

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2022, 7:00 P.M.  
LUTHER BOARD MEETING ROOM**

Mayor Jackie Warner called the regular meeting of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, February 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Jackie Warner, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Kenjuana McCray; Commissioners Jerry Legge, Bryan Marley, Grilley Mitchell and Joanne Scarola.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Town Manager Scott Meszaros, Town Clerk Jane Starling, Finance Director Drew Holland, Public Works Director Don Sisko, Deputy Public Works Director Bruce Clark, Chief Building Inspector Kenny Tatum, Planning & Economic Development Director Chancer McLaughlin, Parks & Recreation Director Lamarco Morrison and Police Chief Stephen Dollinger. Also present was Town Attorney Dan Hartzog, Jr.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS.**

*Motion made by Commissioner Legge, seconded by Commissioner Marley and carried unanimously, to approve the agenda as presented with the removal of Consent Agenda item b moved to New Business item d; the removal of Consent Agenda Item c. Consideration of Approval of Board, Commission and Committee Policy; the removal of Old Business Item a. Consideration of Johnson Street Sidewalk Project Status; and the removal of Consent Agenda item g. Consideration of Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute an Agreement between the Hope Mills Parks & Recreation Department and the Hope Mills Youth Association moved to New Business e and the addition of a closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(6) to discuss a personnel matter.*

**2. OFFICIAL COMMENTS.**

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray remarked the FTCC Trade Skills Academy at South View High School will begin on Monday and they are still seeking students. FTCC will also be offering Summer Scapes courses. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray encouraged everyone to check out the Black History Month story walk along Hope Mills Walking Trail.

Commissioner Legge thanked the Historic Preservation Committee for their recent commitments and for honoring the Hodges family and provided an update on his brother's condition.

Mayor Warner acknowledged the Town honoring the accomplishments of the Hodges family.

### **3. PRESENTATIONS:**

- a. VFW Post 10630 Recognition of Officer William Cannon as Law Enforcement Public Servant Officer of the year for 2021.

Commander Jim Morris and Mr. Jim Belvins of VFW Post 10630 recognized Officer William Cannon as 2021 Law Enforcement Public Servant Officer.

- b. Family of Samuel Jasper Hodges proclamation and presentation from HPC.

Historic Preservation Committee Chairman Sharon Reeves presented a video of Jasper Hodges contributions to our community and shared a few words. Mayor Warner read and presented a proclamation to the family of Samuel Jasper Hodges.

- c. Public Safety Building Project Update Presented by Scott Garner, Architect.

Mr. Scott Garner of Garner Brown Architects provided an update on the Public Safety Building. The building is approximately 60% complete and all roof insulation has been placed which allowed for the building to dry in. The roof on the mechanical level between the two buildings is scheduled to be completed tomorrow and glass has been placed at building openings. The installation for the standing seam metal roof is scheduled to begin in two weeks and the process will take approximately three to four weeks. There are a number of upgrades to be considered that were discussed last month.

Mr. Garner reviewed the requested upgrades that will add to the value and durability of the building and reduce maintenance costs. These items would make up Change Order #6 for a total add of \$140,700.

Discussion ensued.

*Motion made by Commissioner Marley, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and carried unanimously, to approve the requested changes and that change order requests be included in future agenda packets.*

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

### **5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. Consideration of Approval of Draft Minutes from the February 7, 2022 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.
- b. Moved to New Business.
- c. Consideration of Approval of Board, Commission, and Committee policy, which the Board has previously reviewed.
- d. Consideration of Approval of Resolution R2022-04 Allowing Disposal of Surplus Police Equipment and Changes to Prior Disposal.
- e. DEV-006-22. Consideration of the Smoker’s Box; C1(P) Site Plan Review; Hope Mills Zoning Ordinance; Zoned: C1(P); Acreage: 0.46 ac. +/-; Located at 5621 Rockfish Road; submitted by Qahtan Alsaïdi (Developer).
- f. DEV-004-22. Consideration of the Recombination for Hayne Hens Farm Inc and Sterling-Riddle LLC; C2(P) ZLL Subdivision Review; Hope Mills Subdivision Ordinance; Zoned: C2(P); Acreage: 1.32 ac. +/-; Located on north side of NC 59 (N Main St), west of intersection with Dove Drive; submitted by Sterling-Riddle LLC (Developer) and Larry King & Associates, RLS, PA (Engineer/Surveyor).
- g. Moved to New Business.
- h. Acceptance of the January 2022 Financial Report.

**“END OF CONSENT AGENDA”**

*Motion made by Commissioner Marley, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and carried unanimously, to approve the consent agenda as read.*

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. ~~Consideration of Johnson Street Sidewalk Project Status.~~ Removed.

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Consideration and Acceptance of the Petition for Annexation of Camden Commons and Resolution No. R2022-02 Directing the Clerk to Investigate the Sufficiency of the Annexation Petition. This will be annexation number A2022-01 and is a contiguous annexation.

*Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray, seconded by Commissioner Marley and carried unanimously, to approve the petition for annexation of Camden Commons and*

*Resolution No. R2022-02 Directing the Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the annexation petition.*

- b. Consideration and Acceptance of the Petition for Annexation of Camden Preserve and Resolution No. R2022-03 Directing the Clerk to Investigate the Sufficiency of the Annexation Petition. This will be annexation number A2022-02 and is a contiguous annexation.

*Motion made by Commissioner Marley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray and carried unanimously, to approve the petition for annexation of Camden Preserve and Resolution No. R2022-03 directing the Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the annexation petition.*

- c. Discussion of Retirement of Historian Pat Hall. Requested by Commissioner Scarola.

Commissioner Scarola requested clarification on designating Pat Hall to Historian Emeritus as she did not indicate she was ready to retire her role as Town Historian.

Mayor Warner responded that historically the position of Historian has been appointed by the Mayor, the Town has no policies or requirements. This action was not to retire Pat Hall but to allow someone with the time or serving on the Historic Preservation Committee to assume the role.

Discussion ensued regarding adding the role of Town Historian into the Town's Policies and Procedures for Boards and Committees.

The consensus of the Board was to speak with Ms. Hall and consult with the Historic Preservation Committee to help draft a policy regarding the designation of a Town Historian.

- d. Consideration of Approval of Addition of a Map of Town Streets to Ordinance S2021-12. Original ordinance was approved November 15, 2022.

Discussion ensued.

*Motion made by Commissioner Marley, seconded by Commissioner Scarola and carried unanimously, to approve the addition of a map of Town streets to Ordinance S2021-12.*

- e. Consideration of Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute an Agreement between the Hope Mills Parks and Recreation Department and the Hope Mills Youth Association.

Commissioner Legge remarked he wished to excuse himself from voting on this matter as he serves as the President of the Youth Association. Town Attorney Hartzog clarified it is not a conflict of interest for Commissioner Legge as he has no financial benefit from this agreement.

Parks & Recreation Director Lamarco Morrison reviewed three changes that were made to the agreement.

*Motion made by Commissioner Marley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray and carried unanimously, to approve Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute an Agreement between the Hope Mills Parks and Recreation Department and the Hope Mills Youth Association.*

f. Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(6) to discuss a personnel matter.

*Motion made by Mayor Por Tem Dr. McCray, seconded by Commissioner Scarola and carried unanimously, to conduct a closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(6) to discuss a personnel matter.*

At 8:25 p.m. Mayor Warner instructed Board to assemble in the front conference room.

Mayor Warner called the regular meeting back to order at 9:11 p.m.

*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.*

## **REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:**

a. Manager's Report.

Town Manager Scott Meszaros provided a report included in the agenda packet.

b. Reminders.

- Tuesday, February 22, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. **Appearance Commission** in the Recreation Center at 5766 Rockfish Rd.
- Thursday, February 24, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. **Veterans Affairs Committee** in the Recreation Center at 5766 Rockfish Rd.
- Monday, February 28, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. **Parks and Recreation** in the Recreation Center at 5766 Rockfish Rd.

- Thursday, March 3, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. **Prime Movers** Luther Board Room Town Hall.
- Monday, March 7, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. **Board of Commissioners** Regular Meeting in the Luther Board Room, Town Hall, 5770 Rockfish Rd.
- Wednesday, March 9, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. **Historic Preservation Committee** in the Recreation Center at 5766 Rockfish Rd.
- Friday, March 11, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Board **Yearly Budget Retreat** at Rockfish Camp and Retreat Center (226 Camp Rockfish Rd, Parkton, NC 28371)

c. Department Monthly Reports.

- Fire Department, Jan., 2022
- Police Department, Jan., 2022
- Code Enforcement, Jan., 2022
- Permitting, Jan., 2022
- Public Works Department, Jan., 2022
  - (1) Sanitation
  - (2) Service Garage
  - (3) Buildings & Grounds
  - (4) Street

**8. STAFF COMMENTS.**

**9. ADJOURNMENT.**

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

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