

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019, 5:30 P.M.
BILL LUTHER BOARD MEETING ROOM**

Mayor Jackie Warner called the regular meeting of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 5:53 p.m.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jackie Warner, Mayor Pro Tem Mike Mitchell, Commissioners Jessie Bellflowers, Pat Edwards, Meg Larson and Jerry Legge.

STAFF PRESENT

Town Manager Melissa Adams, Town Clerk Jane Starling, Finance Director Drew Holland, Public Works Director Don Sisko, Fire Chief Chuck Hodges, Police Chief Joel Acciardo, Stormwater Administrator Beth Brown, Stormwater Technician Tyler Riddle, and Development & Planning Administrator Chancer McLaughlin. Also present was Town Attorney Dan Hartzog, Jr., Superintendent of Cumberland County Schools, Dr. Marvin Connelly, and Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services, Joe Desormeaux.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance were led by Mayor Jackie Warner.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS.

Motion made by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, to approve the agenda as presented.

2. PRESENTATIONS.

- a. For the purpose of receiving information and discussion with NCDOT and Cumberland County School representatives related to the flooding in front of C. Wayne Collier Elementary.

Mayor Warner commented the Town was expecting a representative from NCDOT but due to a miscommunication they were not present.

Town Manager Melissa Adams presented PowerPoint slides of flooding pictures at the intersection of Rockfish Road and Deaver Circle, and a video from the front of C. Wayne Collier Elementary.

Mayor Warner invited the public to speak.

Mr. Ed. Klimchok, 3531 Sturbridge Dr Hope Mills, spoke in reference to the stormwater that flows off of the school property and affects his address.

Mr. Alexander Moore, Jr. 6421 Rockfish Rd Hope Mills, commented his house sits in the middle of all the water that is depicted on one of the slides. When it rains Mr. Moore has to put on boots up to his knees to get in and out of his house.

Mr. Greg Vendetti, 106 Oakridge Dr. Havelock NC, attended to represent his elderly parents who own property at 6407 Rockfish Rd. Mr. Vendetti commented his parents purchased the property in 1980 and flooding had never been an issue until about five or six years ago.

Town Manager Adams commented that just last week there was an all day soaking rain and the Police Department had to put up barricades which people sometimes drive around.

Commissioner Bellflowers commend his granddaughters attend C. Wayne Collier and it can be dangerous for walkers to navigate around the water and difficult for buses to reach the school.

Mayor Warner welcomed Dr. Marvin Connelly, Superintendent of Cumberland County Schools. Dr. Connelly then introduced Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services, Joe Desormeaux.

Commissioner Legge commented he is a neighbor of the speakers as he has lived in the area since 1984. Commissioner Legge commented Village Green is affected as well and Sommer Road is deteriorating.

The consensus of the Board was for Town Manager Adams to organize staff meetings with NCDOT, Cumberland County Schools and Cumberland County, if they are willing to participate.

Associate Superintendent Desormeaux stated he would be willing to participate.

3. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion made by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Warner adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.