

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017, 5:30 P.M.
BILL LUTHER BOARD MEETING ROOM**

Mayor Jackie Warner called the special meeting of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 5:35 p.m.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Interim Town Manager Melissa Adams, Deputy Town Clerk Deborah Holland, Finance Director Drew Holland, Parks & Recreation Director Kenny Bullock, Deputy of Public Works Don Sisko, Fire Chief Chuck Hodges, Police Chief Joel Acciardo, Stormwater Administrator Beth Brown, Planning & Development Administrator Chancer McLaughlin and representing Town Attorney Dan Hartzog; Katie Barber-Jones, Attorney, Cranfill, Sumner & Hartzog LLP.

The purpose of the special meeting was for the Board to interview candidates for the vacant Board of Commissioner's position.

Before the interview process, Mayor Warner commented that Mr. Tonzie Collins was unable to attend due to personal matters.

The Board interviewed the following applicants for the vacancy position: Jesse Bellflowers, Frances Vinell Jackson, Clarence Maxwell, Teresa McNeill, Michael Mitchell, Larry Perrault and Ronald Starling.

All candidates were asked the same questions as listed below:

1. Very briefly, why do you think you are the best fit for this vacancy?
2. If your opinion differed from the majority of the board, would you stand your ground, or would you feel obligated to change your decision?
3. What would be your top three priorities if you are appointed to the board?
4. Have you served on any committees or boards in the past and briefly recount your experiences with them?
5. How often do you attend the Town Board meetings and how do you keep up with the information when you are unable to attend?

Mayor Warner commented that the interview process is to show transparency in their selection and the discussion of nomination of selection will take place in their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. and action may or may not be taken.

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

Mayor Warner adjourned the meeting at 6:45.

JACKIE WARNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Deborah Holland
Deputy Town Clerk