

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019 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, March 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Town Manager Melissa Adams, Town Clerk Jane Starling, Finance Director Drew Holland, Interim Parks & Recreation Director Maxey Dove, Chief Building Inspector Ray Reeves, Police Chief Joel Acciardo, Fire Chief Chuck Hodges, Deputy Fire Chief Steve Lopez, Stormwater Administrator Beth Brown and Development & Planning Administrator Chancer McLaughlin. Also present was Town Attorney Dan Hartzog, Jr. and Cumberland County Planner Betty Lynd.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was led by Commissioner Legge, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Jackie Warner.

Prior to the invocation, Mayor Warner requested a moment of silence for the passing of Historic Preservation Commission member, Jody Fraser.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell and carried unanimously, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of New Business item d.; Discussion of the Arts Council Grant; as requested by Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell, New Business item e.; Discussion of the Hope Mills Historic District; as requested by Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell, New Business item f.; Discussion of Tree Preservation; as requested by Commissioner Larson and item g;. Consideration of approval of approving the Town Manager to sign a Lease agreement for the Temporary Police Station in the former Ace Hardware building at \$5,000 per month from the Consent Agenda to New Business.

2. PRESENTATIONS.

- a. Presentation of the Small Business Community Service Award to Marci Mang's Cakes and Bakes.

Mayor Warner presented Marci Mang with the Small Business Community Service Award plaque.

- b. Presentation of the Yard of the Month Award by the Appearance Commission.

Mayor Warner commented the resident receiving the Yard of the Month Award was not available for this meeting. The Yard of the Month Award will be presented at the April 1, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting.

- c. Proclamation naming April 6th Gary Dove Day.

Mayor Warner read the proclamation naming April 6 “Gary Dove Day.”

**Town of Hope Mills
Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Gary Dove was an invaluable volunteer for the Town of Hope Mills athletics programs who always met you with a big smile no matter where you saw him; and

WHEREAS, he assisted our community unselfishly as a member of the Hope Mills Youth Association from the 1980’s through the mid 2000’s serving as president several times; and

WHEREAS, Gary was honored as a “lifetime member” by the Hope Mills Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, he represented the Hope Mills Youth Association on the Cumberland County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board from the 1980’s through 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to honor his exceptional life and legacy by naming the Gary Dove Memorial Building at Brower Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jackie Warner, Mayor of the Town of Hope Mills proclaim
Saturday, April 6th, 2019 as

GARY DOVE DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Town, this
the 18th day of March, 2019.

Jackie Warner, Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Mitchell

Commissioner Jessie Bellflowers

Commissioner Pat Edwards

Commissioner Meg Larson

Commissioner Jerry Legge

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

- a. **Case P19-01:** Rezoning of 1.46+/- acres from R6A Residential to C(P) Planned Commercial or to a more restrictive zoning district; located on east side of NC 59 (Hope Mills Road), west of SR 1135 (John Smith Road), north of NC 162 (George Owen Road); submitted by Eric & Carrie Brown (owners) & Michael J. Adams on behalf of M.A.P.S. Surveying Inc. (agent). (Hope Mills) (Applicant has modified request to rezone 2.18+/- acres to C(P) Planned Commercial/CZ Conditional Zoning for motor vehicle sales).

Development & Planning Administrator Chancer McLaughlin presented this item. Mr. McLaughlin commented the area in question exists as three separate parcels of land all developed with vacant single-family residential structures. The applicant proposed to consolidate the parcels in question to construct a 6,400 square foot commercial structure for motor vehicle sales.

Mayor Warner opened the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Mayor Warner called for comments for or against Case P19-01. There were none.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell and carried unanimously, to close the public hearing for Case P19-01.

Mayor Warner closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Edwards and carried unanimously, to approve Case P19-01 rezoning request from R6A Residential & C(P) Planned Commercial to C(P) Planned Commercial/CZ Conditional Zoning for motor vehicle sales subject to the conditions within our packet and find this recommendation to be consistent with the Southwest Cumberland Land Use Plan (2014) which calls for "heavy commercial" at this location, C(P) Planned Commercial is classified as a "heavy commercial" zoning district and further find approval of the request is reasonable and in the public interest because the district requested is in harmony with the surrounding zoning and existing land uses.

- b. **Case P19-07:** Rezoning of .94+/- acre from C1(P) Planned Local Business District to C(P) Planned Commercial District/CZ Conditional Zoning for all allowed uses within the C(P) Planned Commercial District or to a more restrictive zoning district, located at 6428 & 6432 Camden Road; submitted by Fadhl Alhobishi (owner) & Mark Candler on behalf of Candler & Associates, Inc. (agent). (Hope Mills).

Development & Planning Administrator McLaughlin presented Case P19-07 commenting the lot is developed with an existing commercial structure the Board recently approved at the February 4, 2019 meeting for a coffee shop in one half of it. The applicant is proposing to utilize the other portion of the structure for motor vehicles sales.

Mayor Warner opened the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.

Mayor Warner called for comments for or against Case P19-07. There were none.

Motion made by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, to close the public hearing for Case P19-07.

Mayor Warner closed the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.

Commissioner Edwards inquired whether this case could be postponed until the owners come into compliance as they are currently under a stop work order. Mr. McLaughlin responded any action the Board takes to delay or approve will not affect the previously approved Coffee Shop.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell to deny Case P19-07 rezoning from C1(P) Planned Local Business District to C(P) Planned Commercial/CZ Conditional Zoning for all allowed uses with the C(P) Planned Commercial District, although the request is consistent with the Southwest Cumberland Land Use Plan (2014) which calls for "heavy commercial" at this location, the location criteria outlined in the Cumberland Land Use Plan requires public water and sewer at this location as the property is currently served by PWC for water but has no connection to public sewer, the Board of Commissioners find approval of the request is not reasonable or in the public interest and the motion carried 4 to 1, with Commissioner Edwards voting against.

- c. **Case P19-08:** Initial zoning of 2.95+/- acres R6 Residential or to a more restrictive zoning district; located on the south side of SR 1112 (Rockfish Road), east of SR 3091 (Deaver Circle); submitted by Nicholas Harrell (owner). (Hope Mills).

Development & Planning Administrator McLaughlin commented the initial zoning for Case P19-08 is the final step in the already approved annexation of Phase II of Deaver Circle.

Mayor Warner opened the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Warner called for comments for or against Case P19-08.

Nancy Umstead, 3258 Deaver Circle, Hope Mills, NC. Ms. Umstead inquired whether the annexation would affect surrounding properties and referenced "donut hole" annexations. Development & Planning Administrator McLaughlin responded the Town is not moving

forward with “donut hole” annexations and the annexation of 3091 Deaver Circle would not affect her property.

Motion made by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, to close the public hearing for Case P19-08.

Mayor Warner closed the public hearing for Case P19-08 at 7:32 p.m.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell and carried unanimously, to approve the initial zoning for Case P19-08 to R6 Residential and find this to be consistent with the Southwest Cumberland Land Use Plan which calls for “medium density” residential at this location and further find that approval of this request is reasonable and in the public interest because the Town initiated the request and the district requested is in harmony with the surrounding zoning and existing land uses.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Ms. Elizabeth Cooper, 4413 Golden Rod Court, Parkton, NC. Ms. Cooper spoke on the Boards recent action concerning ad hoc committees and removal of power from the Mayor.

Ms. Julia Gilmore, 5531 Heather Street Hope Mills, NC. Ms. Gilmore questioned the Boards intentions.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Consideration of approval of the March 4, Regular Meeting Minutes.
- b. Consideration of approval of the 2019 local Government Agencies General Records Retention and Disposition Schedule.
- c. Consideration of approval of Resolution 2019-06 in Opposition of Senate Bill 179 and House Bill 278 Parity for First Responders.

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF SENATE BILL 179 AND HOUSE BILL 278 PARITY FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

WHEREAS, the Town of Hope Mills is aware that Senate Bill 179 and House Bill 278 would create an unfunded mandate requiring it to provide and pay for a new retirement benefit for firefighters and rescue squad workers called a “special separation allowance;” and,

WHEREAS, municipal taxpayers would bear the entire cost of this new retirement without their local elected municipal officials having a say in this decision; and

WHEREAS, the legislation comes just weeks after the board which governs the Local Government Employees Retirement system, to which firefighters belong, made the

difficult decision to require municipalities to increase the amount which they pay into the retirement system by 1.2 percent of payroll in each of the next three years, which is approximately an additional \$75 million in annual costs from local government employers in each of those three years; and,

WHEREAS, a “special separation allowance” benefit would be in addition to the firefighter and rescue squad workers' pension benefit with an actuarial analysis by the state showing the present total value of the additional benefit for all eligible local government employees at roughly \$300 million; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of this new retirement benefit would be paid solely by the last employer, creating a deterrent to the hiring of late-career firefighters; and,

WHEREAS, cities and towns already have the authority in law to offer this benefit if they choose to do so without any state mandate; and,

WHEREAS, municipalities’ funding of the current retirement system has allowed it to remain one of the best-funded in the country, allowing all classes of employees to be secure in their retirement; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Hope Mills adopts this resolution in **OPPOSITION** of Senate Bill 179 and House Bill 278, Parity for First Responders.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this resolution are transmitted to the members of the General Assembly representing the Town of Hope Mills to let them know of our opposition on this issue.

Adopted this the 18th day of March 20, 2019.

JACKIE WARNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jane G. Starling, CMC Town Clerk

- d. Consideration of approval of non-statutory Ordinance No. 2019-04 Declaring a Road Closure for a Fourth of July Parade.

Town of Hope Mills
North Carolina
(Non-Statutory) Ordinance No. 2019-04

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR A FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

WHEREAS, the Town of Hope Mills acknowledges a long tradition of providing an annual Fourth of July parade for the pleasure of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hope Mills acknowledges its citizens realize a financial benefit from holding an annual Christmas parade; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Hope Mills acknowledges a parade requires approximately two (2) hours to install signing and traffic control. And also requires approximately two (2) hours for removing signs, traffic control, and litter;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Board of Commissioners of Hope Mills pursuant to the authority granted by G.S. 20-169 that they do hereby declare a temporary road closure during the day(s) and times set forth on the following described portion of a State Highway System route:

Date(s): Thursday July 4, 2019
Times: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Route Description: Begins at Rockfish Rd. at Rockfish Elementary school and travels east to the intersection of Rockfish Rd. and N. Main St., turns right on N. Main St., continues down N. Main St. to intersection of N. Main St. and Cameron Rd. and turns left on Cameron Rd. and ends at Hope Mills Middle School.

This ordinance to become effective when signs are erected giving notice of the limits and times of the parade, and implementations of adequate traffic control to guide through vehicles around the parade route.

Adopted this 18th day of March, 2019.

Jackie Warner, Mayor

Attest:

Jane G. Starling, Town Clerk

- e. Consideration of approval of 2019 Household Hazardous Waste and Shred Event 5/4/19. Household Hazardous Waste not to exceed \$25,000, Stericycle not to exceed \$500, Fayetteville Observer Advertising not to exceed \$2,000, and Direct Mail not to exceed \$3500. All items currently budgeted for FY 18-19.
- f. Consideration of approval of Budget Amendment #10 for accepting Insurance Proceeds in the amount of \$1,965.83.

Town of Hope Mills, North Carolina
 Budget Ordinance Amendment
 Fiscal Year 2018-2019
 Amendment #10

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Hope Mills, North Carolina, that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending in June 30, 2019:

Section 1. To amend the General Fund, the appropriations are to be changed as follows:

Account		Decrease	Increase
Vehicle Maintenance	10-510-4060	-	1,950.00
		<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,950.00</u>

This will result in a net increase of \$1,950 in the appropriations of the General Fund. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will be increased.

Account		Decrease	Increase
Insurance Proceeds	10-3940	-	1,950.00
		<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,950.00</u>

Section 2. Copies of this budget amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, and to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for their direction.

Adopted this 18th day of March 2019.

 Jackie Warner, Mayor

ATTEST:

 Jane G. Starling, Town Clerk

g. Consideration of Resolution of support for Food Lion Shopping Center to NCDOT.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-08
 TO SUPPORT AN APPLICATION BY THE VILLAGE COMPANY, LLC ON
 BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER DEVELOPMENT TO
 INSTALL A TRAFFIC LIGHT.**

WHEREAS, VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER has experienced a decline in customer traffic and sales by 10 % since the installation of medians on Main St.; and

WHEREAS, the Village Company, LLC is proposing remodeling Village Shopping Center by replacing lights, upgrading drainage, installing pedestrian crossings and sidewalks, and is seeking permission to install a traffic light; and

WHEREAS, Village Shopping Center employs 335 and the outparcels employs 350 persons for a total of 685 and together the two areas pay approximately \$48,296 in Town Property Tax and collect an estimated \$2,061,500 in sales tax; and

WHEREAS, there are plans for Camden Road to have medians installed which will further constrict access to the Shopping Center;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town of Hope Mills is in support of the application to allow the Village Company, LLC to install a traffic signal light at their central drive on Main Street on this 18th day of March, 2019.

Jackie Warner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jane Starling CMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk

- h. Acceptance of the February, 2019 Financial Statements.

“END OF CONSENT AGENDA”

Motion made by Commissioner Edwards and carried unanimously, to approve the consent agenda as read.

6. OLD BUSINESS: None.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion of Lake Advisory Commission; as requested by Commissioner Edwards.

Commissioner Edwards commented when the Lake Advisory Committee was formed several years ago, the Mayor had a list of items for the Committee to complete. Aside from the list of items the committee has since completed, an issue being raised is that meetings have not been held due to a lack of quorum. Commissioner Edwards suggested as

Committee Liaison, that the committee be dissolved or postponed until additional responsibilities are determined.

Discussion pursued regarding the election of officers for the Lake Advisory Committee after the resignation of the Chairman.

The consensus of the Board was to allow the Lake Advisory Committee to meet at their regularly scheduled meeting on March 19, 2019 to discuss election of officers.

- b. Discussion and consideration regarding Grant Writing opportunities; as requested by Commissioner Bellflowers.

Commissioner Bellflowers commented he requested this item to inquire how the Town is seeking grant opportunities. Town Manager Adams responded when staff becomes aware of a potential grant, the head of that department typically submits it. If it were a large grant, requiring the hire of outside assistance, the grant would be brought before the Board such as the PARTF grant.

- c. Discussion and consideration regarding scheduling a date in April 2019 for a Town Hall Meeting at the Hope Mills Parks and Recreation Center; as requested by Commissioner Bellflowers.

Discussion pursued regarding events taking place in the month of April.

The consensus of the Board was to hold the Town Hall Meeting on Monday, April 29, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of citizen engagement. The meeting will take place at the Town Hall.

- d. Discussion of the Arts Council Grant; as requested by Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell.

The purpose of this discussion was in request of a letter of support from the Board of Commissioners to be included in the grant application for the Fayetteville/Cumberland County Arts Council Grant. The \$10,000 grant, with matching funds through the Towns Sponsorship contributions, would support a project series called the Hope of Art. These events would include an art competition with all Hope Mills schools, a Farmers Market, a Farm to Table Dinner, a full art exhibition, and a spoken word poetry slam.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell inquired how the \$20,000 would be spent. Town Manager Adams responded staff could provide a copy of the detailed usage of the funds that would be included with the grant application.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell requested additional information about the Farm to Table Dinner. Development & Planning Administrator McLaughlin responded the initiatives the Town is attempting to promote in the project series would all tie together. The Farm to Table Dinner would feature a meal crafted from items sold by vendors at the Farmers Market.

Additionally, pieces included in the art competition would be on display at the Dinner and votes for the finalists would be taken.

Town Manager Adams commented the Arts Council informed staff that a significant portion of the grant funds would go towards the art exhibit to display the art properly.

Motion made by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, to move forward with a letter of support from the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners in pursuit of the Fayetteville/Cumberland County Arts Council Grant.

- e. Discussion of the Hope Mills Historic District; as requested by Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell commented he requested this item to inquire of Town Attorney Hartzog and Development & Planning Administrator McLaughlin about the Hope Mills Historic District being recognized by the Board officially.

Attorney Hartzog commented it has been brought to his attention that the Town's historic district has not officially been designated as a local historic district. Under North Carolina Statute, in order to designate a district as historic, an inspection and listing of all characteristics of the property is required to be submitted to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources recommended the Town have an architectural survey completed of the property we wish to be designated as a historic district, though it is not a statutory requirement.

Development & Planning Administrator McLaughlin spoke on a study conducted in 1985 of historical properties.

Commissioner Larson commented to her understanding, the Historic Preservation Commission was only interested in the Mill Village being designated as a historic district.

Discussion pursued regarding the 1985 and 2008 studies of historic districts. Cumberland County Planner, Betty Lynd commented the County validated the study in 2014.

Development & Planning Administrator McLaughlin commented after the 2014 study by the County was submitted, the state indicated, after mapping all the locations, they believed the Town did not have anything that rose to the level of a historic landmark or district. Mr. McLaughlin commented though it is not required, a prudent plan of action for the Town would be to update the study as every building in that boundary will be subject to a certificate of appropriateness review.

Discussion pursued regarding the option of the Board re-submitting the 2014 historic district report to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources so they may review it and send back recommendations for the Historic Preservation Commission. The Town

Attorney will review the report to make sure it contains the proper information prior to the resubmittal. Once completed, the state would make a recommendation to the Board; subsequently the Board would have thirty days to make a decision.

Motion made by Commissioner Bellflowers and carried unanimously, to re-submit the 2014 study conducted by Cumberland County to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to initiate the process of designating the Mill Village as a historic district.

f. Discussion of Tree Preservation; as requested by Commissioner Larson

Attorney Hartzog commented the issue of a resident cutting trees was brought to his attention. In turn, the Board has requested Attorney Hartzog look into whether the Town may strengthen the current ordinance which addresses razing trees, but only applies to developing or selling property. Statutorily the Town is not permitted to regulate forestry though it may address conditions that could be detrimental to public health and safety; in which case the Town would argue air quality and stormwater runoff.

Commissioner Bellflowers commented he received numerous calls concerning the abovementioned issue as citizens were under the impression the Town was responsible for the razing of trees. Town Manager Adams responded that was an absurd notion and nothing she would ever authorize.

The consensus of the Board was for the Town Attorney to proceed in strengthening the language of Town's current ordinance to feature a Tree Preservation Ordinance.

g. Discussion and consideration of authorizing the Town Manager to sign a Lease agreement for the Temporary Police Station in the former Ace Hardware building at \$5,000 per month.

Finance Director Drew Holland commented the Board gave consent during the March 9, 2019 Budget Retreat for Town staff to move forward with the lease of the former Ace Hardware building which is why it was originally placed on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Bellflowers requested Police Chief Joel Acciaro come forward to review the feasibility of the building in question. Chief Acciaro commented the building is centrally located, it features a secure parking lot in the rear, two access points, and the building itself is a blank slate. After viewing several other buildings, they determined the former Ace Hardware would be a good fit as it didn't require reconfiguration and the fiber line would only be moved two blocks.

Discussion pursued regarding the option of transferring the Police Department to mobile units in lieu of leasing a building. Finance Director Holland commented he determined leasing the former Ace Hardware Building was the most cost-efficient option for the Town.

The consensus of the Board was to hold a closed session at the end of the meeting to further discuss the terms of the former Ace Hardware building.

8. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

a. Manager's report.

1. Former golf course property: We had requested that the Department of Transportation give a cursory look at the proposed temporary driveway location. DOT has given unofficial approval of the proposed location and given the go ahead to have an engineer draw up a design for submittal. Staff is proceeding with the driveway permit submittal.
2. A follow-up meeting regarding the flooding in front of C. Wayne Collier Elementary School and Deaver Circle with representatives of Cumberland County Schools, NCDOT, and Cumberland County, along with Staff was scheduled on Tuesday, March 12th. The Department of Transportation discussed the project at the intersection of Camden and Rockfish, which is slated to begin in 2021. DOT indicated that they wished to wait until initial borings for the length of the project have been completed to determine the feasibility of proceeding with any kind of temporary measure of control. Those borings will begin around May/June 2019. Town and County staff will be reviewing these borings with DOT. School staff had no updates during the meeting. Town Staff has approached NC State Stormwater Graduate students with an opportunity to partner with the Town and the School to help provide a "green" solution to the problem and is awaiting their response. We are planning another meeting once a report on the borings results has been completed.
3. The Town received a promotional voucher in the amount of \$500.00 from 4Imprint, which is a company we utilize for most of our promotional items. The money will be used to purchase additional promotional items for the upcoming Citizens Academy as well as a table cloth for the Farmers Market which begins in May.
4. I first contacted Mr. Jeff Adolphsen, the State Restoration Specialist with the NCDNCR - State Historic Preservation Office following the Special Joint Meeting with the Historic Preservation Commission & the Board of Commissioners, which was held on February 13, 2019. Mr. Adolphsen indicated that he was very busy but would try to get back in touch with me within two weeks to schedule a date to come and do the inspection of the Parrish House. As of last week, I had not heard from Mr. Adolphsen. I emailed Mr. Adolphsen three times last week and left him two voicemail messages concerning when he was coming to do the inspection of the Episcopal Parrish House. Mr. Adolphsen returned my call on Monday of this week. He indicated that he had received all the information that we had sent him concerning the Parrish House, but had not had any time to review the documents. He explained that he was trying to schedule a visit to Hope Mills when he was going to be in the area for other purposes / inspections. He indicated that within the next two weeks, he should have a firm date for coming to do the inspection. I plan on following up next week, unless I hear back from him.

5. Reminder that the Annual Medicine Drop-Off event sponsored by the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department is scheduled for Saturday, March 23rd from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Hope Mills Fire Department.
6. Reminder that the spring session of the Citizens Academy begins on Tuesday, April 2nd and runs for eight weeks from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
7. Reminder that our first Food Truck Rodeo of the year is scheduled for Thursday, April 4th beginning at 5:00 p.m.
8. The Heating & Air for the Town Hall building is scheduled to be replaced the week of April 1st.
9. The new telephone system is scheduled to be installed the week of April 15th.
10. Reminder that Spring Sports Opening Day and "Gary Dove Day", along with the unveiling of the Gary Dove Memorial Building at Brower Park is scheduled for Saturday, April 6th beginning at 9:00 a.m.
11. Breakfast with the Easter Bunny is Saturday, April 6th from 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Hope Mills Recreation Center. The cost is \$6 per person and free for children 3 and under. April 1st is the last day to purchase tickets for the event. Tickets may be purchased at the Recreation Center. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held following the Breakfast beginning at 11:15 a.m.
12. The Easter Sunrise Service is scheduled for Sunday April 21st at 7:00 a.m. at the Town Hall Gazebo.
13. Our first Farmer's Market is scheduled to begin on May 4, 2019. It will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and run the first Saturday of every month until October. We have posted information concerning the Farmer's Market on our Facebook page.

Town Manager Adams reported Commissioner Edwards was appointed to a three-year term to serve on the Mid-Carolina Aging Advisory Council and the Town drafted a letter of acceptance on her behalf.

b. Reminders.

- Tuesday March 19, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m. **Lake Advisory Committee** meeting in the Parks and Recreation center.
- Wednesday March 20, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m. **Aquatics Feasibility Committee** meeting in the Luther Board Room in Town Hall.
- Monday, March 25, 2019 @ **4:00-6:00 p.m. Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee special meeting** consideration and discussion of, the findings of the Comprehensive Plan and the proposed Master Plan for the Golf Course in the Parks and Recreation Center.
- Monday March 25, 2019 @ **6:00-8:00 p.m. Public Input Meeting** consideration and discussion of, the findings of the Comprehensive Plan and the proposed Master Plan for the Golf Course in the Parks and Recreation Center.
- Tuesday March 26, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m. **Appearance Commission** meeting in the Parks and Recreation Center.
- Thursday March 28, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m. **Veterans Affairs Commission** meeting in the Parks and Recreation Center.

- Monday April 1, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m. **Festival Committee** meeting in the Front Conference room at Town Hall.
- Monday April 1, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m. **Board of Commissioners** regular meeting in the Luther Board Room at Town Hall.

c. Department Monthly Reports.

9. STAFF COMMENTS.

Cumberland County Planner, Betty Lynd informed the Board she had accepted a position with the Fayetteville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and would no longer be attending the Board meetings.

10. OFFICIAL COMMENTS.

Commissioner Bellflowers thanked the speakers who attended.

Commissioner Legge commented parking will likely be an issue during Spring Sports Opening Day on April 6th and requested the Police Chief have a team prepared.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell and carried unanimously, to conduct a closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) concerning the acquisition of real property.

Mayor Warner instructed the Board to assemble in the front conference room at 9:40 p.m.

At 10:13 p.m. Mayor Warner called the meeting back to order.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell 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.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell and carried unanimously, to approve the Town Manager to sign a 3-year Lease agreement beginning on May 1, 2019 for the Temporary Police Station in the former Ace Hardware building at a cost of \$5,000 per month for a period of three years.

11. ADJOURNMENT.

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

Mayor Warner adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.