

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS
CLOSED SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017**

Mayor Warner called the Closed Session to order at 7:48 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) (5) to establish or instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken concerning the acquisition of real property.

Mayor Warner commented on her discussion with a member of the Saleeby family and their interest in donating a parcel of land along with the mill house located on it to the Town. Mayor Warner commented this lot is one of the lots that were featured in the concept drawing options where it had us acquire four lots on Fountainhead Lane to expand the parking area for the lake park. The owner, (Mrs. Saleeby) has already contacted her lawyer and he would do the legal, all we would need to do is accept the property.

Discussion pursued on the use of the property and especially the mill house. Mayor Warner reported that Mrs. Saleeby said that she does not know if the house is in good enough shape to move to another location, but if they wished to use land for parking, there is no conditions to keep us from moving or tearing down if needed. There are some artifacts, (historical stamp marker) that may need to be salvaged if had to be torn down. Town Manager Adams suggested if the house was in good enough shape to move, perhaps we could use in Heritage Park as a welcome center.

The consensus of the Board was to report in open session that we have received this offer and we will accept by resolution, to be drafted later for signature. More discussion pursued in reference to other lots in the immediate location.

Mayor Warner closed the session at 8:01 p.m.

JACKIE WARNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Deborah Holland
Interim Town Clerk