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# Zoning request to be heard

The Town of Dumfries will hold a public hearing on Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m., at the Dumfries Town Hall, 101 South Main Street, in reference to the rezoning request of Developer Ausley. The original public hearing, held in June, involved 83 acres bound by I-95, Grayson Village, Tripoli Heights, U.S. 1, Graham Street and Duke Street. The new plan requests a zoning change in reference to 45 of the 83 acres bound by I-95, Grayson village, tripoli Heights and Duke Street. Both the Dumfries Planning Commission and the Dumfries Town Council decided at a joint meeting held Aug. 31, that the public should have another opportunity to speak on the issue, since many changes have been made. Citizens of Dumfries are encouraged to attend this meeting and express their views. For additional information, please call 221-4133.



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**Dumfries**

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# Dumfries builder hears opposition; withdraws plans

*"There followeth after me today a youth whose feet must pass this way.*

*This chasm which has been as naught to me, to that fair-haired youth a pitfall be.*

*He, too must cross in the twilight dim;*

*Good Friend, I am building this bridge for him."*

Will Alan Bromgoole

By EILEEN MEAD

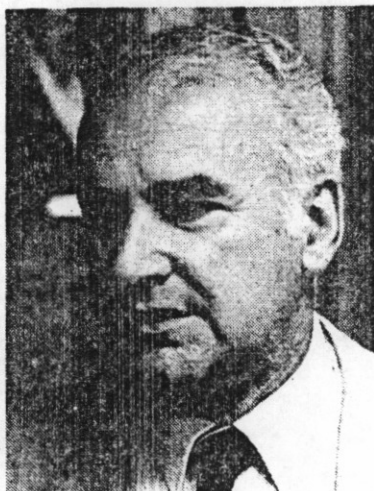
Potomac News Staff Writer

Nearly 50 townspeople gathered at the Dumfries Town Hall Monday night prepared to do battle with developer William Ausley who wanted Battery Hill rezoned so he could build nearly 300 townhouses on 45 acres.

In a surprise move just after the public hearing opened, though, Ausley disarmed his opponents with a poem and then dealt the death blow to the proposed townhouse project himself.

Last spring, Ausley's rezoning request to build 498 townhouses on 83 acres on the hill overlooking Dumfries was opposed by Mayor Olney Brawner and many of the townspeople who cited the town's comprehensive development plan which calls for single family houses on that property.

Many feared that the development would be similar to the Williams-town development of high-density townhouses which has been plagued with numerous crime reports.



William Ausley

Others said the project would probably affect the already overcrowded schools and burdened roads.

A few, including Councilwoman Eleanor Gum, said they thought the proposed development was a good thing for the town.

After the first request was denied by the council, Ausley submitted a second request to the town for rezoning and asked to build 300 townhouses on 45 acres, with 38 acres remaining zoned for single family homes.

The Town Council voted to hold a second public hearing on the matter and it was scheduled for Monday.

Shortly after Mayor Olney Brawner opened the hearing, Ausley asked to make a statement.

"Several months ago I applied to have 83 acres rezoned," he said. "I had a dream and vision of building beautiful luxury townhouses that would be affordable by young families. It was a project that would bear my name and reputation and would be standing long after I was gone," Ausley said.

"I feel this poem expresses how I feel," he said, and read Will Alan Bromgoole's "The Bridge We Are Trying To Build."

*An old man, going a lone highway, came in the evening, cold and grey,*

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## DUMFRIES —

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*To a chasm vast, both deep and wide, through which was flowing a sullum tide.*

*The old man crossed in the twilight dim; the sullum stream had no fears for him;*

*But he stopped, when safe, on the farther side, and built a bridge to span the tide. . .*

*. . . This chasm which has been as naught to me, to that fair-haired youth a pitfall be.*

*He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;*

*Good friend, I am building this bridge for him.*

"We have had many problems with delays, and I now have a clear feeling that the town does not want this project. I don't want to do something for you if you don't particularly want it. I foresee only further delays, so I respectfully withdraw my zoning request. My best wishes to all of you."

The hearing was canceled by Mayor Brawner and afterward Ausley apologized. "I'm sorry I couldn't have notified you sooner, but I just decided what I had to do today at 4 p.m., after long deliberation."

Ausley said he has not yet decided what his next move will be.

He had planned to have 30 of the townhouses under roof by now, he said, and some of the model homes completed.

"But now the snow is coming," he said.

# Trucks stopped from using landfill

By EILEEN MEAD  
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Dumfries police officers blocked off Greentree Lane near Grayson Village this morning to prevent trucks from dumping refuse in a landfill on Battery Hill.

John Meehan, sanitarian supervisor for the Prince William County Health Department, and sanitarian Lynn Fass, Tuesday visited the site, on 83 acres owned by J.V. Elrod, and asked Robert J. Davis, who was operating the landfill, to close down the operation until Thursday morning at 9.

At that time, Bob Foreman, consultant for the State Division of Solid Waste Management, will inspect the site and determine whether a permit is needed for operating a "debris" landfill.

The sanitarians were asked to visit the site by Dumfries Mayor Olney "Butch" Brawner who had received complaints from neighbors that nearly 30 trucks a day were hauling debris to the site using Greentree Lane, and that it appeared that garbage and other unauthorized materials were being dumped.

Brawner passed photographs around at the Dumfries Town Council meeting Tuesday which showed green garbage bags, mattresses and

other debris strewn around the landfill.

He told the council that he and Lee Lansing, town engineer, had taken two bags from the site for evidence. One bag contained soiled baby diapers and the other rotten produce, they said.

Davis said this morning that apparently somebody has been placing garbage bags and debris in the dumpsters used by builders and they unknowingly have been transporting that when they pick up waste at the construction sites in the area.

Davis said he is charging large trucks \$35 to dump at the landfill and \$15 for smaller trucks.

He said that after a project to build townhouses on Battery Hill fell through, Elrod decided to ask for rezoning of the 83 acres, presently zoned for single family homes, for an industrial park and a motel.

"The Ramada Inn is interested," he said.

The land is presently being cleared, he said, and he has a permit issued by former town engineer Al Bishton, which allows him to fill the lowlands.

The permit spells out the types of materials that may be used as filler, and it includes earth, tree stumps, concrete blocks, (broken in pieces less than two square feet).





By Mark Milligan — Potomac News

Robert H. Forman, a Virginia State Health Department's Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste Management consultant, speaks with J.V. Elrod of Dumfries this morning. Forman informed Elrod that his 83-acre Battery Hill landfill must be closed until an engineering study is completed, and a state permit granted. Since local officials also have jurisdiction over the landfill, Dumfries Police will stand guard at the site to turn away would-be dumpers, and the city attorney will seek a cease-and-desist order Friday in Prince William Circuit Court.

## State officials close landfill

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## Landfill hearing postponed; operations to continue

By EILEEN MEAD  
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A hearing scheduled this morning in Prince William County Circuit Court to determine whether landfill operations on Battery Hill in Dumfries should be stopped was postponed until Oct. 14.

The town of Dumfries was attempting to get an injunction to stop dumping operations on 83 acres owned by J.V. Elrod on a hill overlooking the town, but Elrod's attorney William May asked for a continuance pending further study.

Robert H. Forman, a consultant with the Virginia State Health Department's Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste Management, visited the site Thursday, where Dumfries officials said they had found

evidence of dumping of household garbage and other unauthorized debris, and told Elrod that an engineering study and a state permit are required for such an operation.

Robert J. Davis, who is operating the landfill in an attempt to fill gully's and valleys on the acreage so the property can be developed as an industrial site, said this morning Elrod's attorney said a permit issued by the town of Dumfries earlier is enough to continue operation and they plan to start dumping again today.

"We are going to monitor the loads closely to assure that no hazardous waste is on the trucks," Davis said.

Lee Lansing, Dumfries town engineer, said this morning that town officials will also monitor the operation pending further action.