



**MONTHLY WORK SESSION AGENDA
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
REMINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
105 E MAIN ST
REMINGTON, VA 22734**

- I. CALL TO ORDER, RECOGNITION OF TOWN COUNCIL, STAFF AND GUESTS**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. CITIZENS TIME**
- IV. GIGALAND PRESENTATION**
- V. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**
 - BLA UPDATE**
 - RRCP/DEPOT RESTORATION**
 - TACS**
 - LOVE SIGN**
 - COUNCIL LAPTOPS**
 - REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION AND RESILLIENCE PLAN**
 - TOWN PROPERTY TOWING ORDINANCE**
 - WIND PHONE**
- VI. CLOSED SESSION**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**

TO: Town Council of the Town of Remington, Virginia

FROM: Town Administrator

SUBJECT: Adoption of an ordinance to allow the Town of Remington to impose a fee to cover the administrative costs incurred by the Town in the collection of delinquent taxes or other delinquent charges pursuant to the Code of Virginia Section 58.1-3958.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the proposed ordinance to the Town Code after holding a public hearing.

ISSUE: The Town Code is considering adopting an ordinance to allow for the imposition of fees to cover the administrative costs incurred by the Town in the collection of delinquent taxes or other delinquent charges pursuant to Code of Virginia Section 58.1-3958

BACKGROUND:

Section 58.1-3958 of the Code of Virginia provides that the governing body may impose fees to cover the costs of collection of delinquent taxes and other delinquent charges, not to exceed 20% of the taxes or other charges so collected. This proposal recognizes that the costs of collection of delinquent accounts should be borne by those who have failed to meet their obligations and not by the general citizenry. These fees would cover the costs of collection in the event the account is assigned to a collection agency or attorney.

Staff: Town Administrator

Reviewed by Town Attorney's Office: September 2, 2026

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

§ xx-xx. Payment of administrative fees, attorney's fees, and collection agency's fees to cover the costs associated with the collection of delinquent taxes.

A fee shall be imposed upon any person chargeable with delinquent taxes or other delinquent charges of an amount sufficient to cover the city's administrative costs and reasonable attorney's or collection agency's fees actually contracted for. The attorney's or collection agency's fees charged shall not exceed 20 percent of the taxes or other charges so collected. The administrative costs shall be in addition to all penalties and interest, and shall not exceed \$30.00 for taxes or other charges collected subsequent to 30 or more days after notice of delinquent taxes or charges pursuant to § 58.1-3919 of the Code of Virginia but prior to the taking of any judgment with respect to such delinquent taxes or charges, and \$35.00 for taxes or other charges collected subsequent to judgment. If the collection activity is to collect on a nuisance abatement lien, the fee for administrative costs shall be \$150.00 or 25 percent of the cost, whichever is less; however, in no event shall the fee be less than \$25.00.

TO: Town Council of the Town of Remington, Virginia

FROM: Town Administrator

SUBJECT: Refurbished Laptop Computers for Town Council Members

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize staff to accept the donated HP ProBook laptop computers and proceed with the purchase and installation of replacement solid-state drives, batteries, antivirus protection, and required setup services for use by Town Council members.

ISSUE:

The Town Council is being asked to consider a cost-effective option for providing laptop computers to Council members for Town email, research, meeting materials, and other Town-related business.

BACKGROUND:

The Scylla Group has offered to donate refurbished HP ProBook 450 G8 laptops to the Town. The computers were originally purchased in December 2021 and are suitable for email, online research, document preparation, and other routine Council business. The laptops include Windows 11 Pro and would be provided to the Town at no charge.

Because the original drives are destroyed when the computers are retired, each laptop will require a new 512GB solid-state drive. Scylla also recommends replacing the battery because the computers are approximately four and one-half years old. The estimated one-time cost is \$377.62 per computer, consisting of \$99.99 for the solid-state drive, \$37.63 for the replacement battery, and \$240.00 for approximately two hours of setup labor.

Each computer would also have a recurring Trend Micro antivirus charge of \$2.10 per month. If Council wants members to use the desktop versions of Microsoft Word, Excel, and other Microsoft Office programs, the existing Microsoft license for each user would need to be upgraded at an additional estimated cost of \$6.00 to \$7.00 per month. The Microsoft Office upgrade is optional; without it, members may continue to use webmail and available web-based services.

This option would allow the Town to provide business-grade laptops to Council members at substantially less cost than purchasing new computers, which Scylla estimates would cost more than \$1,150 each before labor.

Staff: Town Administrator

TOWN OF REMINGTON

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2025 RAPPAHANNOCK-RAPIDAN REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION AND RESILIENCE PLAN

WHEREAS, the Town of Remington, like any jurisdiction, is vulnerable to an array of natural and human-caused hazards that can result in loss of life and damage to public and private property;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Remington Town Council to protect its citizens and property from the effects of natural hazards to the furthest extent possible; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Remington, in collaboration and partnership with the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission and other jurisdictions within the region, has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the 2025 Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Plan, in accordance with federal laws, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; and the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the region from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management have reviewed the plan and has approved the plan as meeting the requirements for a Hazard Mitigation plan pending the completion of local adoption procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation has reviewed the plan and has approved the plan as meeting the requirements for a Resilience Plan under the Commonwealth Flood Prevention Fund guidelines, pending the completion of local adoption procedures; and

WHEREAS adoption by the Remington Town Council demonstrates its commitment to hazard mitigation and flood resilience and to achieving the goals outlined in the 2025 Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE REMINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

1. Adopts the 2025 Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Plan; and
2. Agrees to take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the proposed actions included in the Town of Remington section of the Plan.

Adopted in _____, Virginia this ____ Day of _____.

ATTEST: _____

DRAFT

§ 46.2-1213. Removal and disposition of unattended or immobile vehicles; ordinances in counties, cities, and towns

A. The governing body of any county, city, or town may by ordinance provide for the removal for safekeeping of motor vehicles, trailers, semitrailers, or parts thereof to a storage area if:

1. It is left unattended on a public highway or other public property and constitutes a traffic hazard;
2. It is illegally parked;
3. It is left unattended for more than 10 days either on public property or on private property without the permission of the property owner, lessee, or occupant; or
4. It is immobilized on a public roadway by weather conditions or other emergency situation.

B. Removal shall be carried out by or under the direction of a law-enforcement officer or other uniformed employee of the local law-enforcement agency who specifically is authorized to do so by the chief law-enforcement officer or his designee, or by or under the direction of the locality's civil code enforcement division. The ordinance, however, shall not authorize removal of motor vehicles, trailers, semitrailers, and parts thereof from private property without the written request of the owner, lessee, or occupant of the premises. The ordinance may also provide that the person at whose request the motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or part of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is removed from private property shall indemnify the county, city, or town against any loss or expense incurred by reason of removal, storage, or sale thereof. Any such ordinance may also provide that it shall be presumed that such motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or part thereof is abandoned if it (i) lacks either a current license plate; or a current county, city or town license plate or sticker; or a valid state safety inspection certificate or sticker; and (ii) it has been in a specific location for four days without being moved. As promptly as possible, each removal shall be reported to a local governmental office to be designated in the ordinance and to the owner of the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer. Before obtaining possession of the motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or part thereof, the owner shall pay to the parties entitled thereto all costs incidental to its removal and storage and locating the owner. If the owner fails or refuses to pay the cost or if his identity or whereabouts is unknown and unascertainable after a diligent search has been made, and after notice to him at his last known address and to the holder of any lien of record with the office of the Department against the motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or part of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, the vehicle shall be treated as an abandoned vehicle under the provisions of Article 1 (§ 46.2-1200 et seq.).

Code 1950, § 46-5.1; 1956, c. 114; 1958, c. 541, § 46.1-3; 1960, cc. 75, 204; 1966, c. 297; 1972, c. 267; 1974, c. 142; 1980, c. 551; 1984, cc. 190, 381; 1985, c. 91; 1989, c. 727; 2012, c. 474; 2023, c. 355.

The chapters of the acts of assembly referenced in the historical citation at the end of this

section(s) may not constitute a comprehensive list of such chapters and may exclude chapters whose provisions have expired.

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What is a Wind Phone

It's a simple yet profound concept; placing a rotary phone not connected to any earthly system in a peaceful place where anyone who wants to talk to someone can do so. It's a place where grieverers can say I love you, I miss you and continue their relationship with the one who died. Wind Phones hold space for more than bereavement grief, such as the grief one feels over the loss of a job, a relationship, a home, and even hope to name a few.

The idea behind a Wind Phone is that one can express their feelings without judgment; the wind will take their words to the spirits of their loved ones who passed. Dialing the phone and quietly speaking private thoughts can empower visitors to move forward. The Wind Phone encourages conversations around grief and helps expand understanding within our communities. Today, we have identified approximately 107 versions of Wind Phones worldwide, including over 70 in the United States alone.



The Original Wind Phone

In 2010, Itaru Sasaki, the creator of the original Wind Phone, set up an old telephone booth—known as kaze-no-denwa (風の電話), or Wind Phone—in his garden after his cousin passed away. He used this phone to continue their conversations, trusting that the wind would carry his words to him. These talks helped ease his heartache, allowing him to embrace and grow through his grief. After the devastating tsunami in 2011, Itaru opened the Wind Phone to others mourning their loved ones. People from across Japan and around the world visit the Wind Phone to grieve, connect, and remember their loved ones who have passed. Itaru Sasaki has inspired many worldwide to create their own Wind Phones, providing a unique way to reflect and find comfort in times of sorrow. To learn more about Itaru Sasaki, visit www.mywindphone.com.



For more information

Please visit www.mywindphone.com. Here, you can find pictures of Wind Phones worldwide, locate one near you, and get inspiration and information for creating one in your community.

Let's be friends!



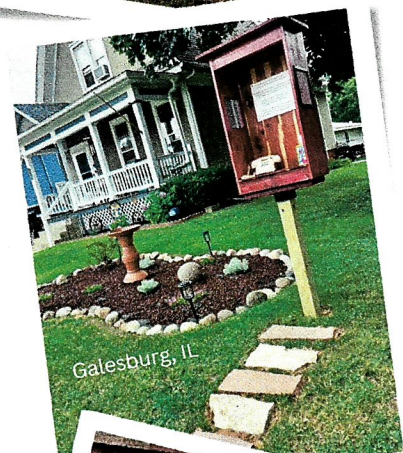
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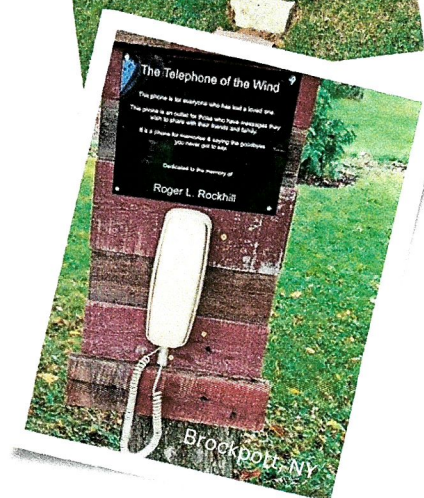
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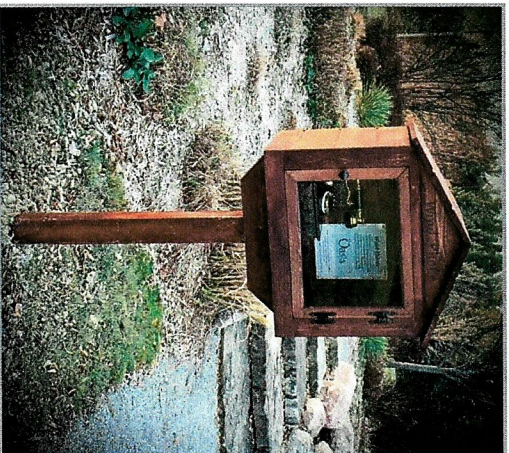
Galesburg, IL



*Wind Phones are located
in various settings, such as*

- Public Parks
- Hiking Trails
- Town Libraries
- Private Properties
- Cemeteries
- Hospice Centers
- School Campuses
- Camps
- Places of Worship
- Event Venues
- And more

What is a Wind Phone?



Keswick, Ontario, Canada

A Wind Phone is a symbolic tool for dealing with grief. It is a disconnected rotary phone placed in a peaceful environment, providing a space for healing and emotional expression. People can "call" their loved ones who have passed away and share their feelings aloud, trusting that the wind will carry their messages to the ones they love. Wind Phones offer a way to reflect and find comfort during difficult times, without any religious connections.

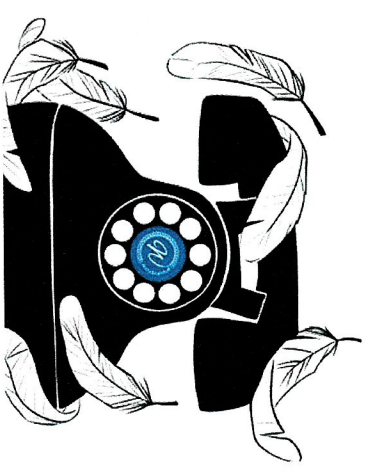


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Proposal

To Install a Wind Phone

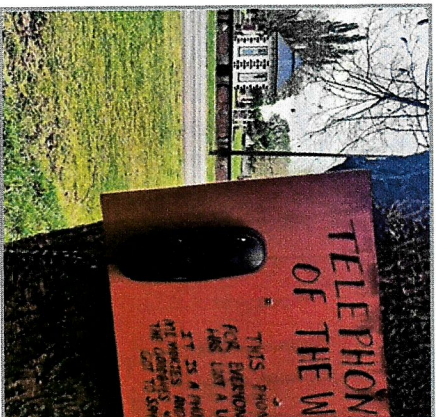


Photo Credit: Kiyomi Noguchi



Schuylerville, New York

"Because my thoughts could not be relayed over a regular phone line, I wanted them to be carried on the wind." – Itaru Sasaki



Temuka, New Zealand

The Community Benefits of a Wind Phone

- ✓ The Wind Phone provides a unique and comforting way for individuals to cope with loss. It serves as a tangible outlet for expressing grief, facilitating emotional release, and promoting healing.
- ✓ Grief can have profound effects on mental health. The Wind Phone offers a space for reflection and emotional expression, which can be therapeutic and aid in mental well-being.
- ✓ Placing a Wind Phone demonstrates our community's concern for the well-being of its members. It represents a united support system, reminding individuals that they are not alone in their grief.



Learn about the experiences of people who visited a Wind Phone at www.mywindphone.com.
Thank you for your consideration.



Photo Credit: Kiyomi Noguchi

The Original Wind Phone

The concept of the Wind Phone originated in Japan. In 2010, Itaru Sasaki, a garden designer in Otsuchi, Japan, created the first Wind Phone after losing his cousin. He placed an old-fashioned rotary phone booth in his garden, where he could "call" his cousin and speak his thoughts and feelings.

After the devastating 2011 tsunami, the Wind Phone became a place of solace for many who had lost loved ones, offering a private space to communicate with those who were no longer physically present.