

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS  
CLOSED SESSION MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017**

Mayor Warner called the Closed Session to order at 9:30 p.m.

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

Others present were Town Manager Melissa Adams, Interim Town Clerk Deborah Holland, and Town Attorney Dan Hartzog.

**PURPOSE:** Closed Session was called pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) to discuss matters within the attorney/client privilege.

Item 1.

- Town Manager Adams commented that it had been reported to her that members of the Lake Advisory Committee have made comments in reference to suing the Town. There was a brief discussion concerning photographs of existing docks and pipes presently around the lake area.
- Discussion pursued in reference to irrigation of the properties with lake water and how the attorney will be able to address this with the Lake Advisory Committee when he meets with them for the Pier/Dock Bulkhead Ordinance.
- Town Attorney Hartzog commented the intent of the ordinance is to regulate the safety of piers.
- Town Manager Adams remarked the Lake Recreational Design Plan submitted by the Lake Advisory Committee was not useable by the designers.

Item 2.

- Town Manager Adams reported on the status of the property acquisition on Trade Street and commented the Board had authorized to offer and negotiate up to \$55,000.00, the asking price and she offered \$43,000.00, they countered with \$50,000.00 which she accepted contingent on favorable reports and inspections. If all is favorable, the closing is set for November 15, 2017 and the tenant will have 60 days to vacate.
- Discussion pursued about the Historic Preservation Commission and steps they will need to take to prepare for usage of the building. Discussion was made in reference to the white building (parsonage) and they are waiting for the estimate to repair the termite damage.

Item 3.

Redacted.

Item 4.

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Mayor Warner closed the session at 7:16 p.m.

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JACKIE WARNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Deborah Holland  
Interim Town Clerk