

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 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, April 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Jerry Legge and Commissioner Bryan Marley.

STAFF PRESENT

Town Manager Scott Meszaros, Town Clerk Jane Starling, Finance Director Drew Holland, Planning & Economic Development Director Chancer McLaughlin, Police Chief Stephen Dollinger and Public Works Director Don Sisko. Also present was Town Attorney Dan Hartzog, Jr.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was led by Rev. Tim Gore, Liberty Hospice Chaplain, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Jackie Warner.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS.

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

2. OFFICIAL COMMENTS.

Commissioner Mitchell thanked everyone who attended the Easter Sunrise Service.

Mayor Warner echoed the comments of Commissioner Mitchell.

3. PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Proclamation of April 22nd as Earth Day in Hope Mills.

Mayor Warner read the proclamation for Earth Day.

- b. Proclamation of May as Older Americans Month in Hope Mills.

Mayor Warner read the proclamation for Older Americans Month.

- c. Proclamation of May 7th as Kindness Day in Hope Mills.

Mayor Warner read the proclamation for Kindness Day in Hope Mills.

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

Mr. Scott Garner of Garner Brown Architects provided an update on the Public Safety Facility. Mr. Garner remarked the construction is moving slower than hoped. The contractors are currently 70% complete with the installation of the standing seam metal roof. Work has begun on the interior of the building to include painting and installation of ceramic tiles and toilets in bathrooms. The next step is to install the red and blue panels on the exterior of the building. The building is approximately 70% complete.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. **CASE#: ZNG-001-22** - Initial zoning of 0.75+/- ac to R7.5 or more restrictive zoning. Property located at 4465 Calico St. REID 0424220129000. Owner: Scott Meszaros.

Mayor Warner opened the public hearing for Case ZNG-001-22 at 7:13 p.m.

Mayor Warner called for comments for or against Case ZNG-001-22. There were none.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray to close the public hearing.

Mayor Warner closed the public hearing for Case ZNG-001-22 at 7:14 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Scarola and carried unanimously, in Case ZNG-001-22, the Board of Commissioners approve the initial zoning request from County R7.5 to Town R7.5 and finds that the approval is consistent with the adopted current Southwest Cumberland Land Use Plan of "Low Density Residential" and that recommending approval of the request is reasonable and in the public interest because the site is developed with an existing single family residence that does not propose any new construction that would disrupt the harmony of the established residential development in the surrounding area.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Irene Grimes, 3918 Colorado Drive, Hope Mills, NC. Ms. Grimes remarked she serves on two Boards for the County. One of the Boards is currently drafting an invocation policy. In an effort to be inclusive Ms. Grimes encouraged the Town to acknowledge all faiths and the use of different ministers.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Consideration of Releasing Closed Session Minutes from March 2, 2020 on Property Acquisition. This has been reviewed by the Town Clerk, Town Attorney and Town Manager and release is recommended.
- b. Consideration of Releasing Closed Session Minutes from Feb. 15, 2021 on Property Acquisition. This has been reviewed by the Town Clerk, Town Attorney and Town Manager and release is recommended.
- c. Consideration of Releasing Closed Session Minutes from March 15, 2021 on Property Acquisition. This has been reviewed by the Town Clerk, Town Attorney and Town Manager and release is recommended.
- d. Consideration of Approval of Draft Minutes from the March 21, 2022 Closed Session.
- e. Consideration of Approval of Draft Minutes from the April 4, 2022 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.
- f. **NON-HEARING Case No. DEV-007-22.** Consideration of the Maxwell Estates Subdivision; R6 Zero Lot Line Subdivision Review; Hope Mills Subdivision Ordinance; Zoned: R6; Acreage: 45.41 ac. +/-; Located at 771 Chicken Foot Road; submitted by Vaughn King (Developer) and Michael Blakley of DDS, Inc. (Engineer).
- g. Acceptance of the March, 2022 Financial Report.
- h. Consideration of Approval of Resolution R2022-11 Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Items. Items to be disposed, included an old server from Town Hall to be scrapped and sold on Gov Deals and Car #147 – 2012 Dodge Charger total loss to be picked up by insurance co.

“END OF CONSENT AGENDA”

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

7. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion of Kayak and Bike Rental at the Lake Park. This was requested by Commissioner Legge.

Town Manager Meszaros remarked Hydrobikes NC met all of the requirements to operate on Hope Mills Lake as they acquired a permit from the Town, insurance and have

a tax ID. The business operators also met with the Plan Review staff and spoke with Parks & Recreation Director Lamarco Morrison to comply with all Town requirements to operate a business on the lake.

- b. Consideration of Accepting an Annexation Application and Approval of Resolution R2022-10 Instructing the Town Clerk to Investigate the Sufficiency of the Application.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and carried unanimously, to approve Resolution R2022-10 instructing the Town Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the application.

- c. Consideration And Possible Approval of Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation for The Creation of a Non-Profit for the Hope Mills Prime Movers.

Planning & Economic Development Director McLaughlin, staff liaison to the Prime Movers presented this item. Mr. McLaughlin remarked the lack of a 501(c)(3) has prevented the Prime Movers from accepting donations from local businesses. The 501(c)(3) will operate under the Town with Mr. McLaughlin as the primary registered agent of the Town.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray, seconded by Commissioner Scarola and carried unanimously, to approve the bylaws and articles of incorporation for the creation of a non-profit for the Hope Mills Prime Movers.

9. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a. Manager's Report.

Town Manager Meszaros provided a copy of the report in the agenda packet.

- b. Reminders.

- **SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022 TOWN/COUNTY TRASH PICKUP.**
- Monday, April 25, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. **Appearance Commission** in the Recreation Center at 5766 Rockfish Rd.
- Thursday, April 28, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. **Veterans Affairs Committee** in the Recreation Center at 5766 Rockfish Rd.
- Monday, May 2, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. **Board of Commissioners** Regular Meeting, Luther Board Room in Town Hall.
- Thursday, May 5, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. **Prime Movers** Luther Board Room Town Hall.
- **MAY 7, 2022 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND SHRED EVENT**

c. Department Monthly Reports.

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

10. STAFF COMMENTS.

Town Clerk Starling commented she is still accepting applications for Boards, Committees and Commissions.

11. ADJOURNMENT.

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

Mayor Warner adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Jackie Warner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jane G. Starling CMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk