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Welfare reform begins in state

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a two-year limit on assistance and a requirement that clients of social services be employed within 90 days of the start of their assistance. If they remain unemployed, they will enter a six-month community jobs program to work toward gaining permanent employment.

Prior to the reform, recipients

The clock started ticking on M



Slick roads

Manassas Fire and Rescue workers prepare to place Anthony Porter, 8069 Portwood Turn, who was injured in a mishap Monday afternoon on a backboard. The accident occurred at the intersection of Centreville Road and Sudley Road at about 1:50 p.m. Roads were slick due to the heavy rain. (Dennis Fisher, Journal Messenger)



Betty Jo Santangelo of Haymarket, who lives adjacent to the Payne house, speaks against the rezoning of the historic building at the Town Council meeting Monday before the council voted 4-1 to approve Don Costello's request to rezone the site for commercial use. (Katherine Shek, Journal Messenger)

Haymarket OKs rezoning of historic Payne property

By KATHERINE SHEK
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The Haymarket Town Council on Monday approved Don Costello's request to rezone the historic Payne property from residential to commercial use to benefit the town's economy, but the move isn't unanimously considered to be good for the town.

"You will see a for sale sign in my property tomorrow," said Betty Jo Santangelo, who lives adjacent to Payne house.

"(The project) has generated a considerable amount of discussion, thought and study," Mayor Jack Kapp said as he made his recommendation to the council. "It all boiled down to one question:

What is of the best interest to Haymarket?"

"I do not feel Mr. Costello wants to raze the building. I believe he wants to fix it," Kapp added. "I feel the rezoning is in the best interest of the town."

Costello, owner of Century Stair Co., adjacent to the Payne property, purchased the house in December and plans to use the building as an office before converting it into a restaurant. He also plans to build a small guest lodge as well as retail shops and offices on the site.

At Fayette and Washington streets, the Payne house was built in the 1800s as a summer resort, but has not been occupied for about 10 years and needs sub-

stantial structural renovations. Costello plans to invest \$750,000 to upgrade the site.

Santangelo purchased property on Fayette Street in December, before the Payne proposal was made. A week after she moved in the house in February, she learned that the historic building could be zoned for commercial use.

Santangelo has invested \$15,000 in the restoration of her property and has hired an attorney to try to halt the project. She doesn't object to commercial development, but said the plan should be moved elsewhere.

"I hope where you go to vote you're voting from your heart, not

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out of fear and intimidation," she told the council Monday.

Other opponents are concerned that Costello has not guaranteed preserving the Payne house. They fear that the property will be razed if the project does not meet expectations.

"I don't see any reason why it can't be guaranteed," said Michael Kyle, chairman of the Payne House Preservation Committee.

Most council members anticipate that the commercial venture will revitalize the property and contribute to the town's economy.

"I was dead set against it, and I didn't want it," said council member Steven Bean, who voted in favor of the project. "I was scared like everybody else. (But) the town can use the revenue. Other businesses can use the revenue."

"I had many sleepless nights trying to weigh this," said council member Nancy Bailey. "When I was elected to this office, it was for me to represent the town and what I feel is best for the town.

"I have come to a conclusion for the town. This is the best thing we could ask for."