

REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 5, 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 Interim Town Manager Bob Nicholl, Town Attorney William R. Davis, Parks and Recreation Director Anita Kilgore, Human Resources Administrator Kimberly Lockamy, Public Works Director Bruce McLaurin, Fire Chief Chuck Hodges, Police Chief John Hodges, and Police Captain John Smith.

Rev. Michael Boarts, Highland Baptist Church, gave the invocation, and Mayor Dees led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS, ADDITIONS, DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA.

There were none.

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

Mayor Dees reported with the help of Senator Tony Rand, Representative Rick Glazier, and State Treasurer Richard Moore, the Local Government Commission has agreed to allow the Town to go forward with the financing for the spillway. Mayor Dees said there were a few formalities to be worked out, but everything was proceeding. In addition, Mayor Dees said Saffo Contractors planned to start clearing the lake bed next Monday, March 12th, and Crowder Construction Company had accepted the spillway job and they would begin working in the lake bed as well by the end of March.

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

3. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION: MS AWARENESS WEEK - MARCH 5-11, 2007.

Mayor Dees read the proclamation and called upon all citizens to make the fight against MS a personal one by making donations and participating in the MS Walk as there are many persons in the community who live with MS, and further stated now was the time to walk and fund the mission to end the devastating effects of MS and together everyone could make a difference. Mayor Dees presented the proclamation to Mrs. Linda Lockamy and other MS representatives and concerned citizens. Again, Mayor Dees encouraged everyone to support the MS Walk.

Mrs. Lockamy stated the Town had at least 10 people struggling with MS and she hoped soon there would be a cure. Mrs. Lockamy encouraged everyone to support all efforts of bringing awareness to MS, and asked everyone to participate in the walk on April 14th at Honeycutt Park, in Fayetteville.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Mark Arnette, 3271 Glenmore Drive, spoke in support of the Town declaring a right turn only for Dove Drive. Mr. Arnette stated he recently lost a family member in an automobile accident at this intersection, and asked the Town to consider making this a right turn only.

5. CONSENT AGENDA.

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

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Commissioner Collins made a motion to move Item (d) to the regular agenda for discussion. Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gorman made a motion to move Item (b) to the regular agenda. Commissioner Collins seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Legge made a motion to approve the remaining consent agenda items. Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

- a) Consideration to approve Minutes of the February 19, 2007 Regular Meeting.

Minutes approved as written.

- b) Consideration to accept the following donations:

1. 1981 McKee Craft 14' Boat, value \$1,000.00, from the Fayetteville Fire Department to the Hope Mills Fire Department.
2. 1963 Cox Boat Trailer, value \$200.00, from the Fayetteville Fire Department to the Hope Mills Fire Department.
3. 1994 Ford B600 bus, value \$3,500.00, from Cumberland County to the Hope Mills Police Department.

Fire Chief Chuck Hodges reported that the City of Fayetteville Fire Department had donated a 1981 McKee Craft 14' boat and a 1963 Cox Boat Trailer to the Hope Mills Fire Department.

Police Chief John Hodges reported that Cumberland County had donated to the Police Department a 1994 Ford B600 bus. Chief Hodges said this vehicle would be converted into a command post.

Commissioner Legge commented that the donation of the bus for the Police Department was a very nice vehicle to be used as a command center.

Donations accepted.

- c) Consideration to adopt Resolution setting March 19, 2007 public hearing for voluntary annexation of remaining portions Steeplechase Subdivision, 136.98 acres, property of NPS Associates, Annexation #07-1.

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON QUESTION OF ANNEXATION PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-31 Annexation #07-1

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of the area described herein has been received; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has by resolution directed the Town Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition; and

WHEREAS, certification by the Town Clerk as to the sufficiency of the petition has been made;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Hope Mills, North Carolina that:

Section 1. A public hearing on the question of annexation of the area described herein will be held at Town Hall, 5770 Rockfish Road, Bill Luther Board Meeting Room #120, at 7:30 p.m., on March 19, 2007.

Section 2. The area proposed for annexation is described as follows:

BEGINNING at the northernmost corner of Lot 264 of Steeplechase Section One as recorded in Plat Book 114, Page 132, Cumberland County, North Carolina Registry and running with the northern boundary of said Steeplechase Section One (Lots 264-254, 251, 271, 316, 328, 343, 61-58) the following courses and distances;

South 46 degrees 14 minutes 07 seconds West, 57.93 feet to a corner;
South 72 degrees 17 minutes 28 seconds West, 118.48 feet to a corner;
South 69 degrees 14 minutes 46 seconds West, 114.81 feet to a corner;
South 63 degrees 31 minutes 06 seconds West, 178.56 feet to a corner;
South 38 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds West, 45.00 feet to a corner;
South 76 degrees 39 minutes 10 seconds West, 60.70 feet to a corner;
South 63 degrees 31 minutes 06 seconds West, 80.00 feet to a corner;
North 56 degrees 38 minutes 23 seconds West, 32.90 feet to a corner;
South 56 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 340.00 feet to a corner;
South 51 degrees 11 minutes 50 seconds West, 178.03 feet to a corner;
North 38 degrees 48 minutes 10 seconds West, 45.91 feet to a point;
South 51 degrees 11 minutes 50 seconds West, 185.00 feet to a corner;
North 38 degrees 48 minutes 10 seconds West, 80.00 feet to a corner;
South 51 degrees 11 minutes 50 seconds West, 175.00 feet to a point;
South 38 degrees 48 minutes 10 seconds East, 14.89 feet to a corner;
South 51 degrees 11 minutes 50 seconds West 136.52 feet to a corner;
North 40 degrees 56 minutes 00 seconds West, 10.01 feet to a corner;
South 46 degrees 56 minutes 30 seconds West, 136.51 feet to a corner;
South 45 degrees 56 minutes 57 seconds West, 50.01 feet to a corner;
South 46 degrees 56 minutes 30 seconds West, 55.52 feet to a corner;
South 68 degrees 20 minutes 28 seconds West, 291.86 feet to the westernmost corner of Lot 58 in the eastern line of a tract recorded in Deed Book 4024, Page 232; thence with the eastern line of said tract North 19 degrees 23 minutes 45 seconds West, 382.00 feet to a corner; thence with the northern line of said tract recorded in Deed Book 4024, Page 232 and beyond South 70 degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds West, 793.29 feet to a corner in the eastern line of a tract recorded in Deed Book, 3040, Page 261; thence with said eastern line North 20 degrees 57 minutes 35 seconds West, 2383.08 feet to a corner on the bank of Big Rockfish Creek; thence with Bid Rockfish Creek the following courses and distances;

North 19 degrees 13 minutes 51 seconds East, 470.68 feet to a point;
North 38 degrees 05 minutes 37 seconds East, 93.61 feet to a point;
North 71 degrees 01 minutes 28 seconds East, 86.40 feet to a point;
South 24 degrees 39 minutes 45 seconds East, 103.26 feet to a point;
South 27 degrees 21 minutes 33 seconds West, 203.79 feet to a point;
South 49 degrees 19 minutes 17 seconds East, 337.94 feet to a point;
North 84 degrees 10 minutes 20 seconds East, 229.00 feet to a point;
South 00 degrees 14 minutes 31 seconds West, 142.95 feet to a point;
South 79 degrees 03 minutes 35 seconds East, 200.14 feet to a point;
North 76 degrees 03 minutes 54 seconds East, 329.34 feet to a point;
North 32 degrees 18 minutes 34 seconds East, 398.49 feet to a point;
South 40 degrees 56 minutes 16 seconds East, 254.62 feet to a point;
North 82 degrees 44 minutes 05 seconds East, 244.75 feet to a point;
North 72 degrees 52 minutes 58 seconds East, 202.26 feet to a point;

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North 47 degrees 44 minutes 34 seconds East, 211.71 feet to a point;
South 04 degrees 23 minutes 23 seconds East, 415.83 feet to a point;
South 87 degrees 17 minutes 13 seconds East, 291.96 feet to a point;
South 68 degrees 36 minutes 38 seconds East, 88.67 feet to a point;
South 58 degrees 05 minutes 29 seconds East, 107.89 feet to a point;
South 78 degrees 32 minutes 06 seconds East, 215.81 feet to a point;
North 32 degrees 42 minutes 48 seconds East, 153.11 feet to a point;
North 67 degrees 16 minutes 53 seconds East, 142.15 feet to a point;
South 08 degrees 00 minutes 30 seconds East, 139.21 feet to a point;
South 40 degrees 02 minutes 53 seconds West, 315.73 feet to a point;
South 46 degrees 43 minutes 41 seconds East, 115.11 feet to a point;
North 65 degrees 52 minutes 51 seconds East, 203.25 feet to a point;

thence leaving the creek and running with the western line of a tract recorded in Deed Book 3393, Page 0537, South 27 degrees 07 minutes 29 seconds East, 965.01 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 136.98 acres.

Section 3. Notice of the public hearing shall be published once in The Fayetteville Observer, a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Hope Mills, at least (10) days prior to the date of the public hearing.

ADOPTED this 5th day of March, 2007.

EDDIE DEES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Phyllis C. Register, MMC, Town Clerk

Resolution adopted.

- d) **Consideration to appoint Commissioner Luther, Ft. Bragg/Pope AFB Regional Land Use Advisory Committee (RLUAC); Edwin S. Deaver, Ex-Officio member representing Mid-Carolina COG.**

Appointments approved.

"END CONSENT AGENDA"

6. **CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE POLICE CARNIVAL FUND-RAISER, MARCH 28 - APRIL 1, 2007.**

Chief Hodges reported that Captain Smith recently met with Michael Reisinger, Michael's Enterprises Inc., concerning the possibility of bringing a carnival to the town. Chief Hodges noted this would provide the community with good clean amusement rides as well as provide monies from the proceeds for the Police Department to purchase needed equipment that they would otherwise be unable to obtain. Chief Hodges stated Mr. Reisinger had guaranteed \$4,500.00 or 20% of the gross from the rides, whichever was greater, to the Police Department. He stated Michael's Enterprises had provided the Town with a Certificate of Insurance and a Hold Harmless Agreement.

Further, Chief Hodges reported Captain Smith had met with Parks and Recreation Director Kilgore and had addressed any and all concerns regarding scheduling of the proposed dates and damage control to the ball fields. He stated Mrs. Kilgore was satisfied and supported the fund-raising effort of the Police Department. In addition, he reported that Captain Smith had discussed this event with Mr. Timmy Gray of Big T's and Mr. Gray advised he was not scheduled to be open during the proposed time frame and was willing to assist in any manner he could to assist the Police Department's

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efforts.

Commissioner Collins asked if this would cost the Town anything. Mr. Nicholl stated he understood the Town would be responsible for providing the porta johns, and due to the Town being identified as the committee, there would be some costs that had to be paid up front but these would come from the proceeds of the event.

Commissioner Collins said he had discussed this with Captain Smith and understood that the committee was the Town, but there would be no costs involved to the Town. Commissioner Collins suggested the Town Attorney draft a contract setting out all the terms. Mr. Nicholl stated he agreed that the Attorney should review the proposed contract document and asked the Attorney to draw up an appropriate contract to protect the Town's best interest.

In response to a question from Mayor Dees, Attorney Davis said there were some minor issues that needed to be resolved. Mayor Dees said he understood any costs involved would be taken from the proceeds of the event.

Captain Smith briefly explained the contract and stated everything had been set up and any costs would come from the profit margin.

In response to a question from Commissioner Legge, Captain Smith stated if the event had to be postponed, then probably it would be late fall or even next year before the event could be rescheduled.

Commissioner Legge stated if appropriate he would like to make a motion that this event be approved subject to the Attorney and Manager working out the contract details.

Attorney Davis stated the only change he would suggest would be that the costs should be indicated to be taken from the proceeds.

Commissioner Legge said even though he understood it was not in writing, that the porta potty issue had been taken care of.

Commissioner Smith stated he felt that Captain Smith had done all the research on this project and all the details had been worked out to have the carnival. Commissioner Smith stated that he felt the Town could go by the terms of the contract as presented.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the contract with Michael's Enterprises for the carnival fund-raising event at the Hope Mills ball park March 28 - April 1, 2007. Commissioner Legge seconded, and the carried unanimously.

In response to a question from Commissioner Collins, Attorney Davis stated he felt the contract was binding.

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

7. **CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE BUILDING & GROUNDS DEPARTMENT, ACCT.500-7000, \$785.00 FOR PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC FLOOR MACHINE; ACCT. 500-3300, \$1,300.00 DEPARTMENTAL SUPPLIES.**

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Mr. Nicholl reported the electric floor machine was not budgeted and was needed for the custodian to perform her duties, and additionally, the departmental supplies account was underbudgeted. Mr. Nicholl concurred with the recommendation of Ms. Diana Krist, Interim Finance Director, that the additional funding for the Building and Grounds Department be approved.

Commissioner Gorman stated he supported this request, but asked where would the funds come from. Mr. Nicholl responded from the unappropriated fund balance.

Attorney Davis noted if this matter was approved, it would require a budget amendment.

Mr. Nicholl stated that funds could be transferred from another line item or the unappropriated fund balance, and staff would come back to the Board with a budget amendment for approval.

Commissioner Gorman made a motion to table this matter until clarification on where the funds would come from. Commissioner Collins seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

8. CASE NO. 07-025. CONSIDERATION OF SUBDIVISION REVIEW, FRANKLIN R. FOWLER PROPERTY, LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF CAMDEN ROAD AND THE EAST SIDE OF THOMAS STREET.

Mr. Ed Byrne, Cumberland County Planning Department, displayed a map of the subject property and reported the property was located on the north side of Camden Road and the east side of Thomas Street. He stated that the developer was proposing a subdivision creating a 1.43 acre lot and a 4.983 acre lot with a total of 6.41 acres. Mr. Byrne stated the 1.43 acre lot was zoned C(P) Planned Commercial District and the 4.983 acre lot was zoned R10 Residential District. Mr. Byrne presented the proposed recommended conditions of approval for this subdivision review.

Attorney Davis noted this was simply a division of one tract of land into two tracts. Attorney Davis noted that if a portion of the property was developed for commercial use, then the developer would have to submit a site plan for approval by the Board.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the subdivision review subject to conditions. Commissioner Gorman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Permit-Related:

1. 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 Inspection Department, in the Town Hall at 5770 Rockfish Road. For additional information, the developer should contact a Zoning Inspector.
2. Connection to public water and sewer is required, the Public Works Commission must approve water and sewer plans prior to application for any permits. (Note: The Town of Hope Mills utility standards must be complied with).
3. At a minimum, a zoning permit is required prior to the placement of any structure on the residential portion of this development and site plan review and approval is required prior to application for any permits on the C(P) zoned tract.
4. The developer must provide a site-specific address and tax parcel number at the time of building/zoning permit application.

Site-Related:

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5. All uses, dimensions, setbacks and other related provisions of the Hope Mills Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances for the R10 and C(P) zoning districts must be complied with, as applicable.
6. Sections 86-122(f), "Required Drainage" and 86-128.(b), "Underground Utilities", Hope Mills Subdivision Ordinance must be adhered to.
7. The developer must obtain a driveway permit from the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and the Town of Hope Mills.
8. Upon submission for site plan review and approval of the commercial portion and/or development of the residential portion of these tracts, and in addition to the standard provisions of the development ordinances, the following requirements must be addressed:
 - a. Possible lateral access for interconnectivity to adjacent commercial developments;
 - b. Because the property has been back-filled, Inspections will closely monitor all construction for Code compliance for structural requirements;
 - c. The N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) must approve the *Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan (E&S)*. A copy of this approval must be presented to the Town Inspections Department prior to any permit application;
 - d. A stormwater plan must be approved by the Town Public Works Director. In addition, the developer must submit a soil sample test and ground compaction test to the Town Public Works Director. (Note: The stormwater plan must address the direction of flow for any stormwater related runoff and the final destination of the stormwater.)
 - e. Upon development of the commercial portion of this development, turn lanes may be required by the NC Department of Transportation; and
 - f. Dependant upon location of structures upon development, these tracts may not be able to be served by gravity sewer.

Plat-Related:

9. The developer must contact the Town of Hope Mills for any possible "Special Flood Hazard Areas" located on these tracts and obtain pertinent information for depicting the "Special Flood Hazard Area" on the final plat. If there is any "Special Flood Hazard Areas" on this property, the proper floodplain development permits must be obtained through the Town of Hope Mills prior to building permits application.
10. Dedication of 10 feet of right-of-way and reservation of 10 feet of right-of way along SR 1003 (Camden Road) 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.
11. Prior to final plat approval of any portion of this development, the developer is required to submit a check or cash in the amount of \$729.91 payable to "**Town of Hope Mills**" - Section 86-75 Required Parks, Open Space, Recreation Areas, Hope Mills Subdivision Ordinance. This fee must be paid to the Town prior to or simultaneously with the final plat when the plat is submitted for final approval.
12. 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.
13. The notarized signature(s) of all current tax record owner(s) and notary certifications appear on the final plat when submitted for final approval.
14. The final plat must be submitted to the Town and then to Land Use Codes, Joint Planning Board Staff for review and approval for recording with the County Register of Deeds. 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:

15. 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:

16. The applicant is advised to consult an expert on wetlands before proceeding with any development.
17. This conditional approval is not to be construed as all encompassing of the applicable rules, regulations, etc. which must be complied with for any development. Other regulations, such as building, environmental, health and so forth, may govern the specific development. The

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developer is the responsible party to ensure full compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local regulations.

Other Relevant Conditions:

18. Upon submission to NCDENR for approval of a E&S plan and if any retention/detention basins are required for to obtain this approval, five copies of a revised plan must be submitted to and conditionally approved by Town's Public Utility Director, Town Inspections Department, and the Joint Planning Board's Staff prior to application for any permits.

9. OLD BUSINESS: CONSIDERATION OF RIGHT TURN ONLY DESIGNATION FOR DOVE DRIVE AT NORTH MAIN STREET.

Mr. Nicholl reported at the January 18th Board meeting Commissioner Legge requested the Town investigate the possibility of establishing Dove Drive as a right turn only onto North Main Street.

Mr. Nicholl presented information from the Fire Department and Police Department relative to accidents at this location along with a recommendation from Street Department Supervisor Ira Peterson.

Mr. Nicholl recommended before staff pursue this matter with the North Carolina Department of Transportation that the Board consider conducting a public hearing to offer the residents along Dove Drive an opportunity to offer comments and ask questions regarding any proposed traffic pattern change.

Commissioner Legge said that he thought the residents should be contacted and given an opportunity to voice their opinion on what they would like to see at this intersection. Commissioner Legge briefly reviewed the accident report from the Police Department, and stated he would like input from the citizens.

Following a brief discussion, **Commissioner Legge made a motion to conduct a public hearing to consider a right turn only designation for Dove Drive. Commissioner Luther seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.**

10. INFORMATION ITEM: OPEN HOUSES FOR THE 2030 PLAN.

Mayor Dees presented a notice of the Open Houses for the 2030 Plan and stated the proposed open house for Hope Mills would be on Thursday, March 22nd, Town Hall, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Luther commented that this was a very important series of meetings that would impact the future of Cumberland County. She stated this committee had been working for over a 1½ years preparing a joint growth vision plan which would influence decisions about economic development, land use, water and sewer utilities, parks, recreation and open space, transportation improvements, and community appearance. Commissioner Luther said there was countywide representation on this committee, and encouraged the citizens to attend one of these meetings and to offer their input and ask questions.

Mayor Dees expressed appreciation to Commissioner Luther for her hard work on this committee.

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11. STAFF CONCERNS.

There were none.

12. OFFICIAL CONCERNS.

Commissioner Legge commented as follows:

1. Thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
2. Thanked Rev. Boarts for the invocation.
3. Encouraged everyone to participate in the MS Walk and make donations to this worthy cause.
4. Stated that the "Guns and Hoses" basketball game was an outstanding event which raised over \$7,000.00 for the Heath Hardin family. He stated that everyone in Town had pulled together to make this event successful.
5. Stated that a little nine year old boy had recently passed away at Duke who was registered to play ball for the Town, and asked everyone to remember the Bethea family.
6. Stated that the South View High School girl's basketball team would be playing for the state championship next week, and encouraged everyone to support them.

Commissioner Collins commented as follows:

1. Stated he was glad to see Mr. Bobby Lockamy at the meeting and stated he appreciated everything that they were doing relative to the MS Walk.
2. Stated the South View High School Lady Tigers are great, and would be playing for the state championship game on Saturday at Chapel Hill.
3. Commended the Police Department and Fire Department for the donations.
4. Stated the "Guns and Hoses" tournament was a great event.
5. Inquired regarding the status of the budget.

Mr. Nicholl stated he would be putting something together for the Board later this month.

6. Asked for some suggested dates for workshops.
7. Thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Luther commented as follows:

1. Stated the "Guns and Hoses" tournament was a great time for everyone and this event showed the true spirit of Hope Mills. She thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, Parks and Recreation Department, all businesses who made

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donations, and for everyone who attended and made this a wonderful day for the Heath Hardin family and the Town of Hope Mills.

2. Encouraged everyone to participate in the MS Walk.
3. Thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Smith commented as follows:

1. Thanked Rev. Boarts for the invocation.
2. Wished the South View High School Lady Tigers good luck in the championship game.
3. Congratulated the Fire Department for winning the "Guns and Hoses" basketball tournament, and stated everyone did a great job.
4. Thanked Mrs. Lockamy for her work on the MS Walk.
5. Thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Gorman commented as follows:

1. Stated the "Guns and Hoses" tournament was great and both groups enjoyed playing. He said there was a great turnout for the Hardin Family, and expressed appreciation to the Parks and Recreation Department and staff.
2. Stated the MS Walk was a very important event and asked everyone to please make plans to support this fund-raiser.
3. Stated the South View High School Lady Tigers were a great team. He stated he would be unable to attend the championship game due to the Town Manager Search Committee meeting this Saturday. Commissioner Gorman said hopefully after Saturday, the committee could narrow down the search to two candidates who would then be interviewed by the entire Town Board.
4. Briefly reviewed the Police Department activity report for January 2007. He stated all departments were appreciated, and reviewed the Fire Department activity report for February 2007. He stated he appreciated everything that the departments were doing for the citizens.

Mayor Dees commented as follows:

1. Thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished the MS participants a lot of luck in their fight against this deadly disease.
2. Congratulated and thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, Parks and Recreation Department, and everyone involved with the "Guns and Hoses" benefit basketball game. He stated it was a tremendous success both financially for the

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Hardin family and for the community who produced an outpouring of love and support.

3. Congratulated the South View girl's basketball team for winning the Eastern Regional Championship on Saturday. Mayor Dees wished them the best this Saturday as they play Greensboro Grimsley for the State Championship in Chapel Hill at 5:00 p.m., at the Smith Center.
 4. Stated that Hope Mills will be hosting the State Youth Summit here in October during the North Carolina League of Municipalities State Convention. Mayor Dees noted that representatives from the League met with the Mayor's Youth Council and toured the Recreation Center this week and they were very impressed and stated he was excited about Hope Mills getting a chance to show off its community statewide.
 5. Stated he would like for the members of the Town Manager Search Committee to meet with him after the meeting.
 6. Stated that some things had been brought to his attention lately that are a little bit disturbing and he would like to remind employees of the Town Ordinance Section 66-81(5), Responsibility of employees, states "refrain from spreading rumors or engaging in other activities which have a disruptive influence on morale or work progress." Mayor Dees stated he trusts this type of behavior is not happening, but if it is, trusts the Department Heads will take care of it, and said we are all a team and we need to act like one.
 7. Stated the next Board meeting is Monday, March 19th.
13. **CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11(A)(3)(5)(6) TO CONSULT WITH THE ATTORNEY ON MATTERS WITHIN THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS.**

At 8:25 p.m., Commissioner Gorman made a motion to conduct a Closed Session for the purposes as stated. Commissioner Luther seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dees called for a five minute break prior to entering Closed Session.

14. **RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION.**

At 9:25 p.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Legge and unanimously carried, the Board returned to regular session.

15. **CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES.**

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Commissioner Gorman made a motion 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. Commissioner Luther seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

16. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR EMPLOYEES WHO RETIRED SINCE JANUARY 1, 2004.

Commissioner Smith made a motion that all employees who retired since January 1, 2004 be covered for medical insurance pursuant to the Town's new policy with such insurance to be provided at the Town's expense with such payments to begin on April 1, 2007. Commissioner Gorman seconded the motion.

At this time, Commissioner Collins asked to abstain from voting on the matter.

Attorney Davis noted that Commissioner Collins did not participate in the discussion or would not vote on the matter.

The motion carried unanimously by those present and voting.

17. ADJOURNMENT.

At 9:28 p.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Luther, seconded by Commissioner Smith and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Eddie Dees, Mayor

ATTEST:

Phyllis C. Register, MMC, Town Clerk