

**REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners was called to order by Mayor Dees at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners Luther, Smith, Gorman, Legge, and Collins were present.

Others present were Town Manager Randy R. Beeman, Town Attorney William R. Davis, Parks and Recreation Director Anita Kilgore, Public Works Director Bruce McLaurin, Chief Building Inspector Mike Bailey, and Police Chief John Hodges. Also in attendance was Mr. Bob Nicholl, Consultant to the Town Manager.

Chaplin Tim Gore, Advantage Hospice and Home Care, gave the invocation, and Mayor Dees led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS, ADDITIONS, DELETIONS.**

There were none.

**2. STATUS REPORT ON HOPE MILLS LAKE/DAM PROJECT.**

Mayor Dees stated he was sure everyone had noticed the work on the dam and spillway project had finally begun. He said the groundbreaking ceremony was very nice and there was a lot of media coverage from the newspaper and several television stations.

Mayor Dees noted that Crowder Construction is on the scene and they have set up their trailers and have begun working on putting up the silt fences for erosion control. He stated they were building the road into the area on the west side of the lake and everyone should see some dirt being moved very soon.

Mayor Dees said that Mr. Tim Labounty, engineer who designed the spillway, has resigned from McKim & Creed. He said he did not have any details at this time, but was assured that the drawings were all complete and that his role would have been minimal as the work progressed. He noted that Gordon Rose is now the engineer of record and he will sign off on all the regulatory requirements.

Mayor Dees opened the floor for public comments and/or questions, and there were none.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

Eddie Maynor, 3718 Floyd Drive, thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak and stated he wished to comment regarding a recent statement in the newspaper relative to a previous Board "blew it regarding Kings Mills Subdivision." Mr. Maynor remarked there were unusual circumstances relating to the Kings Mill Subdivision, and the previous Town Board did not blow it, and in fact, they abided by all requirements. Mr. Maynor asked the Board and Mayor to refrain from talking about previous Board members and political sniping. He said he felt no elected official did anything wrong to hurt the Town and/or the citizens. Further, Mr. Maynor asked the Board members to please become informed of the circumstances, and some mistakes were made but they had been dealt with. Mr. Maynor said it was time to move on and to stop the political rhetoric. He asked that the political games be stopped and everyone work

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together to continue to make Hope Mills the great place to live and work that it is.

Mayor Dees noted that the minutes from the meeting stated the decision was of a prior administration and did not reflect prior Board.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Dees presented the consent agenda and asked if there were any items the Board wished moved to the regular agenda for discussion.

**Commissioner Luther made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Commissioner Collins seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.**

- a) **Consideration to approve Minutes of the May 7, 2007 and May 21, 2007 Regular Meetings.**

**Minutes approved as written.**

- b) **Consideration to adopt Amended Contract to Audit Accounts 2005/2006 (changes completion date to June 30, 2007).**

Finance Director Saleeby stated the contract to audit accounts for this fiscal year needed to be amended to show a completion date of June 30, 2007. He stated the audit for the referenced year will not receive Local Government Commission approval until the contract is amended.

A copy of the Amended Contract is filed in the Book of Contracts in the Town Clerk's Office.

**Amended Contract to Audit Accounts adopted.**

**"END CONSENT AGENDA"**

- 5. CASE NO. 07-082. CONSIDERATION OF ZERO LOT LINE SUBDIVISION REVIEW (TOWN HOMES) ETHAN'S PLACE, LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST INTERSECTION OF DUNCAN STREET AND POPE STREET, NORTH OF DAVIS STREET.**

Mr. Ed Byrne, Cumberland County Planning Department, displayed a map of the subject property and stated the site was located at the northwest intersection of Duncan Street and Pope Street, north of Davis Street. He stated the developer proposed a zero lot subdivision for town homes on 1.58 acres and the property was currently zoned R6 Residential District.

Mr. Byrne stated the R6 zoning district under zero lot line allowed for lot sizes of 4,000 square feet per lot/unit for development of five lots/units or more. Mr. Byrne stated the proposed development consisted of 14 residential lots with town home units.

Mr. Byrne noted prior to submission for final plat approval of lots 1-5, the developer must apply for and receive approval of the road closing of the old right-of-way of Pope Street from the Town. Mr. Byrne noted the developer must contact the Town for more information on the street closing process.

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Mr. Byrne presented and briefly review the recommended conditions of approval.

Mayor Dees asked if the Board would allow the developer to answer some questions regarding this subject property.

Dan Culliton, 3606 Sugarcane Circle, Fayetteville NC, stated he was the developer of the property.

Mayor Dees asked Mr. Culliton if he was aware of the Town's Tree Ordinance and Tree Restoration Ordinance. Mr. Culliton stated he was unaware of the ordinance, but would be willing to comply with the ordinance.

In response to a question from Commissioner Luther regarding relocating Pope Street, the developer stated the street closing would not result in any changes to the road.

In response to a question from Commissioner Legge, the developer stated he would like to build the units to improve the area.

In response to a question from Commissioner Legge regarding stormwater runoff, Mr. Byrne stated the Town's Public Works Department must approve the plans. Commissioner Legge expressed concerns with stormwater runoff issues.

Commissioner Gorman commented regarding one of the conditions of approval which stated prior to clearing and/or removing any tree regulated by the Town's Landscape and Tree Preservation Code provisions, the developer must first obtain a tree removal permit from the Town's Inspection Department.

Tab Floyd, General Contractor, stated he spoke with Jerry Thompson in the Inspections Department and Mr. Thompson told him to go ahead and proceed with the project.

Mayor Dees stated with all due respect, these kinds of comments frustrated the Board because this information was not received in writing. Mayor Dees stated these situations should be handled differently.

Commissioner Luther asked if Mr. Culliton and Mr. Floyd were the new owners of this property. Mr. Byrne stated when the surveyor submitted the information and the plans to the County Planning Department, he provided information from the tax roll records. Mr. Culliton stated he was now the new owner of the subject property.

**Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the zero lot line subdivision for Case No. 07-082 subject to conditions. Commissioner Gorman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.**

**CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

1. The developer is encouraged to contact the Hope Mills Street Department to address concerns and provide more information to the Town Staff regarding storm water runoff, drainage systems, and easement locations, prior to the Town Board's consideration of this case.

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2. The owner/developer(s) of these lots must obtain detailed instructions on provisions of the Hope Mills Zoning Ordinance and permits required to place any structure within this development from the Hope Mills Inspections Department in the Town Hall at 5770 Rockfish Road. For additional information, the developer should contact a Hope Mills Inspector.
3. Connection to public water and sewer is required, the Public Works Commission must approve water and sewer plans prior to application for any permits.
4. Prior to clearing and/or removing any tree regulated by the Town's Landscape and Tree Preservation Code provisions, the developer must first obtain a tree removal permit from the Town's Inspections Department.
5. The developer must provide the Town Inspections Department with an approved state sedimentation and erosion control plan (S&E) prior to any application for permits. If any retention/detention basins are required for state approval of this plan, then five copies of a revised plan must be submitted and approved by County's Land Use Codes Section prior to application for any permits.
6. The Hope Mills Street Department or the Town Engineer must approve the proposed curb-cut(s) and the proper permits must be obtained prior to zoning/building permit application.
7. The developer must provide a site-specific address and tax parcel number at the time of building/zoning permit application.
8. A *Certificate of Occupancy* will not be issued until a Hope Mills Inspector inspects the site and certifies that the site is developed in accordance with the approved plans.

**Site-Related:**

9. All uses, dimensions, setbacks and other related provisions of the Hope Mills Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances for the R6 zoning district must be complied with, as applicable.
10. This conditional approval is not approval of any freestanding sign; if a freestanding sign is desired, a revised plan must be submitted for review and approval prior to application for any permits. The signage for this development is required to be in accordance with the applicable sign regulations as set forth in Article X of the Hope Mills Zoning Ordinance and the proper permit(s) must be obtained prior to the installation of any permanent signs on the property. (Note: This conditional approval is **not** approval of the size, shape, or location of any signs.)
11. All applicable provisions of Section 86.86, "Group Developments", Hope Mills Subdivision Ordinance, must be complied with.
12. An adequate drainage system must be installed by the developer in accordance with good engineering practices and the standards of the Town. (§ 86-122(f) HM Subdivision Ord) Sidewalks must be constructed along both Duncan Street and Pope Street in accordance with the standards of the Town of Hope Mills. (§ 86.122(g), HM Subdivision Ord)
13. All utilities, except for 25kv or greater electrical lines, must be located underground. (§ 86-128(b), HM Subdivision Ord)
14. The developer must obtain driveway permits from the Hope Mills Street Department.
15. All lighting is required to be directed internally within this development.

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16. The developer must take measures to ensure fire department access around the town homes is not impeded due to the construction of any type of barriers that would prevent a 360 degree access to the structures in the event of an emergency.
17. All dumpster, garbage, and utility areas shall be located on concrete pads and screened on a minimum of three sides.
18. All off-street parking spaces are required to be a minimum size of 8 ½' x 20'.

**Plat-Related:**

19. Prior to submission for final plat approval of Lots 1 – 5, the developer must apply for and have approval of the road closing of the old right-of-way of Pope Street from the Town of Hope Mills. (Note: The developer must contact the Town of Hope Mills for more information on street closings.)
20. A 25 foot radius is required at the intersection of Pope Street and Duncan Street and this must be reflected on the final plat.
21. Prior to final plat approval of any portion of this development, the developer is required to submit a check in the amount of \$3,998.73 (\$285.62 per lot) payable to “Town of Hope Mills”. This condition is in accordance with Section 3.13.1, Parks, Open Space, Recreation Provisions, Hope Mills Subdivision Ordinance, which requires every residential dwelling unit to provide a portion of land, in certain instances, or pay a fee in lieu of dedication, for the purposes of providing park, recreation and open space areas. (Town of Hope Mills)
22. The builder/developer shall provide the buildable envelopes on the final plat: providing a five-foot maintenance easement along each side of all common internal lines with all other applicable setbacks being provided for, **or** at the time of permit application, the individual plot plans must be approved by Hope Mills Inspection Department prior to issuance of any permits.
23. Any/All easements shall be reflected on the final plat and labeled as to type of easement, reference number for document creating the easement, and the name of the agency, individual, etc. who holds the easement.
24. A “no access” easement must be placed on Lot 1 along Pope Street and this must be reflected on the final plat.
25. The notarized signature(s) of all current tax record owner(s) and notary certifications appear on the final plat when submitted for final approval.
26. The final plat must be submitted to Land Use Codes for review and approval for recording with the County Register of Deeds, and the plat must be recorded prior to any permit application for any structure and/or prior to the sale of any lot or unit within this development.

**Plat-Required Statements:**

27. All structures shall be shown on the final plat or the final plat shall reflect the following statement:

“Nonconforming structures have not been created by this subdivision.”

**Advisories:**

28. The Town Fire Department highly recommends the developer install a residential sprinkler system in each town home to aid in the protection of life and property.

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**6. CASE NO. 07-084. CONSIDERATION OF ZERO LOT LINE SUBDIVISION AND C(P)/C1P SITE PLAN REVIEW (TOWN HOMES), FOR THOMAS J. FRANGAKIS PROPERTY, LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF N. MAIN STREET AND THE EAST SIDE OF BUTLER STREET, NORTH OF DOVE DRIVE.**

Mr. Byrne displayed a map showing the location of the subject property and stated the site was located on the south side of North Main Street and the east side of Butler Street, north of Dove Drive. He stated the developer proposed a zero lot line subdivision and C(P)/C1P Site Plan on 2.40 acres, and the current zoning of the property is C(P), C1(P), and R5A Residential district. Mr. Byrne stated the CP and C1P site plan was for an addition to an existing strip shopping center located on Lot 1, and this review was not an approval for any development on Lot 2.

In response to a question from Mayor Dees regarding access for fire vehicles, Mr. Byrne stated access would be available from North Main Street through the strip shopping center. He stated even though he had not seen the plan for the Butler Street lot officially, he understood there would be an access off Butler Street as well.

Commissioner Legge expressed concerns with the residential building being located on commercially zoned property. Mr. Byrne noted the developer had submitted a rezoning application for residential rezoning which would be heard by the Hope Mills Zoning Board on June 25th and the Town Board on July 16th.

A brief discussion ensued regarding commercial zoning along Hope Mills Road.

In response to a question from Commissioner Luther, Mr. Byrne stated an existing house would be removed.

In response to a question and concerns expressed by Commissioner Luther, Mr. Byrne stated an access point for emergency vehicles would also be provided on Butler Street as shown on the developer's preliminary plans. Mr. Byrne stated the Board was not approving any apartment plans at this time, only the zero lot line subdivision review.

Commissioner Legge expressed concerns why there was residential development in an already zoned commercial property.

In response to a question from Commissioner Legge, Mr. Byrne stated the Board was not changing any zoning at this time, but was simply being asked to allow an expansion of the shopping center. Mr. Byrne reiterated this was not approval of any apartments and was not changing any zoning.

**Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the zero lot line subdivision site plan in Case No. 07-084 subject to conditions. Commissioner Gorman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.**

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29. The owner/developer(s) of these lots must obtain detailed instructions on provisions of the County Zoning Ordinance and permits required to place any structure within this development from the County Code Enforcement Section, Room 101 in the Historic Courthouse at 130 Gillespie Street. For additional information, the developer should contact a Code Enforcement Officer.
30. Connection to public water and sewer is required, the Public Works Commission must approve water and sewer plans prior to application for any permits.
31. The developer may have to provide the Code Enforcement Section with an approved state sedimentation and erosion control plan (S&E) prior to any application for permits. If any retention/detention basins are required for state approval of this plan, then five copies of a revised plan must be submitted and approved by Planning & Inspections prior to application for any permits.
32. The NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and Town Street Department/Town Engineer approve the proposed curb-cut(s) and the proper permits must be obtained prior to zoning/building permit application.
33. At a minimum, a zoning permit is required prior to the placement of any structure on any portion of any lot within this development.
34. The developer must provide a site-specific address and tax parcel number at the time of building/zoning permit application.
35. The developer is required to provide landscaping as shown on the site plan. The following are the minimum standards for required for landscaping this site:
  - a. Two large shade trees or six small ornamental trees are required within the minimum six foot wide street yard landscape;
  - b. Two trees and twelve shrubs are required within the parking area;
  - c. All required plant materials shall be maintained by the property owners, including replacing dead or unhealthy trees and shrubs. Trees shall be maintained in a vertical position at all times.
  - d. All planting areas shall be kept free of weeds and debris.
36. A *Certificate of Occupancy* will not be issued until a Hope Mills Inspector inspects the site and certifies that the site is developed in accordance with the approved plans.
37. Any addition and/or revision to this site plan shall require an additional review and approval by the Planning & Inspections Department and Town Staff prior to application for any permits.

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38. The existing dumpster located on the proposed Lot 2 must be moved to Lot 1 as indicated to serve the shopping center. All dumpster, garbage, and utility areas shall be located on concrete pads and screened on a minimum of three sides.
39. All uses, dimensions, setbacks and other related provisions of the Hope Mills Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances for the C1(P), C(P) & R5A zoning districts must be complied with, as applicable.
40. The signage for this development shall be in accordance with the applicable sign regulations as set forth in Article X of the Hope Mills Zoning Ordinance and that the proper permit(s) must be obtained prior to the installation of any permanent signs on the

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property. (Note: This conditional approval is **not** approval of the size, shape, or location of any signs.)

41. Sections 86.122 (f), "Required Drainage"; 86.122 (g), "Sidewalks"; and 86-128 (b), "Underground Utilities", of the Hope Mills Subdivision Ordinance must be adhered to.
42. The Hope Mills Street Department and the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) must approve street and drainage plans. This approval must be received prior to application for any building permits.
43. Turn lanes may be required by the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT).
44. All lighting is required to be directed internally within this development.
45. The entrance to the property needs to be large enough to accommodate fire apparatus and the site must provide a 360-degree access around the structure.
46. A "bufferyard" must be provided and maintained where the commercial district abuts the residential district, in accordance with Section 102-433, Hope Mills Zoning Ordinance, .
47. Parking is to be provided as shown on the site plan or at a minimum should be arranged to accommodate aerial access and operation for the fire department; all required parking spaces shall be a minimum of 8 ½' x 20'. A minimum of 47 spaces off-street parking spaces are required for this development.
48. A minimum of one off-street loading spaces(s) shall be provided for this development. (Note: Five copies of a revised site plan depicting the required loading spaces measuring 12' x 25' (with 14' overhead clearance) must be submitted to and approved by the Town Inspections Department prior to application for any permits.)

**Plat-Related:**

49. "N Main Street" must be labeled as "NC HWY 59 (N Main Street)" on the final plat.
50. Dedication of 10 feet of right-of-way and reservation of 5 feet of right-of way along NC Hwy 59 (N Main Street) is required and the metes and bounds for both dedication and reservation is required to be shown on the final plat and/or reflected on any future site plans. The location of all improvements, required or otherwise, and all building setback lines are to be measured from the ultimate right-of-way line.
51. The builder/developer shall provide the buildable envelopes on the final plat: providing a five-foot maintenance easement along each side of all common internal lines with all other applicable setbacks being provided for, **or** at the time of permit application, the individual plot plans must be approved by Land Use Codes prior to issuance of any permits. (This condition only applies if Lot 2 is **not** developed as a multi-family development.)
52. Any/All easements shall be reflected on the final plat and labeled as to type of easement, reference number for document creating the easement, and the name of the agency, individual, etc. who holds the easement. Contact the Town's Street Department prior to plat preparation, especially concerning easement details for Butler Street.
53. The NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) stamp must be affixed to the final plat prior to submission for final plat approval by Land Use Codes.
54. The notarized signature(s) of all current tax record owner(s) and notary certifications appear on the final plat when submitted for final approval.

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55. The final plat must be submitted to Land Use Codes for review and approval for recording with the County Register of Deeds, and the plat must be recorded prior to any permit application for any structure and/or prior to the sale of any lot or unit within this development.

**Advisories:**

56. This conditional approval is not approval of any development which may be planned on Lot 2.

57. The engineer and/or developer should contact the Town's Street Department prior to the Town Board's consideration of this case to resolve questions the department has concerning drainage and storm water runoff due to the development of this site.

**7. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM STAFFORD LAND COMPANY, INC.  
TO ADDRESS THE BOARD REGARDING DONATION OF 13.86 ACRES,  
BROOKRIDGE SUBDIVISION.**

Mr. Don Mizelle, Stafford Land Company, submitted a request to be placed on the June 4<sup>th</sup> agenda so the Board could consider their request to donate 13.86 acres of property to the Town. In his request, Mr. Mizelle stated the land was located within the Brookridge Subdivision, described in Plat Book 113, page 54, of the Cumberland County Registry.

Commissioner Legge expressed concerns that much of this subject property was involved in wetlands and this issue had not yet been settled.

Mr. Beeman stated that normally the Corps of Engineers would make the determination.

Mayor Dees remarked he understood this developer had offered to make the donation of this land previously to the Board which had been denied.

**Commissioner Luther made a motion to deny the request to accept the donation of 13.86 acres of land from Stafford Land Company, located within the Brookridge Subdivision. Commissioner Legge seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.**

**8. OLD BUSINESS: CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION FROM THE  
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONCERNING REVIEW  
OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT ORDINANCE.**

Mrs. Kilgore reported the Parks and Recreation Committee held a monthly meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup> but unfortunately did not have a quorum and were unable to act on any matters regarding the Code of Conduct. She noted the members present, Gary Dove, Amy Porter, and Winnie Golden, did discuss the matter as well as four liaison members. Mrs. Kilgore stated she contacted committee members by phone to discuss the matter and the members said they felt the Code of Conduct was very well written and they were pleased that the Town had the ordinance in place. Further, she reported she asked the committee members opinions regarding staff reviewing the Code of Conduct and possibly inserting a statement that would allow the Parks and Recreation Director or the Athletic Supervisor to review the ejection report and have the authority to possibly reduce the suspension. Mrs. Kilgore noted as the ordinance is currently written that statement does not exist and ejection

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of a coach was an automatic 10 day suspension with no appeal.

Mrs. Kilgore read from a proposed amendment to the suspension from use of facilities. Mrs. Kilgore stated suspension of less than 10 days cannot be appealed, however, upon reviewing the ejection report and Supervisor reports, the Parks and Recreation Director or the Athletic Supervisor has the authority to reduce said suspension.

Commissioner Luther asked Attorney Davis if he had an opportunity to review this recommended amendment, and Attorney Davis responded he had not.

A discussion ensued regarding the proposed amendment as presented by Mrs. Kilgore. Mayor Dees stated he understood this still did not allow an appeal process. Commissioner Legge said he still had a problem with no appeal process, and recommended that the Parks and Recreation Director, Athletic Supervisor, or Town Manager be allowed to rescind, reduce, or increase a penalty.

Commissioner Collins commented he brought this matter up and he had no problem with the suggested amendment, and felt it probably would not be a bad idea to have the Town Manager as a part of this process as well.

Commissioner Legge said he would like to ask the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to seriously review this ordinance, and stated he felt the 10 day suspension was non-appealable and was not acceptable.

Commissioner Luther asked if it was necessary to include the Town Manager in appeals as he had a lot of responsibility without being involved in these type matters.

Mayor Dees suggested that the ordinance amendment state either Parks and Recreation Director or Athletic Supervisor or Town Manager. He stated this probably would be a good idea in the event there were ever any cases with conflicts of interest.

**Commissioner Collins made a motion to amend Section 62.5, Code of Conduct (d) Suspensions from use of facilities as follows:**

**Suspensions of less than 10 days cannot be appealed, however, upon reviewing the ejection report and supervisor reports the Parks and Recreation Director or the Athletic Supervisor or Town Manager has the authority to reduce the suspension. Commissioner Legge seconded the motion.**

**Commissioner Legge suggested the amendment give authority to the Parks and Recreation Director or Athletic Supervisor or Town Manager to reduce, rescind, or increase the suspension. Commissioner Collins concurred with this statement.**

Attorney Davis recommended that the Parks and Recreation Director get with him and he would prepare a correct ordinance amendment and bring it back to the Board.

**Commissioner Collins withdrew his motion, and Commissioner Legge concurred.**

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Commissioner Luther made a motion to table this matter and to refer the ordinance amendment to Attorney Davis to be rewritten and presented to the Board at its next meeting. Commissioner Collins seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**9. STAFF CONCERNS.**

There were none.

**10. OFFICIAL CONCERNS.**

Commissioner Legge commented as follows:

1. Stated it was good to see some work going on in the lake area.
2. Thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
3. Thanked Chaplin Gore for bringing the invocation.
4. Thanked Mr. Maynor for expressing his concerns, and stated that Board members were human and they did make mistakes but they tried to learn from their mistakes.
5. Thanked Mr. Byrne, County Planning Department, for his input at the board meetings.
6. Wished the new developers good luck on their new projects in Town.
7. Stated he was not trying to give Mrs. Kilgore a hard time on the ordinance.
8. Commented he regretted he was unable to attend the groundbreaking on the lake/spillway project.

Commissioner Collins commented as follows:

1. Thanked everyone for attending the meeting and apologized for all the confusion on the Code of Conduct matter.
2. Stated he recommended Mr. Maynor contact the Fayetteville Observer regarding the quote in the newspaper.

Commissioner Luther commented as follows:

1. Thanked Mr. Maynor for expressing his concerns, and stated the Town needed more people to get involved, needed more volunteers, and asked that all citizens bring their concerns to the Board.
2. Stated the Board could only make the Town better by the citizens and everyone working together.
3. Stated the groundbreaking ceremony was a very nice occasion and there was a big turnout.
4. Stated she was sure everyone knew how she felt about clear cutting property. She stated in the various

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committees she attended throughout the county she expressed that Hope Mills ordinances were different from Cumberland County and asked everyone to follow Hope Mills example in preserving trees, preserving the Town and the nature for the future of the children.

5. Stated she was glad to have Mike Bailey on staff and she appreciated his hard work and had heard several good comments about him.
6. Stated she appreciated Mr. Beeman and Mr. Nicholl.
7. Thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Smith commented as follows:

1. Thanked Chaplin Gore for the invocation.
2. Stated unfortunately he had missed the Memorial Day Ceremony, but thanked all representatives and all Veterans.
3. Thanked Mr. Maynor for his comments.
4. Stated he would be absent at the June 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

**Commissioner Legge made a motion to excuse Commissioner Smith from the June 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Commissioner Luther seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Gorman commented as follows:

1. Thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
2. Stated the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Dam/Spillway project was a very festive occasion and was enjoyed by everyone. Commissioner Gorman stated he very much looked forward to completion of this project.
3. Stated the Memorial Day Ceremony as hosted by VFW Post 10630 was outstanding, and said there was a great turnout.
4. Briefly reviewed the April Inspections Department report.
5. Briefly reviewed the Police Department May activity report.
6. Stated he appreciated all Town departments.
7. Asked Mr. Beeman about the status of the commercial sanitation billing.

Mr. Beeman reported the commercial sanitation billings would be mailed out by letter for the last two quarters in 2006 and the first quarter in 2007 and these would be going out this week.

Mayor Dees commented as follows:

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1. Thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for sharing their concerns and comments.
2. Stated the Memorial Day ceremony was well attended and thanked the VFW Post for all their hard work. He stated this was something that the Town of Hope Mills is honored to be a part of.
3. Reminded everyone of the budget workshops on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday June 12<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday June 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. He noted the meetings are open to the public.
4. Announced the Police Department has hired three new officers; Una Lee Sullivan, Anthony Mendez, and Andrew Powell and two auxiliary officers; Daniel Priest and Tyrone Hunter. He noted that Officer Larry Perrault had been promoted to Patrol Sergeant A Platoon.
5. Reminded everyone that June 9<sup>th</sup> is Sandspur/Hope Mills Day at the Swampdogs-JP Riddle Stadium. He said there will be a yard sale and a car show and the Police Department will be taking on the Hope Mills Fire Department in a baseball game prior to watching the Swampdogs play. He said the proceeds from the event will go to the Health Hardin family.
6. Reminded everyone of the Police Department golf tournament on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at Cypress Lakes.
7. Reminded everyone of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and festivities coming up and said parade applications can be picked up at the Town Hall. He stated the new Recreation Center will be open that day for everyone to see the building.
8. Stated the mulch from the lakebed is free to anyone who would like to have it and to contact Mr. McLaurin and he will work out the details for citizens to come and get it.
9. Stated the Alms House was in need of food for their program and they would like for the Town to help sponsor a food drive.
10. Reminded everyone that graduations are Thursday and Friday of this week. He noted that South View, Jack Britt and Grays Creek seniors will all be receiving diplomas and they wished all the members of the Class of 2007 and their families congratulations.
11. Reminded everyone that Father's Day is Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.
12. Stated Mr. Beeman has been with the Town for two weeks and he is getting his feet wet and they were glad to have him with the Town.
13. Reminded everyone of the next regular Board meeting on Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

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14. Mayor Dees asked the Board to consider canceling the July 2<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting due to that occurring during a holiday week, and stated also in light of all of the budget meetings and the two regular meetings in June.

**Commissioner Legge made a motion to cancel the July 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.**

15. Stated hopefully there would be a dedication ceremony for the Recreation Center in July.

**11. ADJOURNMENT.**

At 8:35 p.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Luther, seconded by Commissioner Legge and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

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EDDIE DEES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Phyllis C. Register, MMC, Town Clerk