

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS
CLOSED SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019**

Mayor Warner called the Closed Session to order at 9:46 p.m.

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

Others present were Town Manager Melissa Adams, Town Clerk Jane Starling, Finance Director Drew Holland and Town Attorney Dan Hartzog.

PURPOSE: Closed Session was called pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) to discuss the lease terms of the former Ace Hardware building.

Item 1.

Finance Director Drew Holland explained that staff has explored numerous pieces of property for use as temporary housing for the police department while the public safety building is being built. The property that is being recommended is the former Ace Hardware Building at 3800 S. Main St. Due to the building layout, the fact that fiber is available nearby and the building can be made ready for police use with relatively few updates staff feels this is the best situation. Mr. Holland commented that the property is available to lease for 3 years at a cost of \$5,000 per month beginning on May 1, 2019.

Discussion ensued regarding the lease and if it would be cost effective to purchase the property.

Consensus was to take action on leasing the property once the Board goes back into open session.

Mayor Warner closed the session at 10:10 p.m. with no action taken.