

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS
CLOSED SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015 #1**

Mayor Jackie Warner called the Closed Session to order at 7:16 p.m.

Mayor Jackie Warner, Mayor Pro Tem Bob Gorman, Commissioners Pat Edwards, Bryan Marley, Edwin Deaver and Jerry Legge were present.

Others present were Town Manager John W. Ellis, III, Town Clerk Melissa Adams and Town Attorney T.C. Morphis.

PURPOSE: Closed Session was called pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) to consult with the attorney and maintain the attorney-client privilege.

Item 1.


Redacted.

Item 2.

Mayor Warner remarked that several citizens have inquired with her about the rules for public comments, are they still in force and can we allow a longer speaking time for public comments. Discussion among the Board members pursued and the consensus of the Board was to allow individual speakers to equally be allowed longer time to use the thirty minute comment period. Mayor Warner inquired if a motion would be needed to do this and Attorney Morphis commented that they could do a motion to suspend the rules and allow longer time to speak.


Town Manager Ellis commented that this thing has been more stressful for him than the whole Collins thing and would like to share something an employee had said to him; "Us is Them and Them is Us". Mr. Ellis remarked that he wants everyone to know that he has not intentionally done anything to try to steer this in any direction.

At 8:25 p.m. Mayor Warner closed the session.



JACKIE WARNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Melissa P. Adams, MMC Town Clerk

