elected to serve our town as he was a strong supporter of citizen efforts to keep a big box store from being built next to Margaret Beeks Elementary. It seems only fair and respectful to Mr. Myers that his council seat be filled with someone who has similar views considering the power is now back in the hands of Town Council to negotiate the big box development.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Anderson

603 Rose Ave.

Town Council Position

From: Hewett, Erin [elhewett@vt.edu]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2009 10:27 AM  
To: Town Council  
Subject: Town Council Position

Dear Town Council Committee,

It was recently brought to my attention that you may soon try to fill the vacant town council meeting position with Paul Lancaster and I am writing to express my concern over this choice. I do not feel that his actions or attitudes best reflect those of the residents of Blacksburg and I do not support his membership on the committee. Thank you for your continued efforts for the people of Blacksburg.

Erin Hewett

Town Council seat

From: Bill Boebel [bb@mailtrust.com]  
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 11:34 AM  
To: Ron Rordam  
Subject: Town Council seat

I support appointing Paul Lancaster to the council seat vacated by the passing of Derek Meyers.

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Bill Boebel

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Untitled 15

From: Dale and Pat Oliver [jdoliver@vt.edu]  
Sent: Saturday, February 28, 2009 8:27 PM  
To: Town Council

Dear Members of Town Council:

I was greatly saddened by the passing of Derek Myers. I know you will be appointing a replacement for him in accordance with the Town Charter.

As a town resident, I would like to recommend that you appoint Paul Lancaster to this position. Paul ended up fourth in the 2008 elections and in the past this has been a factor in filling a vacancy. He has faithfully served the Town of Blacksburg for many years. I worked closely with him on the Blacksburg Planning Commission and always felt that he tried to accomplish what was best for the citizens of Blacksburg.

Thank you for considering my thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,  
Dale Oliver

Town Council seat9

From: Bill Boebel [bb@mailtrust.com]  
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 11:22 AM  
To: Town Council  
Subject: Town Council seat

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TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY

From: Tom Heavener [teh@heavener.com]  
Sent: Saturday, February 28, 2009 10:33 AM  
To: Town Council  
Subject: TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY

RON AND COUNCIL MEMBERS, I'M WRITING TO ASK THAT PAUL LANCASTER BE APPOINTED TO FILL THE REMAINING TERM OF DEREK MYERS. I FEEL THIS IS AN APPROPRIATE REQUEST BECAUSE PAUL IS THE LOGICAL CHOICE, HAVING POLLED FOURTH IN THE 2008 ELECTION WITH THREE SEATS OPEN. AS A RESIDENT OF BLACKSBURG FOR MANY YEARS, I APPRECIATE HIS BALANCED VIEW OF ISSUES IMPACTING MY LIFE AND THINK HE IS HONEST AND OPEN IN DELIBERATIONS PRIOR TO CASTING A VOTE. THIS PROVIDES A LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE FOR ME THAT IS OFTEN LACKING IN MY PERCEPTION OF OTHERS ON THE COUNCIL. THANK YOU ALL FOR CONSIDERING MY REQUEST. NAN HEAVENER, 105 COHEE ROAD, BLACKSBURG

Untitled

From: Zeman, Katherine [kzeman@vcom.vt.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2009 10:05 AM

To: Town Council

Hello-

I just wanted to send a quick email as word has spread that Paul Lancaster may be voted back onto Council. I wanted to share my disapproval of this decision.

Thank you,  
Katherine

Untitled5

From: SUZANNE GLASSON [sglasson@verizon.net]

Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 2:42 PM

To: Town Council

I am writing to request that you carefully consider candidates to replace Derek Myers on town council. The voters expressed a desire for a representative that would respect and value all of the citizens of this town, and who would work towards the ideals that Derek professed of supporting intelligent and thoughtful growth and development in Blacksburg. It would not be appropriate to appoint a ready candidate who was recently rejected by the voters and who has a record of not listening to or valuing his constituents and who demonstrates a lack of vision when approaching town council issues.

Thanks.

Suzanne Glasson

Untitled7

From: Smoot, Ray [smootr@vt.edu]  
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 11:49 AM  
To: Ron Rordam

Ron,

While I do not live in Town, I do have business interests in Town, both related to the Virginia Tech Foundation (which has invested over \$175M in Town over the past 20 years) and as a director of StellarOne Bank and Carilion Clinic. I hope the Council will appoint Paul Lancaster to fill the vacancy on Council. I believe there is precedent for such action but in any event, I believe Paul has provided ample evidence over the years of outstanding public service and commitment to the best interests of the Town.

Ray

Vacancy on Town Council

From: James I. Robertson, Jr. [jjrcw@vt.edu]

Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 3:58 PM

To: Town Council

Subject: Vacancy on Town Council

Ladies and gentlemen:

I write to ask that you give every consideration to appointing Paul Lancaster to fill the vacant seat on Town Council. This endorsement is based on more than personal preference.

Paul is a town resident of long standing. He was runner-up in the 2008 election, losing by only 44 votes in an election that was embarrassing for the low turnout of voters. Appointing the fourth vote-getter to a vacant council position was done in 2006 and has been the case frequently.

Few residents in this town have worked harder or more conscientiously for the betterment of Blacksburg than Paul Lancaster. His long service on the Planning Commission, and his years as a town councilman, are testimonials to his dedication.

I know him as a civic servant, and I am proud to call him a friend.

Sincerely,

James I. Robertson, Jr.  
405 Stonegate Drive, N.W.

Vacant Council Seat

From: The Emmel's [rudye3@comcast.net]  
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 2:09 PM  
To: Town Council  
Subject: Vacant Council Seat

We urge you to appoint Paul Lancaster to the now vacant Council Seat.

He was highest non elected vote getter in the last Town election and by your own precedent; this is how the selection should be made.

Paul would be immediately up to speed due to his past tenure on the Council plus the experience on the Planning Commission.

Thanks for your attention.....

Rudy & JoAnn Emmel

2104 Reagan Rd.,

B'burg

Vacant council spot

From: Beth Barnett-Boebel [beth@webmail.us]  
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 2:11 PM  
To: Town Council  
Subject: Vacant council spot  
To Whom it May Concern,

While the circumstances of the vacant Town Council spot saddens me; I would like to express my support of having Paul Lancaster be appointed for the position. In the past when a vacancy opened mid-term the spot went to the next highest vote getter, in this case it would be Paul Lancaster. Please consider him during the Council meeting tomorrow.

Thank you,  
Beth Barnett-Boebel  
1210 Draper Rd

Vacant Seat

From: Holly Taylor [hollytm@verizon.net]  
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 3:03 PM  
To: Town Council  
Subject: Vacant Seat

As residents of Blacksburg we would like to express support for Paul Lancaster to be appointed to the presently vacant seat on the town council. As the next runner-up in the election, he is a logical choice, and he has previous experience. We both voted for him in the previous election and hope you will consider our input.

With thanks,

Holly R Taylor and James K Mitchell  
209 Mateer Circle  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Concern about filling the vacant Town Council seat

From: lblanc [lori.blanc@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2009 12:56 AM

To: Town Council

Subject: Concern about filling the vacant Town Council seat

Dear Members of Town Council -

I am currently out of town and unable to attend tomorrow's Town Council work session to speak with you directly, so I am emailing you to express my concern.

I understand that you will soon be discussing the replacement for Derek Meyer's seat on Town Council. I have also heard that you may be considering appointing Paul Lancaster to this seat. I am writing you to express my objection to Paul Lancaster being nominated to Council, and I'd like to explain why.

Whether or not a member of Town Council agrees with the particulars of public input, I believe it is (a) their responsibility as elected officials to respectfully listen to and genuinely consider public input and (b) encourage and recognize the value of citizen participation in town matters. I never saw either of these attributes in Mr. Lancaster; indeed, he often conveyed exactly the opposite. At a number of Town Council meetings that I attended last year, Paul strongly conveyed through his posturing, words, and behavior, that he disapproved of the heavy citizen involvement in "council matters".

For example, he was continually flippant, condescending, and full of disdain towards the many citizens who showed up to the various Town Council meetings to speak out against the proposed Wal-Mart / Big Box in Blacksburg. I believe that it was for this reason that Paul was voted off of Council during the last election. He angered and offended too many people because he tried to discourage citizen input and involvement in Council's decision-making process.

If there is not going to be another public election to fill Derek Myers' seat, then I respectfully ask that you at least choose someone who is more in line with Derek's values and his warm, thoughtful, engaged and respectful approach to citizen involvement in Blacksburg.

Thank you,

Lori Blanc  
603 Rose Ave  
Blacksburg, VA 24060