

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2009, 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Dees called the regular meeting of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, July 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

**GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Eddie Dees, Mayor Pro Tem Bob Gorman, Commissioners Doris Luther, Jackie Warner, Tonzie Collins.

**GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ABSENT**

Commissioner Eddie Maynor (was present via telephone)

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The invocation was rendered by Rev. Garry Ballance, Victory Baptist Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro-tem Gorman.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Town Manager Randy Beeman, Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk Connie Spell, Town Attorney John Jackson, Finance Director John Ellis, Chief Building Inspector Mike Bailey, Parks and Recreation Director Stan Braswell, Program Supervisor Kenny Bullock, Public Works Director Bruce McLaurin, Fire Chief Chuck Hodges, Stormwater Administrator Melanie Clerkley.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS.**

*Motion was made by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Luther and carried unanimously to add the following items to the agenda:*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- e. Consideration to authorize purchase of eight desktop computers for the Police Department, \$7,351.84, funds allocated in 2009-2010 budget.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- f. Consideration to approve repair to fire truck, 1998 Pierce pumper-tanker, and award bid to Covington Diesel, \$7,354.46.**

*Motion was made by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Warner and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with additions.*

**2. PRESENTATIONS.** None

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS.**

- a. Consideration of the Cumberland County 2030 Growth Vision Plan and the Land Use Policies Plan by the Town of Hope Mills Board of Commissioners, both documents are intended to give direction to all county and municipal governments within Cumberland County in reviewing development proposals, planning growth-related facilities and services, preparing standards and regulation, working together on growth management issues, and establishing applicable budget and work program priorities.**

Mayor Dees opened the Public Hearing to receive comments on the proposed 2030 Growth Vision Plan and the Land Use Policies Plan. He stated Commissioner Luther had worked many hours on the 2030 committee and thanked her for her dedication.

*There being no comments, motion was made by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Luther and carried unanimously to close the public hearing.*

*Motion was made by Commissioner Luther, seconded by Commissioner Warner and carried unanimously to approve the 2030 Growth Vision Plan and the Land Use Policies as presented.*

*A copy of the plan is filed in the Book of Documents in the Town Clerk's office.*

- b. CASE NO. P09-22: Consideration of Rezoning of .07+/- acres from R6A Residential to C(P) Commercial and .06+/- acres from C(P) Planned Commercial to R6A Residential or more restrictive zoning districts; located south of NC HWY 59 (North Main Street) and west of Butler Street, submitted by Land Planning Associates, Inc., owned by Vance & Wanda Blanton, Dennis Dean and Linda Nehls Blanton and Helendale Mobile Home Park, Inc.**

Mr. Ed Byrne, Cumberland County Planning, displayed a map and aerial photos of the subject property. He said this request was submitted to ensure zoning lines match new property lines. He said during the site plan process the final out come of the amount for residential changed slightly, which ended up having a portion of the commercial rezoned property inside the residential lot and a portion of the residential lot inside of the commercial lot.

Mr. Byrne said the County Planning Staff recommends approval of the request for R6A Residential and C(P) Planned Commercial districts based on the following:

1. Although the request is partially inconsistent with the 2010 Land Use Plan, which calls for medium density residential at this location, the requested districts are compatible with the existing zoning districts on the subject property.
2. If approved, the submitted request is intended to ensure the zoning lines match the revised property lines.

Mr. Byrne said there are no other suitable zoning districts to be considered for this request.

Mr. Byrne reported the Hope Mills Zoning Board met on June 22, 2009 and conducted a public hearing on the matter and recommended approval of the rezoning.

*There being no comments received, motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Luther and carried unanimously to close the public hearing.*

*Motion was made by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gorman and carried unanimously to approve Case No. P09-22.*

- c. Public Hearing to receive public comments on the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) submitted by the Hope Mills Police Department.**

Mayor Dees opened the Public Hearing to receive comments on the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. The grant totals \$33,880.00 and the Police Department intends to use the funds for equipment and a vehicle.

*There being no comments, motion was made by Commissioner Luther, seconded by Commissioner Gorman and carried unanimously to close the Public Hearing.*

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

Mrs. Francis Jackson, 5489 Robmont Drive expressed concerns with the access points and widths waiver request for Case No. 09-066. She said her main concern was emergency vehicles along with residential traffic going in and out of the 200 unit complex.

#### **5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

*Motion was made by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Luther and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented.*

The following actions were affected:

**a. Consideration to approve the following minutes:**

- **May 4, 2009 Regular Meeting**
- **May 18, 2009 Regular Meeting**
- **May 27, 2009 Budget Workshop Special Meeting.**
- **June 1, 2009 Regular Meeting.**

*The Board approved the minutes of the May 4, 2009 Regular Meeting, May 18, 2009 Regular Meeting, May 28, 2009 Budget Workshop Special Meeting and June 1, 2009 Regular Meeting.*

**b. Consideration to adopt Resolution No. 2009-10 adopting the Municipal Records Retention and Disposition Schedule.**

*The board adopted the following Resolution adopting the Municipal Records Retention and Disposition Schedule:*

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MUNICIPAL RECORDS RETENTION AND DISPOSITION SCHEDULE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-10**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners that the Board adopts the North Carolina Municipal Records Retention and Disposition Schedule, as updated by the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources in accordance with the provision of Chapters 121 and 132 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, dated May 19, 2009, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** this schedule is to remain in effect from the date of approval until it is reviewed and updated.

**Approved this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2009.**

**c. Consideration to approve 2009-2010 work request projects for the Cumberland County Planning Department.**

*The Board approved the following 2009-2010 work request projects for the Cumberland County Planning Department:*

1. Closure of doughnut holes throughout the incorporated areas.
2. Complete subdivision ordinance re-write.
3. Annexation growth coordination.
4. Annexation emphasis commercial properties.
5. Annexation of Elk Road and neighborhoods surrounding.
6. Growth Management opportunities green ways and parks, pedestrian traffic, bicycle paths, traffic control and congestions management.
7. Exit 41 gateway opportunities.
8. Continue support for the landscaping design of the Hope Mills Lake Park.
9. Planning assistance/support for the new historical park, walking trails, water trails, and restoration of Lake No. 2 (i.e., grant applications, design and implementation).
10. Continued staff support on day-to-day planning issues.

**d. Consideration to approve the Financial Statement as of June 30, 2009.**

*The Board approved the Financial Statement as of June 30, 2009.*

**e. Consideration to authorize purchase of eight desktop computers for the Police Department, \$7,351.84, funds allocated in 2009-2010 budget.**

*The Board approved the purchase of eight desktop computers for the Police Department in the amount of \$7, 351.84. The computers are to replace used computers received in 2006 from the Department of Justice.*

**“END OF CONSENT AGENDA”**

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **CASE NO. 08-180. Consideration of Black Bridge Convenience Store, Subdivision and C1(P) Site Plan Review, Hope Mills Subdivision Chapter, Zoning: C1(P); Total Acreage: 4.36+/-; located on the west side of SR 1115 (Black Bridge Road), north of Hedingham Drive.**

Mr. Ed Byrne, Cumberland County Planning, displayed a map and aerial photos of the subject property. Mr. Byrne said the Town Board of Commissioners heard this case on January 5, 2009. It was determined at the meeting that this site would need approval of the stormwater run off by the Town. The developer was asked to submit stormwater plans to the Hope Mills Stormwater Department.

Mr. Byrne said the developer has redesigned the lot and enlarged it slightly. He said the North Carolina Department of Transportation has reviewed this site for the required turn lanes and road improvements required to receive a driveway permit for the proposed store. The developer has incorporated the required changes for both NCDOT and the Town’s Stormwater Department on their proposed site plans.

Mr. Byrne said the Plan Review Committee of Hope Mills has reviewed the case and the Stormwater Plans meet the requirements for Phase II Stormwater Best Management Practice. He said the Plan Review Committee approved the revised site plan.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Gorman and carried unanimously to approve Case No. 08-180 with conditions.*

**Pre- Permit Related:**

1. The Town of Hope Mills has tree preservation provisions in their ordinance; the developer must contact Mike Bailey, Hope Mills Chief Building Inspector, concerning the removal of trees from this site prior to obtaining a tree removal permit. In the event the site has been cleared of all trees without the developer obtaining a tree removal permit, the standard required landscaping calculations are doubled.
2. Prior to application for any permits, a final plat, including the convenience store lot and the remainder of the parent (two lots) must be submitted to Land Use Codes, County Planning and then to Hope Mills 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.
3. A minimum of one off-street loading space measuring 12’ x 25’ with 14’ overhead clearance must be provided for this development. (Note: Three copies of a revised site plan depicting the required loading space(s) must be submitted and approved by the County Planning Staff & Town Staff prior to application for any building/zoning permits.) (Section 102A-1303 Off-street loading, Hope Mills Zoning Ordinance.)

**Permit-Related:**

4. 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 Town Hall at 5770 Rockfish Road. For additional information, the developer should contact a Town Inspector.
5. Connection to public water and sewer is required, the Public Works Commission (PWC) must approve water and sewer plans prior to application for any permits. A copy of the PWC approval must be provided to the Town Inspections Department at the time of application for building/zoning permits. (Section 86-76, Public Water and Sewer Systems Hope Mills Subdivision Chapter)

6. New development that will disturb one acre or more of land or is part of a larger plan that will disturb at least an acre of land is subject to the Post-Construction Stormwater Management Permitting Program (Phase II Stormwater Management Requirements) administered by the Hope Mills Stormwater Department. If one acre or more of land is to be disturbed, prior to the issuance of any building/zoning permits for this site, a copy of the Town's *Post-Construction Permit* must be provided to Town's Inspections Department.
7. For any new development, the developer may have to provide the Hope Mills Inspections Department with an approved NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) sedimentation and erosion control plan (S&E) prior to any application for permits. (Note: If any retention/detention basins are required for state approval of this plan, then three copies of a revised plan must be submitted and approved by Planning & Inspections prior to application for any building/zoning permits.) A copy of the NCDENR approval must be provided to the Inspection Department at the time of application for any building/zoning permits.
8. The developer must provide a site-specific address and tax parcel number at the time of building/zoning permit application.
9. Landscaping must be provided in accordance with Section 102A-1202(n), Landscaping, Hope Mills Zoning Ordinance and/as shown on the site plan. The following are the minimum standards for the required landscaping of this site:
  - a. Four large shade trees or 12 small ornamental trees within the front yard setback area along SR 1115 (Blacks Bridge Road);
  - b. Two small ornamental trees and 22 shrubs are required in the building yard area;

In addition:

- a. Required plant materials shall be maintained by the property owner, including replacing dead or unhealthy trees and shrubs; and
  - b. All yard and planting areas shall be maintained in a neat, orderly, and presentable manner and kept free of weeds and debris.
  - c. The current Hope Mills Zoning Ordinance requires double the landscaping requirements when/if the site has been cleared of trees without the developer first obtaining a tree removal permit.
10. The building final inspection cannot be accomplished until a Town Inspector inspects the site and certifies that the site is developed in accordance with the approved plans.

**Site-Related:**

11. All uses, dimensions, setbacks and other related provisions of the Hope Mills Subdivision Chapter and Zoning Ordinance for the C1(P) zoning district must be complied with, as applicable.
12. This conditional approval is not approval of the permit for any freestanding signs. Attached signage for this development must be in accordance with the applicable sign regulations as set forth in Article XIV 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 property. (Note: This conditional approval is **not** approval of the size, shape, or location of any signs.)
13. For any new development, an adequate drainage system must be installed by the developer in accordance with the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources' (NCDENR) *Manual on Best Management Practices* and all drainage ways must be kept clean and free of debris.
14. For new development, all utilities, except for 25kv or greater electrical lines, must be located underground. (Section 86-128(b), Underground utilities required, Hope Mills Subdivision Chapter)

15. The developer must obtain a driveway permit from the Hope Mills Street Department and/or NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT). A copy of the approved driveway permit must be provided to Inspections Department at the time of application for building/zoning permits.
16. Turn lanes may be required by the Hope Mills Street Department and/or the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT).
17. All lighting is required to be directed internally within this development and comply with the provisions of Section 102A-1202(m), Outdoor Lighting, Hope Mills Zoning Ordinance.
18. A solid buffer must be provided and maintained along the side and rear property lines where this tract/site abuts residentially zoned properties in accordance with the provisions of Section 102A-1202(g), Buffer Requirements, Hope Mills Zoning Ordinance. (Note: Chain link fencing cannot be used to satisfy the buffer requirement.)
19. All dumpster, garbage, and utility areas shall be located on concrete pads and screened on a minimum of three sides.
20. All required off-street parking spaces shall be a minimum of 9' x 20' and shall be surfaced, with a permanent material such as asphalt or concrete, and striped prior to application for the building final inspection. A minimum of 10 off-street parking spaces are required for this development. (Section 102A-1302, Off-street parking, Hope Mills Zoning Ordinance.)
21. Site plan review and approval is required on the remaining lot prior to application for any permits on that tract.

**Plat-Related:**

22. The final plat must include both the proposed lot and the remaining parent tract and must reflect lot identifiers, acreage, and solid property line with the bearings and distances of all lots.
23. The proposed development is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The final plat must show the limits of the SFHA; information may be obtained from the Hope Mills Inspections Department or the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) website at [www.ncfloodmaps.com](http://www.ncfloodmaps.com). Any development within the SFHA is subject to the requirements of the Town's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance administered by the Hope Mills Inspections Department.
24. The final plat must reflect the street name and be labeled as "SR 1115 (Black Bridge Road)."
25. Prior to submission for final plat approval, fire hydrants must be installed along all proposed streets and drives; hydrants must be located no further than 1,000 feet apart and at a maximum of 500 feet from any lot. (Section 86-128 (a), Fire hydrants, Hope Mills Subdivision Chapter)
26. Reservation of five feet of right-of way along SR 1115 (Black Bridge Road) is required and the metes and bounds for the 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.
27. Any/All easements must 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.
28. The NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will not allow a driveway for each individual lot. Both lots are required to be served by one joint driveway (with lateral access as previously shown on the previous site plans) and the joint driveway easement must be reflected on the final plat.
29. 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.

30. The notarized signature(s) of all current tax record owner(s) and notary certifications appear on the final plat when submitted for final approval. (Section 86-35(3), Certificate of Ownership and Dedication, Hope Mills Subdivision Chapter)
31. The developer is reminded that the improvements must be in place or that final plat approval will only be granted in accordance with Section 86-36 2 or 3, Final Plat – Guarantees of Improvements, Hope Mills Subdivision Chapter. (Note: Once the improvements are in place, the developer is responsible for contacting Hope Mills Street and Inspections Departments to schedule an inspection of the improvements.)
32. The developer should be aware that any addition and/or revision to this plat may require an additional review and approval by the Planning & Inspections Department prior to submission for final plat approval of any portion of this development.

**Plat-Required Statements:**

33. 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:**

34. There may be wetlands located in the project area that are subject to the permit requirements of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. To avoid a violation of federal and/or state law, it is recommended the developer contact the Office of the Army Corp of Engineers or hire an environmental consultant to identify and delineate any wetlands in the project area prior to construction. A Section 404 permit will be required if the applicant needs to fill wetlands for the construction of the convenience store and/or development of the remaining parent tract.
35. The owner/developer is responsible for ensuring easements which may exist on the subject property are accounted for, not encumbered and that no part of this development is violating the rights of the easement holder.

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **CASE NO. 09-066. Consideration of Legion Road Apartments, Group Development Review, Request a Recommendation for a Waiver from Section 2302.A “Municipal Influence Area”, regarding the number of Access Points and Access Point Widths. Located on the west side of SR 1132 (Legion Road, Northeast of SR 1363 (Elk Road).**

Mr. Ed Byrne, Cumberland County Planning Department said County Planning is requesting a recommendation from Hope Mills Board of Commissioners on Case No. 09-066. He said the developer had requested a waiver from the Town of Hope Mills Municipal Influence Area (MIA) development standards which require a minimum number of access points into a development and a minimum width for each access point. Mr. Byrne said since the development is located within the Town of Hope Mills MIA, the Town’s development standards apply. Under the Town’s standards this development would be required to have a minimum of six access points, with each being a minimum of 40 foot wide.

Mr. Byrne said the developer had proposed the use of one access due to the limited road frontage along Legion Road, the distance to Eagle Landing Drive – the only other road adjacent to the subject property, and the crossing of wetlands and streams in order to connect to the Eagle Landing Drive. Mr. Byrne said if the developer did connect to Eagle Landing Drive, the developer would still be short four access points. The one proposed entrance to the development has a minimum width of 25 feet.

Mr. Byrne reported the Hope Mills Plan Review Committee had reviewed the design layout and had determined that if there is to be only one entrance access point into this development, the entrance should be redesigned. The committee stated in their recommendation that the design of

the entrance should be in a manner which would divide the drive into two separate entrances and exit drives each having a minimum of 20 feet in width, which would allow emergency vehicles access if one side of the entrance is ever blocked. Their recommendation is contingent on the NC Department of Transportation allowing this type of drive connection to the State road.

Chris Manning, 409 Chicago Drive, Fayetteville Engineer for 4D Site Solutions. Mr. Manning said they did not have a problem with the divided access, but with the geometry of the property they did not have 60 feet of width to do one entrance at 20 foot, a median, and another 12 foot drive. He said based on the layout they could possibly construct 30 feet of pavement.

*Following the discussion concerning the entrance widths motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Luther and unanimously carried to table Case No. 09-066.*

**b. Consideration of obtaining the Right of Use of twenty-nine (29) acres from the Sandhills Area Trust in the Birchcreek community. – Mr. Neil Smith.**

Mr. Neil Smith representing Sandhills Area Trust displayed a map of the subject property and said this matter was presented to the Board several months ago and Attorney Jackson was working on getting a fee simple title of the property for the Town. Mr. Smith said there was another piece of property on the west-end of Little Rockfish Creek that would be available for use by the community and the Town. He said this was an excellent opportunity to secure the property so that the Town would have a voice in managing the property. Mr. Smith displayed on the map the layout of the 29 acres.

Mr. Smith said Sandhills Area Land Trust had offered to donate two tracts of land- one near Hunting Path Trail and another in the Birch Creek community for public use and enjoyment by the residents of the Town of Hope Mills. He said the tracts would become part of the Town's greenway and enhance the proposed Little Rockfish Creek paddle trail. In addition, the upland portion of the Birch Creek could also potentially be used for athletic fields.

Mr. Smith said as part of the transaction, the Sandhills Area Land Trust had requested that the Town of Hope Mills pay \$35,000.00 to fund a stewardship endowment, which would help to fund the permanent protection of the land. He said the land trust would retain conservation easements over the properties, consistent with the land trust's policies and management practices. The purpose of a conservation easement is to ensure that the conservation values of the property will be permanently protected.

Mr. Smith said the easement would allow the trust to step in if use of the land does not meet conservation standards. It permanently prevents the land from development of other uses detrimental to the conservation values. Mr. Smith said under the regulations governing conservation easements, the Sandhills Area Land Trust is required to document the condition of the tracts at least annually to ensure that the terms of the conservation easement are met.

Mr. Smith displayed on the map the property the Board voted to receive for the community. He said this property was approximately 19 acres. He said it had been recognized as a natural heritage site worthy of state and national preservation. He said we as a community are sitting on top of one of the finest two streams system in America due to some of the indigenous species in the area.

Mr. Smith said if approved the Town would have a blue trail that would allow the Town to connect Little Rockfish Creek to the property and would provide an excellent opportunity for the utilization of the property.

The Board expressed concerns with the cost and liabilities of the property.

Attorney Jackson said he had researched this matter and there were some stormwater and erosion issues with the property and names corrected on the proposed deed.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Luther, seconded by Commissioner Warner and carried unanimously to authorize Town Attorney to proceed with title search for the property.*

**c. Consider request from Freedom Christian Academy to use the Hope Mills gymnasium and fee waiver.**

Parks and Recreation Director Stan Braswell reported Freedom Christian Academy had requested a waiver or a reduction of fees to use the gymnasium for their volleyball team's practices. He said the times are 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. Mr. Braswell said he recommended allowing them to use the gym twice a week on Monday and Wednesday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., for a fee of \$25.00 per hour (\$50.00 a week total) and the \$250.00 deposit waived.

*Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Luther and carried unanimously to approve Freedom Christian Academy use of the gym on Monday & Wednesday from 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. when available, reduce fee to \$25.00 per hour and waive the \$250.00 deposit.*

**d. Consideration to adopt Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 1 to allocate funds to purchase fencing at the Hope Mills Dam/Lake as proposed by Smelcer Contractors, Inc., \$6,000.00.**

Town Manager Randy Beeman said the Board held discussions addressing safety of the rock areas on and around the dam embankment, pedestrian bridge and the vehicular bridge. He said the fencing with black coating will assist in visibility and reduce the fence presence.

*The Board adopted Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 01 to allocate funds for fencing at the Hope Mills Dam/lake as proposed by Smelcer Contractors, Inc. expenditures in the amount of \$6,000.00.*

*A copy of the Budget Ordinance is filed in the Book of Ordinances in the Town Clerk's office.*

**e. Consideration of the workshop on Ethics Training for Local Officials – Board members, Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk and Attorney, August 27, 2009.**

Mr. Beeman said the workshop was open to both municipal and county elected officials, managers, clerks and attorneys. He said staff recommended all elected officials attend, if possible, and the manager, town clerk, and attorney attend.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Luther and carried unanimously carried for all officials to attend the Ethics Training workshop if their schedule permits.*

**f. Consideration to approve repair to fire truck, 1998 Pierce pumper-tanker and award bid to Covington Diesel, \$7,354.46.**

Mr. Beeman said the transmission cooler and transmission on truck 2131 – 1998 Pierce pumper – tanker needed to be replaced. He said this truck is the first truck out on mutual aid calls. Mr. Beeman said the department had received quotes for the cooler which would be less than the \$5,000.00 threshold required for Board approval. However, the estimates on the transmission repair range from \$7,354.46 to \$7,828.50 with the lowest responsible bid from Covington Diesel at \$7,354.46.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Luther, seconded by Commissioner Warner and carried unanimously carried to approve bid to Covington Diesel \$7,354.46 for repairs to fire truck.*

**8. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**a. Town Manager's update.**

The Town Manager presented a written report on the following:

Railroad Crossing – Johnson Street, Skate Park, Agreement Hope Mills Youth Association & Parks and Recreation, Lake Ordinance Update, Graffiti update.

**b. Department Monthly Reports.**

The following departments presented written reports.

- Finance Department - Report of Interdepartmental Budget Amendment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.
- Inspection Department, June 2009.
- Fire Department, June 2009.
- Parks & Recreation Department, June 2009.
- Police Department, June 2009.

**c. Committee Reports.**

- Historical Advisory Committee.
  - Recommendation and input on Application for Assistance to prepare a Master Plan for a park or parks in Hope Mills.

Mrs. Pat Hall, Chairperson Historical Advisory Committee said she had submitted a letter to North Carolina State University for assistance in developing a “Master Plan” for a park(s) in Hope Mills. She said there was a June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline to be placed on the list for first semester projects. Mrs. Hall provided a written report of the application for project assistance for the board’s consideration.

Mrs. Hall said the project description would be to design a comprehensive master plan relating specifically to creating a Heritage Park at the old mill property on Hope Mills Lake No. 1 with water trails adjoining Little Rockfish Creek, and encompassing possible future development of Big Rockfish Creek water trails, restoration of Hope Mills Lake No. 2, and a public park.

- Recommendation and input on Historical Markers for the Hope Mills Historical District and authorization to allocate HAC funds for this purpose.

Mrs. Hall said on July 9, 1985 the Hope Mills Historic District was declared on the National Register of Historical Places, but it had never been marked. She said in September, 1995 the Town spent grant money to have a Hope Mills Heritage Preservation Plan developed through the State. Mrs. Hall said 24 years later they were requesting to mark the historic district. Mrs. Hall said the vision for the Heritage Park includes placement and markings of items of historical significance.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Warner, seconded by Commissioner Collins and carried unanimously to approve concept of historical markers and authorize committee to proceed with receiving quotes and approve the Historical Committee to use HAC funds for this purpose.*

**d. Update report on the Hope Mills Lake/Dam project.**

Town Manager Randy Beeman reported the town had received notification that the Monitoring Plan as required by Dam Safety had been approved and they will be establishing the RFQ’s for review and submitting to proceed with the Monitoring Plan as approved for the next four years.

Agnes Lowder, 3639 Lakeshore Drive representing the Friends of Hope Mills Lake which has a membership of 828 members, proposed to the board the following: We are proposing the clean-up of the lake. She said they had divided the project into two phases. Phase I is to clear all the growth from the spillway to the railroad trestle. Phase II is to clear from the railroad trestle back to the creek. This includes the vegetation, clipping and hauling all debris from the lake and shoreline.

Mrs. Lowder said they had spoken with Mr. Scotty Williams who represents the company who cleared Lake Upchurch. She stated Mr. Williams had an aerial map to show that would help to understand the proposed work needed to be done.

Mrs. Lowder said the estimated cost for the first phase of this project is \$31,500.00 for 18 days beginning August 17, 2009 - September 11, 2009. Mr. Williams estimates that Phase II will take

approximately the same amount of time and cost. The Friends of Hope Mills Lake had raised monies which can accomplish Phase I of the clearing project.

Mrs. Lowder reported The Friends of Hope Mills Lake was respectfully requesting that the Town Board; 1) Appropriate the funds to complete Phase II of this project which will enable us to clear the entire lake bed. 2) The project will require approval of lowering the lake 3 to 4 feet so that the vegetation can be cut out. She said the work to be done during the window of time of August 17, 2009 thru September 11, 2009. At which time the monitoring of the gates and seals of the lake can begin immediately upon completion of the cleanup. This timing is due to the length of days and temperature of the water. If this work is not done now it will be more expensive in the spring time. She said Mr. Williams purposed to use 8 men for 8 hours per day to complete each phase.

Mrs. Lowder said they had the Cumberland County Foundation's approval for Grant monies and had raised enough funds to clear the lake back to the trestle. She stated they were asking the Board to approve funding for phase II. She said completion of the project will be a huge undertaking and will make a tremendous difference in the appearance of our town and lake.

Mayor Dees said as part of the request they had contacted the project engineer to make sure there would not be a problem from the engineers stand point with lowering the lake at that time. Also, the Town did not own the land beyond the trestle, so the Board would not be able to approve Phase II of the project.

Jessie Bellflowers, 3306 Harrisburg Drive said he was encouraged with the news of the lake cleaning project. He expressed concerns with the project impacting the monitoring scheduled and he hoped both events could occur at the same time.

Mr. Bellflowers had concerns with not receiving answers from the 100 lake question he submitted to the board several months ago.

Mr. Beeman said the answers were received the beginning of July and because there was no board meeting the first Monday in July, this was the first opportunity to provide the answers to the public. Mr. Beeman said he would forward the answers that had been received to Mr. Bellflowers.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Luther and carried unanimously to approve request from The Friends of Hope Mills Lake to clear the lake bed of vegetative growth from the dam to the railroad trestle, (Phase I) and cost to be paid by The Friends of the Lake and requested the Town Attorney review the contract.*

**9. STAFF COMMENTS. - None**

**10. OFFICIAL COMMENTS.**

Commissioner Luther:

- Thanked Mr. Beeman and the Street Department staff for good and timely work they did concerning a manhole cover that was open on Bullard Street.

Mayor Pro Tem Gorman:

- Thanked the Historical Advisory Committee and The Friends of Hope Mills Lake members for all they do; expressed concern with no line markings on Lakeview Road and Moulder Street.

Commissioner Maynor:

- Thanked the Board for allowing him to participate via telephone.

Commissioner Warner:

- Said she was glad to see the removal of the graffiti on the Hope Mills Bypass; thanked all the committees for what they do for the town.

Commissioner Collins:

- Thanked the entire committee members for what they do for the town; thanked Mr. Beeman for what he does for the town; thanked the employees that worked on removing the graffiti.

Mayor Dees:

- Thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.
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- those who cared enough to come and speak. He said the board always appreciates and welcomes your input and your support.
- Stated it was good to see Commissioner Luther up and around tonight and wished her a speedy and complete recovery.
- Thanked the Parks & Recreation Department, Building & Grounds, Fire Department, Police Department, and everyone who played a part in making our 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and festival a success. Stated he had received a number of compliments and the entire town staff is to be commended for all their hard work.
- Extended condolences to the families of Debra Bolder and Bobby Hair. Both of whom passed away recently. He said both were long time Hope Mills citizens and both were tremendous supporters of South View High School. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayer.
- Reminded everyone there will be a benefit for the family of Jay Bolder on August 1<sup>st</sup> at South View High School. Also, there will be a pig pickin from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a South View Band alumni concert starting at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend and celebrate the life of Debra Bolder.
- Congratulated all the spring sports teams who qualified for the state playoffs. He said there were a number of baseball and softball teams to win at the county level. He thanked the volunteer coaches and the parents who continue to develop strong teams and players. Mayor Dees said we are being well represented at the state level and all of the teams are helping keep Hope Mills on the map.
- Reminded the Board of the Annual League of Municipalities Conference in October.

**11. ADJOURNMENT.**

*Motion was made by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Luther and carried unanimously to adjourned at 9:03p.m.*

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ATTEST:

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Connie F. Spell, MMC, Town Clerk