

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS and HISTORIC PRESESRVATION
COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019, 5:00 P.M.
BILL LUTHER BOARD MEETING ROOM**

Mayor Jackie Warner called the special joint meeting of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners and Historic Preservation Commission to order on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

HISTORIC PRESESRVATION COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair, Pat Hall; Commissioners; Jody Fraser, Lisa Waring, Rod MacLean, Mason Steele, Patricia Grooms and Victor Lancaster.

STAFF PRESENT

Town Manager, Melissa Adams; Town Clerk, Jane Starling; Finance Director, Drew Holland; Development & Planning Administrator, Chancer McLaughlin; Chief Building Inspector, Ray Reeves; Building Inspector, Kenny Tatum; Police Chief, Joel Acciardo; and Fire Chief, Chuck Hodges. Also present was Town Attorney Dan Hartzog.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was led by Commissioner Jerry Legge, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance 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. The purpose of the Board of Commissioners joining the Historic Preservation Commission's Meeting is to discuss the Episcopal Church and Parish House, and the Trade Street Museum plan.

Commissioner Bellflowers handed out three documents. The first document was a copy of a letter emailed to Ms. Lisa Waring and dated April 13, 2016 from Ms. Ann V. Swallow, National Register Coordinator with the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. The letter summarized that the "Restoration Services Branch staff in this office has provided technical assistance to many churches and museum building for rehabilitation and repair projects", and gave contact information for Mr. Jeff Adolphsen, the Restoration

Specialist for Cumberland County. The second document was a printout from the NC State Historic Preservation Office and titled Grants for Historic Preservation Projects. It stated eligible applicants are Certified Local Governments (CLG) and gave other details about applying. The third document was a letter to “All Certified Local Governments in North Carolina” with additional grant information and an attached list of all the NC CLGs. Hope Mills was not named on the list which was updated as of November 30, 2018.

Commissioner Bellflowers commented that because we are not a CLG we are not eligible for any historic grants. Development & Planning Administrator, Chancer McLaughlin commented that he will research to find out the steps to becoming certified. Historic Preservation Commission Chair, Pat Hall commented that having a Historic Commission should qualify you to be a CLG. Commissioner Bellflower commented he spoke to Jeff Adolphsen today and Mr. Adolphsen is willing to come down and look at the Episcopal Parish house and the Episcopal Church as well. He will inspect the basic structure, floor, framing, roof, attic areas inside and out including underneath and make a determination as an expert on the condition of this building. Chancer McLaughlin commented that he has checked and sees that the Commission has taken some of the necessary steps to be a CLG already.

3. ADJOURNMENT.

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

Mayor Warner adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.