

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020 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, July 20, 2020 at 7:10 p.m.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jackie Warner, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Kenjuana McCray, Commissioners Jessie Bellflowers, Pat Edwards, Jerry Legge and Bryan Marley.

STAFF PRESENT

Town Manager Melissa Adams, Town Clerk Jane Starling, Planning & Economic Development Director Chancer McLaughlin, Police Chief Joel Acciardo and Public Works Director Don Sisko. Also present was Town Attorney Dan Hartzog, Jr.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was led by Deacon Pat Snyder, Good Shepherd Catholic Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Jackie Warner.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS.

Motion made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business Item g. To discuss and possibly take action on recommendations from the Nominating Committee and to conduct a closed pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(6) to discuss personnel matters.

2. PRESENTATIONS.

- a. Presentation of Yard of the Month Award by the Hope Mills Appearance Commission.

Ms. Cathy Johnson presented the Yard of the Month Award to Ms. Brenda Dix of 3532 Johnson Street, Hope Mills, on behalf of the Appearance Commission.

- b. Recognition of the Venturing Crew.

Mayor Warner commented the Venturing Crew leader did not submit all the names of the 22 scouts who did the lake clean up. The Venturing Crew will receive individual certificates and recognition at a later date once all names have been submitted.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS. NONE

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Ms. Mynon Neilwood, 5405 Heather Street, Hope Mills, NC. Ms. Neilwood commented on her concern for the traffic issues at Rockfish Road and the entrance to the old golf course and the possible development of new housing complexes.

Mr. Charlie Gardner, Law Office located at 5535 Trade Street, Hope Mills, NC. Mr. Gardner commented he represents his parents Charles and Janet Gardner that own the mineral rights to a 20-acre parcel of land near Golfview and Crampton Road that is being sought for development as well as the adjacent 33 acres owned by JNM of NC, Inc. The Gardner's acquired the mineral rights from Dixie Group, Inc in 2005. Mr. Gardner inquired if the developers of Par Four Village plan on disclosing to potential buyers that they do not own the mineral rights as future residents may be subject to removal for possible mineral extraction underground.

Mr. Richard Luetgenau, 5758 Crenshaw Drive, Hope Mills, NC. Mr. Luetgenau commented the petition opposing the possible housing development near Golf Acres that was brought to the Board's attention at the July 6th meeting has now received over 300 signatures.

Town Clerk Starling commented 21 residents submitted public comments in opposition of the opening of Crampton Road for Par Four Village development. Mayor Warner commented a copy of the 21 public comments was provided to each Board member.

Ms. Sandra Selover, 3615 Crampton Road, Hope Mills, NC, submitted a public comment via email in opposition of the opening of Crampton Road as traffic and speeding are already a concern in her neighborhood.

Ms. Shana Buford, 5705 Crenshaw Drive, Hope Mills, NC, submitted a comment via email in opposition of the opening of Crampton Road.

Mr. Douglas Delsoldato, 3525 Crampton Road, Hope Mills, NC, submitted a comment via email in opposition of the opening of Crampton Road and noted he signed the petition against it.

Ms. Denise Singer, 3714 Floyd Drive, Hope Mills, NC, submitted a comment via email in opposition of the opening of Crampton Road due to traffic concerns.

Mr. Thurman Blackman and Mrs. Marie Blackman, 3600 Crampton Road, Hope Mills, NC, submitted public comments via email in opposition of the opening of Crampton Road to a new development noting they have signed the petition against it.

Ms. Eileen Clary, Hope Mills resident that did not submit her address, submitted a comment via email in opposition of the opening of Crampton Road due to the safety of the children that reside in Golf Acres.

Mr. Mike Gillis, 3616 Crampton Road, Hope Mills, NC, submitted a comment via email in opposition of the opening of Crampton Road to a new development due to the safety of the neighborhood.

Mr. Craig Hampton, 3531 Crampton Road, Hope Mills, NC, submitted a public comment via email in submitted a comment via email in opposition of the opening of Crampton Road to a new development due to concerns for safety and property values.

Ms. Katrina Finch, 3713 Hagge Street, Hope Mills, NC, submitted a comment via email in opposition of the opening of Crampton Road to a new development due to concerns for safety, crime, and the wear and tear it may cause the roadways.

Mr. Tony Harrison, 5341 Pringle Way, Hope Mills, NC, submitted a comment via email in opposition of the opening of Crampton Road to a new development due to his concern for property values being affected negatively.

Mr. Bryan Smith, 5747 Crenshaw Drive, Hope Mills, NC, submitted a comment via email in opposition of the opening of Crampton Road to a new development due to traffic and child safety concerns.

Mr. Cliff and Ms. Kay Nelson, 3611 Crampton Road, Hope Mills, NC, submitted a comment via email in opposition of the opening of Crampton Road to a new development due to traffic concerns.

Mr. Herschel and Ms. Marian Caldwell, Hope Mills residents that did not list address, submitted a comment via email in opposition of the opening of Crampton Road to a new development due to traffic and speeding concerns.

Ms. Sharon Perry, 3508 Crampton Road, Hope Mills, NC, submitted a comment via email in opposition of the opening of Crampton Road as traffic is already an issue for this area.

Mr. Robert Waugh, Hope Mills resident that did not provide address, submitted a comment via email in opposition of the opening of Crampton Road.

Mr. Henry & Ms. Linda Curry, 5805 Rawls Court, Hope Mills, NC, submitted a comment via email in opposition of the opening of Crampton Road due to safety concerns for the children of Golf Acres.

Mr. Michael Perry, 3508 Cramton Road, Hope Mills, NC, submitted a comment via email in opposition of opening Crampton Road for a new housing development stating concerns for his children and other youth that live in his neighborhood.

Mr. Chuck Tatem submitted a comment via email on behalf of his mother, Ms. Joyce Tatem who lives at 5741 Crenshaw Drive, Hope Mills, NC. Mr. Tatem express concern for the opening of Golf Acres to additional traffic due to a possible housing development. Ms. Miriam DeCriscio, 3604 Crampton Road, Hope Mills, NC, submitted a comment via email in opposition of the opening of Crampton Road to a new housing development.

Town Clerk Starling read a public comment submitted to the Clerk's office via email from Jeremy Brewington, owner of Fire House Subs on Camden Road. The Brewington's commented in concern for the Town's enforcement of signs and requested the Town relax Code Enforcement and sign standards during the pandemic as businesses are hurting.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Consideration of Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for July 6, 2020.
- b. Consideration of Purchase of New Sanitation Truck in the Amount of \$173,733.53; which is included in the current budget.
- c. Consideration of Purchase of New Dump Truck in the Amount of \$92,500.00 plus \$3,400.00 for tax, tags and an emergency bar light; which is included in the current budget.

“END OF CONSENT AGENDA”

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and carried unanimously, to approve the consent agenda as read.

6. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration of Ordinance Amendment S2020-03 Changing the Appearance Commission to a Committee. Requested by Board of Commissioners on July 6th.

Town Manager Adams commented this item is a previous request from the Board. The Ordinance Amendment will remove the ability of the Appearance Committee to take action without the Board's consent.

Mayor Warner commented, for example, the Yard of the Month Award that was presented this evening, would have to come before the Board for approval prior to being presented during the meeting. The Appearance Committee would not have as much authority to make decisions.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray commented initially she wished for the Committees to be fair and the same across the Board when the Historic Preservation Committee was undergoing the change from Commission to Committee which prompted this request to remove all Town Commissions but she did not wish for the Appearance Commission to change.

Motion made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Bellflowers and carried unanimously, to keep the Appearance Commission as a Commission.

- b. **Non-Public Hearing Item - Case No. 17-074.** Consideration of the Dirty Whiskey Saloon; C(P) Site Plan Review; Hope Mills & County Zoning Ordinances; Zoned: C(P) & A1; Acreage: 5.51 ac. +/-; Located at 5431 & 5435 Corporation Drive (SR 2333); submitted by Jerry & Jacqueline Hall (Owners) and 4D Site Solutions – Scott Brown (Design Firm) (Hope Mills) (County).

Planning & Economic Development Director McLaughlin commented the developer/property owner is requesting to build a 6,000 square foot whisky bar. The proposed structure will be located where the grassed sports field is currently located. This is located at the existing Dirtbag Ales Brewery that was approved in 2018 and annexed into the Town. Sidewalks will be required along Corporation Drive.

Commissioner Bellflowers inquired which agency is responsible for funding and what conditions aid in determining the requirement for turn lanes. Planning & Economic Development Director McLaughlin commented Corporation Drive is a DOT road and the decision would rest with them. There was no indication in the comments from DOT that they would be requiring a turn lane.

Commissioner Legge inquired if the Town did not require enough parking spaces for the business as patrons have been parking along Corporation Drive. Mr. McLaughlin responded the parking requirement is based on use and the business is in full compliance.

Motion made by Commissioner Bellflowers, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray and carried unanimously, to approve Case No. 17-074 Dirty Whiskey Saloon; C(P) Site Plan Review; Hope Mills & County Zoning Ordinances; Zoned: C(P) & A1; Acreage: 5.51 ac. +/-; Located at 5431 & 5435 Corporation Drive (SR 2333); submitted by Jerry & Jacqueline Hall (Owners) and 4D Site Solutions – Scott Brown (Design Firm) (Hope Mills) (County).

- c. **Non-Public Hearing Item - Case No. 20-085.** Consideration of the Fayetteville PWC – Rockfish Creek Basin Flow Facility; Site Plan Review; Hope Mills Zoning Ordinance; Zoned: R7.5, R10 R6A & CD; Acreage: 45.12 ac. +/-; Located on the Southwest side of NC HWY 162 (George Owen Road), Southeast of SR 1107 (Fisher Road); submitted by Fayetteville PWC (Developer) (Hope Mills).

Planning & Economic Development Director McLaughlin commented the subject property is a large vacant 45.12-acre tract located along the eastern side of Georgetown Estates subdivision. The area is not currently suitable for residential development due to its location in a flood zone. PWC is proposing to construct the Rockfish Creek Basin Peak Flow Facility on the subject property that will serve as an overflow storage system used during peak flow periods of time.

Motion made by Commissioner Legge, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and carried unanimously, to approve Case No. 20-085 the Fayetteville PWC – Rockfish Creek Basin Flow Facility; Site Plan Review; Hope Mills Zoning Ordinance; Zoned: R7.5, R10 R6A & CD; Acreage: 45.12 ac. +/-; Located on the Southwest side of NC HWY 162 (George Owen Road), Southeast of SR 1107 (Fisher Road); submitted by Fayetteville PWC (Developer) (Hope Mills).

- d. **Non-Public Hearing Item - Case No. 20-088.** Consideration of the Mill Village; C(P), C3 & R10 Site Plan Review; Hope Mills Zoning Ordinance; Zoned: C(P), C3 & R10; Acreage: 20.34 ac. +/-; Located on the west side NC HWY 59 (Hope Mills Road), North of SR 1003 (Camden Road); submitted by Riddle Commercial Properties (Developer); Scott Brown – 4D Site Solutions (Engineer) (Hope Mills).

Planning & Economic Development Director McLaughlin commented the site is currently developed with an Advanced Auto Parts establishment and the rest of the site is currently a vacant parcel. The proposed project anticipates the development of a commercial retail shopping center that would absorb the currently auto parts store.

Commissioner Bellflowers inquired the number of entrances and exits that will be required. Mr. McLaughlin commented only one entrance is technically required but a secondary entrance is included in the site plan.

Commissioner Bellflowers inquired if the Department of Transportation will require a dedicated right-hand turn lane due to the amount of traffic on Hope Mills Road. Mr. McLaughlin responded he is not certain what they are requiring but a traffic impact study will likely be required.

Motion made by Commissioner Bellflowers, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and carried unanimously, to approve Case No. 20-088 the Mill Village; C(P), C3 & R10 Site Plan Review; Hope Mills Zoning Ordinance; Zoned: C(P), C3 & R10; Acreage: 20.34 ac. +/-; Located on the west side NC HWY 59 (Hope Mills Road), North of SR 1003 (Camden Road); submitted by Riddle Commercial Properties (Developer); Scott Brown – 4D Site Solutions (Engineer) (Hope Mills).

- e. Discussion of Grass Mowing, Weeds, Trash and Debris on NCDOT Roads. Requested by Commissioner Bellflowers.

Town Manager Adams commented as noted in the document she included for this agenda item, she reached out to NCDOT and received a response. NCDOT cited COVID-19 as a cause for the delays in responding to local concerns. The worst areas will be addressed in the next couple of weeks. DOT had to reduce the number of mowing cycles which has caused a number of roadways to appear unkempt but the contractor used for mowing operations will be soon underway. Litter pickup by DOT Maintenance staff has been hindered as well.

Commissioner Bellflowers commented several new residents brought this to his attention as they are not aware that the roadway belongs to DOT. The strip on Camden Road by McDonalds and Walgreens is littered with garbage and tall weeds.

Mayor Warner commented the Youth Leadership Committee suggested a cleanup take place to encourage our community to be cleaner and not throw things out as present garbage encourages others to litter as well.

Discussion ensued regarding contacting Verizon and other businesses to request they cleanup and volunteering opportunities.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray commented she plans to adopt a highway and work with the Public Works Director to determine the best area for youth aged 12 and over to work.

Discussion ensued regarding cleanup of roadways, the requirement for NCDOT to close down a lane of traffic for cleanup to occur, and the requirement for liability forms to be filled out.

- f. Discussion and Consideration of Mayor Warner's Appointment of a Golf Acres Neighborhood Representative on the Golfview Driveway Study Committee.

Mayor Warner commented it was recommended that a resident of Golf Acres serve on the Golfview Driveway Study Committee; former Commissioner Eddie Maynor was suggested. Mayor Warner requested the Boards approval to include Eddie Maynor as one additional member of that Study Committee.

Motion made by Commissioner Legge, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and carried unanimously, to approve Eddie Maynor as an additional member to the Golfview Driveway Study Committee.

- g. Discussion and possible consideration of the recommendations from the Nominating Committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray commented the Nominating Committee met on Friday, July 17, 2020 to review the applicants and would like to appoint Mr. Demetrius Polk to the Appearance Commission and Mr. Robert Cooksey to the Veterans Affairs Committee.

Motion made by Commissioner Marley, seconded by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, to approve the Nominating Committee's recommendations.

8. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

a. Manager's Report.

Town Manager Adams provided the following report:

Rockfish Road Sidewalk Project: Nothing new to report.

Johnson Street Sidewalk Project: 90% drawings have been reviewed by NCDOT. Our engineer is evaluating the comments and working on making the appropriate changes. Due to the furloughs and the situation with funding at NCDOT, we have been instructed to stay in a holding pattern until further instruction from DOT. Still no change due to NCDOT - nothing new to report.

The Fountain Lane property: Surveyor is working on scheduling a date to complete setting the corners. This project is in the new 2020-2021 FY Budget. Public Works would like to begin the construction of the parking lot during the off season for the Lake Park. Nothing new to report.

Former Episcopal Parish House vacant lot: The seeding for the Former Episcopal Parish House vacant lot, next to the Episcopal Chapel and the area around the dam has been completed. Currently working thorough the permitting process for the installation of the water meter.

Trade Street Museum: The Historic Preservation Committee held their meeting on July 8th at this location. The decision was made to proceed with the ADA compliance upgrades to the building and to make it a period piece as part of a walking tour.

Pumphouse repairs in Heritage Park: Public Works staff have contacted five different contractors. Public Works has been unable to obtain quotes for a mason to do the repairs to the masonry.

Public Works has received the draft Final ADA Transition Plan. Public Works has completed their review and Stewart, Inc. is in the process of editing, in order to finalize the plan.

John W. Hodges Public Safety Building: USDA Underwriting – after review of the Financial Feasibility Report, they have completed underwriting and submitted for State review. Once approved, our project will be submitted to the National Office for final concurrence. After this step, USDA will present a Letter of Conditions at the next scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting. Once approved, we can authorize the project to bid and schedule meeting with LGC. Architect – Plans, specifications and

front-end documents have been reviewed and approved by the USDA State Architect with no comments or concerns, per his review. Once funds are secured, we will authorize the project to bid. Nothing new to report, still awaiting on USDA approval.

The driveway and parking lot at Golfview Greenway has been completed. The contractor has completed the striping and signage for the ADA Parking spaces. Once the driveway permit is closed out with NCDOT we will schedule a date to open it up to the public.

The Town has signed the contract with the contractor that will complete the repairs to the Veterans Memorial Monument. Awaiting the contractor to schedule the repair work.

As part of the ADA compliance at the Lake Park, Duke Energy will be removing a tree and the Town will be removing a tree that is undermining the integrity of the walking path, directly across from the First Citizens Bank. This work will take place on Monday, July 20th just after the morning rush hour traffic has subsided. There will be a lane closure in order to facilitate the tree removal.

Parks & Recreation Update: Splashpad Design Development: Parks and Recreation will submit a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for design firms and water park vendors interested in providing the Town with engineering services required for proposed splash pad at Municipal Park. The design will provide the Town of Hope Mills with accurate cost estimates for future budgeting. The Board of Commissioners approved funding for the design in FY 2020-2021 budget.

Renovations to the Gary Dove building are 70% complete. The insurance claim for sheet rock damage and mold remediation was approved, and additional repairs have begun. The contractor is currently removing water damaged sheetrock and insulation. Mold treatment has occurred and the new sheetrock will be installed.

Athletic Programming: According to Civic Rec, current registration for Fall Sports are as follows:

- Soccer - 63
- Fall Baseball - 18
- Cheerleading - 13
- Volleyball - 9
- Football - 8
- Total - 111

Hope Mills P&R is hopeful that Fayetteville Cumberland has enough registrations for a few teams, which will allow us to join them to play games. If the number of participants registering for football and volleyball does not increase, the season may have to be cancelled. In the event we have to cancel the season, the Town would give participants the option of receiving a credit for soccer or fall football, or a total refund.

Special Events and Programs: Hope Mills Parks & Recreation has started offering Outdoor Zumba at the Park, Monday evenings 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., and Thursday mornings 9:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m.

We are currently taking registrations for Under Construction at the Lake - Saturdays, August 15th - September 5th from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., and Under Construction at the Park – Wednesdays, July 22nd - August 12th from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Registration for the Hope Mills Cotton Pageant will begin August 1st, pending COVID-19.

Planning & Economic Development Director Chancer McLaughlin is currently reviewing changes to the Code Enforcement Ordinances. Once he has completed his review and we have had an opportunity to over the proposed changes we will bring the proposed ordinance changes for Board discussion and consideration.

Because this Board of Commissioners has directed me to streamline the agenda process, the Finance Department has been working on some proposed changes to some of the policies. Finance Director Drew Holland has been reviewing those proposed changes; specifically the Travel Policy and the Purchasing Policy. Once he and I have completed our review, we will bring the proposed changes for Board discussion and consideration.

I have received a request from a local restaurant for the Town of Hope Mills to consider a local ordinance allowing alcohol sales at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings rather than noon. In 2017 the State of North Carolina passed Senate Bill 155 – “The Brunch Bill” which would allow alcohol sales beginning at 10: 00 a.m. on Sundays; but counties and local governments need to pass their own ordinances. The City of Fayetteville passed their ordinance allowing the sale of alcohol beginning at 10:00 a.m. in August 2017. The Ordinance discussion/consideration will be placed on the August 3rd Regular Meeting Agenda, as a New Business Item.

On Thursday, July 16th Finance Director Drew Holland, Parks & Recreation Director Lamarco Morrison and myself met with Dasmon Ellerbe to discuss the feasibility of transportation options for Town residents. The Board of Commissioners asked for the costs for the routes, with Route 103 to include FTCC. All routes are daily Monday – Friday. Option 1. Routes are split between Fayetteville and Hope Mills - \$135,687.00. Route 102 (Hope Mills Route) – Traemoor Village, Lake/Trade St., Town Hall, and Walmart. Route 130 (Fayetteville Route) – Cross Creek Mall, VA Hospital, Cape Fear Medical, and FTCC. Option 2. One Route stays in town for Seniors and special needs – Traemoor Village, Lake/Trade St., Town Hall, and Walmart - \$87,000.00. Option 3: Merge both options together 1 & 2 - \$250,000.00. After much discussion concerning the current situation with funding and the covid-19 Pandemic and so that we would be able to research possible grant funding; it was decided that we would bring these proposed costs forward with more detail, to the Budget retreat in March 2021. Parks & Recreation

Director Morrison has been researching funding options and if the Town is able to secure 100% funding prior to the 2021 Board, staff will bring it before the Board.

At the July 6th Regular Meeting Mayor Pro Tem McCray asked for discussion and possible action on the formation of a Hope Mills Millennial Advisory Committee; with the ages of the members to be between the ages of 18 and 39. The consensus of the Board of Commissioners was to have me bring back a proposal outlining the duties and rules and procedures for the proposed committee. Once adopted; we would advertise for members. Since the meeting, Mayor Pro Tem McCray, Town Clerk Jane Starling, Executive Assistant/Deputy Town Clerk Tiffany Shadik, and myself have been in conversation about having a contest to name the committee. Ms. Shadik has created a flyer about the contest and we have posted it to our Social Media pages and the website. Mayor Warner commented residents have inquired if it is feasible for the Town to live stream committee meetings.

Commissioner Bellflowers inquired if it is possible for Town staff to empty the garbage containers at the Lake more than once per week as they are attracting bees.

Discussion ensued regarding the possible addition of extra garbage containers at the lake and walking trail.

b. Reminders.

- Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 6:00 PM – the Veterans Affairs Committee will meet in the Hope Mills Parks and Recreation building.
- Monday, July 27, 2020 at 6:30 PM – the Parks and Recreation Committee will meet in the Hope Mills Parks and Recreation building.
- Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 6:30 PM – the Appearance Commission will meet in the Hope Mills Parks and Recreation building.
- Monday, August 3, 2020 at 7:00 PM – The Hope Mills Board of Commissioners will hold their regular meeting at Town Hall in the Luther Board Room.

c. 2nd meeting of the month Department Monthly Reports.

- Fire Department, June, 2020
- Police Department, June, 2020
- Inspections Department, June, 2020
- Permitting Department, June, 2020
- Stormwater Department, June, 2020
- Public Works Department, June, 2020
 - (1) Sanitation
 - (2) Service Garage
 - (3) Buildings & Grounds
 - (4) Street

9. STAFF COMMENTS.

10. OFFICIAL COMMENTS.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray thanked everyone who participated in the Community Meeting, especially Chief Acciardo, held via Zoom on July 14th.

Commissioner Legge thanked Town Manager Adams for addressing some of his concerns for the past week and Public Works Director Sisko.

Mayor Warner commented the Community Discussion with Senator deViere went well and she hopes to continue those discussions.

11. MOTION TO CONDUCT A CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11 (A)(6) TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS.

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

Mayor Warner instructed the Board to assemble in the front conference room at 8:24 p.m.

At 9:08 p.m. Mayor Warner called the regular meeting back to order.

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

Mayor Warner commented she has received many questions regarding the Town's Zoning Ordinance and she has attempted to research in order to answer these questions as the ordinance is quite ambiguous; suggesting each Board member study it as well.

Commissioner Marley inquired what Mr. Gardner was referring to during the public comments portion of the meeting. Attorney Hartzog responded mineral rights are separate from property ownership and entitle the owner of the mineral rights to explore any minerals that are underground. For example, those rights allow an owner to remove structures to access minerals below the surface of a tract of land. That is not a Town issue.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

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

Mayor Warner adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Jackie Warner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jane G. Starling CMC. NCCMC
Town Clerk