

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS
CLOSED SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2015**

Mayor Warner called the Closed Session to order at 8:45 p.m.

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

Commissioner Deaver was absent.

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 and NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6) to discuss personnel Matters.

Item 1.

Town Manager Ellis reported that he and Human Resources Administrator Laticia Black will be meeting with League Attorney Robin Davis on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at the Parks & Recreation Center.

Item 2.

Town Attorney T.C. Morphis began discussion concerning the Fox Meadow Subdivision and the stormwater retention pond issue. Mr. Morphis was concerned that if the Town did not consult with them on the project, the long term future for the project would be compromised. Town Manager Ellis remarked that he felt that if staff consulted on the project it may send the wrong message; that we would be willing to take it over. Mr. Ellis reported that he had been invited to attend a meeting with the parties involved, but did not think he should attend if we have no intentions of accepting the responsibility of the maintenance retention pond. Mr. Morphis remarked that we are under no obligation to take it over.

The consensus of the Board was for Mr. Ellis not to attend the meeting.

Mayor Warner closed the session at 9:03 p.m.

JACKIE WARNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Melissa P. Adams, MMC Town Clerk