

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020 12:00 NOON
BILL LUTHER BOARD MEETING ROOM**

Mayor Jackie Warner called the special meeting of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners to order on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jackie Warner, Mayor Pro Tem Kenjuana McCray, Commissioners Jessie Bellflowers, Pat Edwards, Bryan Marley, and Jerry Legge.

STAFF PRESENT

Town Manager Melissa Adams, Town Clerk Jane Starling, and Planning & Economic Development Director Chancer McLaughlin. Also present was Town Attorney Dan Hartzog.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was led by Chaplain Grilley Mitchell, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Jackie Warner.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Motion made by Commissioner Marley, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and carried unanimously, to approve the agenda as presented with the removal of Item B; to conduct a closed session pursuant to NCGS § 143-318.11 (a)(5) concerning the acquisition of real property.

2. ITEMS:

- a. Discussion/presentation concerning the former Episcopal Parish House from the Jeff Adolphsen, Senior Restoration Specialist, NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – Historic Preservation Office, and Cathleen Turner, Regional Director, Preservation North Carolina.

Mayor Warner explained that Jeff Adolphsen, Senior Restoration Specialist could not be present and introduced Cathleen Turner, Regional Director of Preservations North Carolina.

Ms. Turner thanked the Board of Commissioners for inviting her to Hope Mills to provide input on the former Episcopal Parish house. She commented that while she cannot answer the question “is it worth saving”, she can recommend alternatives for saving it. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Commissioner Bellflowers, seconded by Commissioner Legge and failed two to three with Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray, Commissioners Edwards and Marley voting against; to accept an offer of intent to sell the property.

Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Commissioner Legge, seconded by Commissioner Bellflowers and failed two to three with Mayor Pro Tem McCray, Commissioners Edwards and Marley voting against; to cancel the demolition of the parish house.

3. ADJOURNMENT.

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

Mayor Warner adjourned the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

Jackie Warner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jane G. Starling CMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk