

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017, 7:00 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 9, 2017, at 7:10 p.m. Mayor Warner commented that Commissioner Edwards would not be able to attend due to illness.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jackie Warner, Mayor Pro Tem Bob Gorman, Commissioners Jerry Legge and Bryan Marley.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Pat Edwards.

STAFF PRESENT

Town Manager John W. Ellis, III, Deputy Town Clerk Debbie Holland, Fire Chief Chuck Hodges, Police Chief Joel Acciardo, Parks & Recreation Director Kenny Bullock, Development & Planning Administrator Chancer McLaughlin, Deputy Public Works Director Don Sisko and Town Attorney Dan Hartzog, Jr. Also in attendance was Patti Speicher of Cumberland County Planning Department.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was led by Dr. Ron Godbolt of Word of Truth Ministries, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Warner.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the addendum to add to Presentations Item a- Presentation of church/museum information and a closed session under NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6) to discuss personnel matters.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

a. Presentation of church/museum information.

Mr. Gordon Johnson presented an update to the museum project options to continue on the part that does not have the reverter clause encumbrance. Mr. Johnson reported the problem is in logistics of access to the site if you are working on this site only. The costs associated with the delay are approximately \$28,650.00 for a three month extension. Attorney Dan Hartzog spoke with two different attorneys and suggested to the Board they wait until the next meeting to decide anything and he hopes to have more information on the heirs and a recommendation of course of action for the Board.

The consensus of the Board is to wait until the next meeting to continue discussion of the matter.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rod MacLean, 5435 Fountain Lane, spoke in reference to the upcoming discussion of the process to fill the current vacancy on the Board. Mr. MacLean requested the process be done in open session and transparency on the appointment.

Tonzie Collins, 5816 Wallace Drive, spoke on the safety to the citizens on the sink hole of Davis Street, Golfview Road extension and Ellison and Patterson Street intersection.

Mayor Warner responded to Mr. Collins inquires and commented Golfview is a DOT project. Patterson and Ellison are town roads to upkeep.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Consideration of the purchase of 45 CMC Rescue “Escape Artist” Firefighter Bail Out Systems from NAFECO in the amount of \$18,400.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Marley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gorman and carried unanimously, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Discussion/Consideration of setting date for joint meeting with Historic Preservation Commission and Residents in the Historic District; Discussion/Consideration of Restarting Review of the Town’s Sign Ordinance.

Town Manager Ellis commented he could contact Ms. Hall and bring back choice of dates at the next meeting.

Sign Ordinance Workshop meeting set for February 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall as a Special Meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. **Case No. 16-110.** Consideration of the EZ Street Car Wash Improvements; C(P) Site Plan Review; Hope Mills Zoning Ordinance; Zoned: C(P); Acreage: 0.64 ac. +/-; Located at 3323 N Main Street (NC HWY 59); submitted by TLC Investment, LLC (Developer) and Crawford Design Company (Design Firm). (Hope Mills)

Chancer McLaughlin presented Case No. 16-110 Consideration of EZ Street Car Wash improvements for site plan approval. Mr. McLaughlin reviewed the changes to the existing site plan.

Motion made by Commissioner Marley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gorman and carried unanimously, to approve Case 16-110 Site Plan review for EZ Car Wash improvements.

b. **Case No. 17-003.** Consideration of the Eaglewood Forest, Lots 51 & 55; R10 Zero Lot Line Subdivision Review; Hope Mills Zoning Ordinance; Zoned: R10; Acreage: 0.578 ac. +/-; Located at 3704 Brownstone Court and 5938 Spinner Road; submitted by Chris Wikes Home Improvements (Developer) and Maps Surveying, Inc. (Surveying Firm). (Hope Mills)

Mr. McLaughlin presented Case No. 17-003 consideration of the Eaglewood Forest Subdivision, Lots 51 & 55, for a zero lot line. Mr. McLaughlin commented staff recommends approval of the site plan.

Motion made by Commissioner Marley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gorman and carried unanimously, to approve Case 17-003 Site Plan review for Eaglewood Forest with zero lot line.

c. Consideration of appointment of Board Member to the Cumberland County Sales Tax Distribution Committee.

Mayor Warner commented that she is requesting the Board to appoint her as representative of the Town for this committee.

Motion made by Commissioner Legge, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gorman and carried unanimously, to approve appointment of Mayor Jackie Warner to be town representative on the Cumberland County Sales Tax Distribution Committee.

Town Manager Ellis commented he will let the committee know tomorrow of the appointment.

d. Discussion of process for filling vacant Board of Commissioner seat.

Mayor Warner commented that her suggestion for the process of appointment is to advertise the vacancy requesting letters of interest from each candidate e submitted to the Town Clerk with an end date of January 23, 2017. They will review the letters and staff will set up interviews and they can interview at a special meeting on the first meeting in February, February 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Marley and carried unanimously, to approve the process of filling the vacant seat on the Board by advertising the vacancy asking for a letter of interest and then to interview the candidates at the first meeting in February prior to the regular meeting.

8. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

a. Update report on the Hope Mills Lake/Dam project.

Town Manager Ellis reported the update on the progress of the construction of the dam. Mr. Ellis commented there is a Gazebo progress meeting on Tuesday January 10, 2017 at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Rod MacLean, 5435 Fountain Lane, requested staff to give more notice of the progress meetings in the future.

b. Manager's update.

Town Manager Ellis commented

c. Committee Liaisons Update on Committee Activities.
(Liaisons to give a brief update on their respective committee activities, if a meeting was not attended or there is nothing to report an update is not necessary.)

- Commissioner Gorman - Historic Preservation Commission -will report next time& Lake Advisory Committee-will report next time
- Commissioner Edwards - Appearance Committee –Mr. Bullock commented they did not meet
- Commissioner Legge - Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee- did not meet

9. STAFF COMMENTS.

Attorney Dan Hartzog reminded the Board he would not be at the next meeting and will have someone from the firm in his place.

10. OFFICIAL COMMENTS.

11. MOTION TO CONDUCT A CLOSED SESSION: PURSUANT TO NCNCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) TO CONSULT WITH THE ATTORNEY ON MATTERS WITHIN THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND TO PUSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11 (A) (6) TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, to conduct a closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6) to discuss personnel matters.

At 8:00 p.m., Mayor Warner instructed the Board to assemble in the front conference room to conduct a closed session.

At 9:48 p.m. Mayor Warner called the session back to order.

Motion made by Commissioner Marley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gorman and carried unanimously, to seal the minutes of the closed session until such time as the release of the information will no longer frustrate the purpose of the closed session, and further no action was taken.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion made by Commissioner Legge, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gorman and carried unanimously, to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Warner adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Jackie Warner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah Holland
Deputy Town Clerk