

REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2006

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 Roy Taylor, Town Attorney William R. Davis, Finance Director David Stafford, Public Works Director Bruce McLaurin, Fire Chief Chuck Hodges, Parks and Recreation Director Anita Kilgore, and Police Chief John Hodges.

Dr. Dennis Sheppard, Hope Mills United Methodist Church, gave the invocation, and Commissioner Smith 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.

Mr. Taylor reported the bid packages were being prepared, and the FEMA package had been signed by the county engineer. Mr. Taylor stated the bid package was on schedule and they were working towards Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Luther asked if any contractors had been contacted regarding cleaning the lake bed area. Mr. Taylor responded two contacts had been made and rough estimates were requested. He stated he understood Mayor Dees had contact with two individuals and he had contact with one individual. Regarding the estimates, Mr. Taylor stated there were no known active specialists in this particular area. Commissioner Luther asked if the Department of Corrections could help with clearing the lake bed area, and Mr. Taylor reported he had received no positive response from them concerning this request.

Mayor Dees remarked that Charles Allen, Green Biz, a contractor from the New Bern-Jacksonville area who cleared wetlands for developments in the costal region, and a representative from the North Carolina Wildlife Commission had someone who will also give an estimate, and these were expected by the middle of the month. Mayor Dees stated these were just estimates only and were not formal bids. In response to a question from Commissioner Luther, Mayor Dees stated discussions had been held regarding possibly mulching the trees and giving away the mulch. He stated the estimates requested would be based on cutting and bringing the trees out of the lake bed only. Commissioner Luther asked if the Town had a wood chipper, and Mayor Dees responded the Town did and possibly it could borrow one from the county as well.

Commissioner Collins stated he had contacted Mr. Harry Davis with the Department of Corrections in January who stated they would assist with cleaning the lake bed area. Commissioner Collins asked Mr. Taylor to contact Mr. Davis again regarding this. Mayor Dees commented he had been told by several state officials they would be willing to help the Board with this contact if needed.

Mayor Dees opened the floor for public comments or questions.

Lisa Waring, President of the Friends of the Hope Mills Lake, announced that the Cumberland County Community Foundation had awarded an \$80,000.00 grant to the Friends of the Hope Mills Lake. She stated the grant would be payable over a two year period in the amount of \$40,000.00 each year and would be awarded as a matching grant with the Cumberland County Community Foundation

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donating one dollar for every three dollars raised by the Friends of the Lake. Further, Ms. Waring said the grant had been awarded to improve the quality of life for residents of Cumberland County and stated it was exciting that the Cumberland County Community Foundation recognized that the Hope Mills Lake belonged to not only the Hope Mills residents but all the residents of Cumberland County and the area. Ms. Waring stated that six other organizations were recognized, and she was honored and privileged to receive the first major grant for the Friends of the Hope Mills Lake and this was a great opportunity.

Mayor Dees asked Ms. Waring to provide him the names and addresses of those involved as he would like to send a thank you letter from the Town.

3. STATUS REPORT ON RECREATION CENTER.

Mr. Taylor reported the asphalt parking lot had been laid and striped, and the lights had been installed. Mr. Taylor noted a punch list from Gordon Johnson Architecture, and stated these items were being completed and he would do a follow through with the architect on these punch list items as well.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Lisa Waring, 3628 Lakeshore Drive, stated she was speaking as both a concerned citizen and taxpayer regarding the delays on the Hope Mills Lake project. She commented Mr. Gordon Rose reported at the August 7, 2006 Board meeting his firm was 95% complete with the bid packages. Ms. Waring said nothing had been advertised on this project yet and she felt that the deadline would not be met, and said she felt the citizens had been misled that the project would be bid by the end of the year. Ms. Waring said the longer this project dragged out, the more the costs would increase. Ms. Waring noted an email she received from Mr. Taylor which included an email from Mr. Tim LaBounty stating the engineers were still working on the construction plans and technical specifications. Ms. Waring noted Mr. LaBounty stated hopefully construction would begin during ideal conditions in the spring, and Ms. Waring pointed out that the Corps of Engineers permit expires March, 2007 which was only five months away. Ms. Waring asked if the permit expired, would this project have to start all over again. Additionally, Ms. Waring noted the permit had been issued August 10, 2006, and over \$990,000.00 had been paid in consulting and engineering fees to date.

Don Lowder, 3639 Lakeshore Drive, expressed concerns and frustration and stated he felt the Board had lost its sight of some of its priorities. Mr. Lowder said the state had awarded 75% of the costs to repair the lake and the Town would pay 25% of these costs. He said this was a financial commitment and the dam should take top priority. Mr. Lowder said it had been 3 ½ years since the dam breached and there was no construction and no contract. Mr. Lowder commented the Recreation Center would be a tremendous asset to the Town, but expressed concerns that it appeared this project superseded the lake and dam project. Further, Mr. Lowder said he had worked to secure an additional 2.17 million dollars for the restoration of the lake, and stated he was frustrated these additional funds would cover costs incurred due to delays on the project. Mr. Lowder stated that prices were escalating daily and he did not understand why the Town did not have the bids. Mr. Lowder said the project should be moved to top priority and should stay there as this was owed to the citizens of the state and the local taxpayers. In conclusion, Mr. Lowder stated he felt the

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Board, Manager, and Finance Director should be held responsible for this project and any further delays.

Jessie Bellflowers, 3819 Sturbridge Drive, reminded everyone of the Veteran's Day Ceremony, hosted by VFW Post 10630, on Saturday, November 11th at 4:00 p.m., at the Veterans Memorial Park.

Mr. Bellflowers stated it appeared there would be a large number participating in the Laying of Wreaths ceremony, and he was honored that the Town of Hope Mills would lay a wreath this year.

On another matter, Mr. Bellflowers stated he was angry and frustrated about the delays on the lake. Mr. Bellflowers stated the Recreation Center was nearly completed and it had almost constant oversight. He said the Recreation Center had been constructed without public approval and had been paid for by funds from the general funds. Mr. Bellflowers stated the lake was a top priority before the Recreation Center was even an issue, and further there had been no oversight on the dam reconstruction. Mr. Bellflowers said he had a lack of faith, trust, and confidence in those responsible and asked the Board to become directly involved in answering the email from Mr. LaBounty.

Dr. James Williams, 5415 Thompson Circle, spoke regarding his concerns for the future of Hope Mills and loss of the lake. Dr. Williams said it seemed there had been little vision on growth and the Town needed some professional planning. He said the Town should contract with a human resources consultant and that each position in the Town should be defined including educational qualifications, the selection process of candidates, performance measures, etc. He said Hope Mills was transitioning from a small town to a small city, and each position should be analyzed. Dr. Williams said the Commissioners had been entrusted to select those that were well trained for town government including educational background and experience.

At this time, Mr. John T. Henley Sr. asked to speak from the audience.

Commissioner Legge made a motion to allow Mr. Henley to speak. Commissioner Collins seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

John Henley, 3651 Lakeshore Drive, stated he was disgusted, disappointed, and concerned about the delays in the restoration of the lake and dam. He stated he did not feel the Board and management had been responsible to expedite what it knew had to be done. Mr. Henley said he had every respect for the Board members who were willing to serve, but he did disagree with their lack of action taken over the last 3 ½ years. Mr. Henley said he would like to know how each Commissioner stood on this matter. Mr. Henley stated the Board needed to get this project going because the bureaucracy was over. Further, Mr. Henley said it was known what the state and federal governments had required, and he was very concerned with the lack of action by the Town Board and administration.

5. MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS:

a) Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month - November, 2006.

Mayor Dees read the proclamation and proclaimed November, 2006 as Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month and urged all citizens to learn more about Alzheimer's Disease, its treatment options, and to work together to bring greater comfort to those diagnosed with this disease, their families, and care givers.

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b) Veteran's Day - November 11, 2006.

Mayor Dees read the proclamation and proclaimed November 11, 2006 Veterans Day in the Town of Hope Mills and asked all citizens to pay tribute to America's veterans by participating in the patriotic ceremony, hosted by VFW Post 10630 at the Armed Forces Veterans Memorial Park on November 11th at 4:00 p.m., and by displaying the national flag and reaching out to the veterans in our community and giving support to our troops and their families.

6. 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 Smith seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

- a) Consideration to approve Minutes of the September 18, 2006 Closed Session (Sealed); Minutes of the September 28, 2006 Special Meeting; Minutes of the October 2, 2006 Regular Meeting; Minutes of the October 24, 2006 Special Meeting; and Minutes of the October 24, 2006 Closed Session (Sealed).

Minutes approved as written.

- b) Consideration to approve job descriptions for Human Resources Administrator; Receptionist/Accounting Technician (Administration and Parks and Recreation); Recreation Leader (all included in adoption of FY 06-07 Budget).

Copies of the job descriptions are filed in the Town Clerk's Office in the Pay and Classification Plan and in the Human Resources Administrator's office.

Job descriptions approved.

- c) Consideration to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Gorman, voting delegate, and Commissioner Doris R. Luther, alternate voting delegate, for the National League of Cities Annual Business Meeting, December 9, 2006.

Mayor Pro Tem Gorman appointed voting delegate and Commissioner Luther appointed alternate voting delegate.

- d) Consideration to approve Police Department personnel travel/training over five days.

Mr. Taylor reported two of the police department dispatchers recently attended a course for certified telecommunicators in Salemburg from October 22-27, 2006. Mr. Taylor stated by the time it was determined they were accepted to attend the course, the regular Board meeting was cancelled due to the North Carolina League of Municipalities Conference in Greensboro. Mr. Taylor stated because of this it was not possible to bring this training and travel matter before the Board in time for the course. Mr. Taylor requested this travel be retroactively approved.

Additionally, Mr. Taylor reported a traffic investigator

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requested training and travel to Salemburg for training that will take place from December 4-15, 2006 and this course will be for training in traffic crash reconstruction. Mr. Taylor also recommended Board approval of this training and travel.

Travel/training approved.

e) Consideration to approve Town Attorney Job Description.

A copy of the job description is filed in the Town Clerk's Office in the Pay and Classification Plan as well as in the Human Resources Administrator's Office.

Job description approved.

f) Consideration to approve Agreement to Provide Assistance with the Cumberland Road Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Taylor reported Fire Chief Chuck Hodges had requested this agreement be presented to the Board for review and approval. Mr. Taylor said the Town had identical agreements in place with all other volunteer fire departments in our area, Stoney Point, Cotton, and Pearce's Mill VFD's. Mr. Taylor stated the Fire Chief, Deputy Chief Lopez, and he met with Chief Hall of Cumberland Road a couple of weeks ago to discuss this matter, and Chief Hall had presented this proposal to his Board of Directors who had agreed to this arrangement. Mr. Taylor stated the expenditure for this agreement was budgeted as a contract expense in the Fire Department's budget requiring no budget amendment and therefore recommended approval of this agreement.

A copy of the agreement is filed in the Book of Agreements in the Town Clerk's Office.

Agreement adopted.

"END CONSENT AGENDA"

7. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a) **Resolution from Cumberland County Commissioners approving and accepting the Town's intent to rejoin the Cumberland County Joint Planning Board.**

Mayor Dees noted the receipt of a signed resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners at its October 16th meeting approving and accepting the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners Resolution of Intent to rejoin the Cumberland County Joint Planning Board.

- b) **National League of Cities - Race Equality and Inclusive Communities.**

Mayor Dees presented a letter from Donald J. Borut, Executive Director, National League of Cities, welcoming Hope Mills to Race Equality and Inclusive Communities. Mayor Dees reported Hope Mills was one of four communities in North Carolina that was participating in this initiative and as of October 23, 2006 there were 120 cities nationwide that had joined the NLC partnership for working towards inclusive communities. Mayor Dees stated he was proud Hope Mills was a part of this national initiative.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

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9. STAFF CONCERNS.

Mr. Taylor distributed a letter to the Board from Mr. W.L. Jernigan, Division Traffic Engineer, dated October 27, 2006 in response to the Town's request concerning storm drains and edging along NC 59 and signing for the Town's All Star Dixie Youth Baseball Team.

Mayor Dees asked Mr. Taylor to develop some sign designs and estimated construction costs. Mr. Taylor responded he would and also provide the Board with the number of signs and the proposed locations.

10. OFFICIAL CONCERNS.

Commissioner Gorman commented as follows:

1. Stated he was fully supportive and had always been of restoring the lake. He stated he wanted the lake back as much as anyone.
2. Commissioner Gorman said he would like to comment regarding Mr. Bellflowers' statement regarding the Recreation Center project. He stated the Recreation Center had been in progress since 1995 which was documented in the town minutes. Commissioner Gorman said the lake was the Town's number one project and the Recreation Center was now nearly complete. He said he would do everything possible to make this project move faster.
3. Commissioner Gorman said he needed some answers from the Manager:
 - a) Stated there were some rumors in town that the Local Government Commission could take the Town's charter.

Mr. Taylor stated this was emphatically "no." He said the Town was a creature of the State, and further this was an unfounded rumor.

- b) Commissioner Gorman asked about the status of the 03-04 audits.

Mr. Taylor stated the audit had been accepted by the LGC and all corrections and additions had been made and he expected approval this week. Mr. Taylor said the 04-05 audit was currently underway as well as the 05-06.

Commissioner Gorman asked what was the completion date for the 04-05 audit. Mr. Taylor stated this was hard to say at this point, but felt it would be completed within the next couple of weeks. Mr. Taylor said it would take some time to get everything done in house and as soon as they heard back from the LGC they would have a turn around as soon as possible. Commissioner Gorman asked if the auditors were in the Town Hall daily, and Mr. Taylor stated they were almost every day and some of their work was being done in house at their firm. Mr. Taylor said there was a workstation provided in Town Hall for the auditors use.

Commissioner Gorman stated the 05-06 audit was due October 31st and asked specifically about the status of this audit.

Mr. Taylor said once staff had the figures from the financial

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statements from the two previous audits, the audit should not be difficult and possibly would be completed by the end of the month.

Mr. Taylor stated he was in contact with the Local Government Commission and they were working with town staff, and it possibly could be the middle of December or sooner. Further, Mr. Taylor stated everyone had been very diligent in this process and the audits were not holding the Town back on doing its business. Mr. Taylor said everything would turn the corner by the first of the year, and they had been having discussions with the LGC and everything was moving along and working well.

Commissioner Gorman asked if the LGC was aware of the situation over the last three years, and Mr. Taylor stated he could only speak about this since his involvement as Manager and the answer was yes.

Commissioner Gorman asked what percentage the LGC said the Town should have in reserve. Mr. Taylor stated the LGC recommended 8% of the fund balance be reserved and the Town currently had 22.5%.

Commissioner Gorman said his point was the Town was in good financial shape and he realized it had been troublesome to see a lot of things that had gone on which were out of the Board's control. He stated the Board made its decision based on the advice given to them, but the Town was in good financial shape, and personally he would do all he could to make sure that the lake project was completed. Commissioner Gorman said the lake would be restored with the help of the Friends of the Lake, grants, and other things that were planned. He said he wanted to make sure everything was done in a timely manner.

4. Thanked the speakers under public comments.
5. Encouraged everyone to vote on Tuesday.
6. Reminded everyone about the Veterans Day Ceremony and the Friends of the Lake Bluegrass Festival on Saturday.
7. Noted the Fire Department activities report for October, 2006 and stated they had responded to 152 calls with YTD 1339. Commissioner Gorman expressed appreciation to the Fire Department.
8. Commissioner Gorman commended the Police Officers and stated they were doing a great job.

Commissioner Legge commented as follows:

1. Thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
2. Thanked the speakers during public comments.
3. Commissioner Legge stated he was very interested in restoring the lake and would personally help clear the lake bed area if this would be permitted. He stated he wanted the lake restored and he would help however possible.
4. Commended the Friends of the Lake for the community grant and said this was a giant step.
5. Stated that the Recreation Center project had been

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discussed since 1995 and even earlier. He stated the county had offered some funding for a joint recreation center and if the Town did not accept this offer then it would have lost the money. Commissioner Legge said he was proud of the Recreation Center and he would also fight for the lake.

6. Stated Ole Mill Days was a very nice event.
7. Welcomed the Parks and Recreation new staff members.

At this time, Ms. Kilgore stated she appreciated all the Board's support and comments regarding the Recreation Center and introduced the new staff members: Tommy Tatum, Maintenance Supervisor; Kenny Bullock, Program Supervisor; and Maxey Dove, Athletic Supervisor. Ms. Kilgore stated she appreciated all the staff and said they were doing a great job for the Town.

8. Commissioner Legge stated he would be absent at the November 20th Board Meeting and requested to be excused.

Commissioner Gorman made a motion to excuse Commissioner Legge from the November 20th Board Meeting. Commissioner Collins seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

9. Commissioner Legge requested the Town Manager provide monthly activity reports on the Fire Department and Police Department to all the Board members.

Mr. Taylor stated if this was what the Board wanted then he would be glad to provide the information.

Commissioner Collins commented as follows:

1. Expressed appreciation to Dr. Sheppard for the invocation.
2. Stated the Friends of the Lake was doing a great job. He said he would like to have a copy of the email Ms. Waring mentioned, and stated the Board needed to stay on top of this project.
3. Stated that since he had been on the Board and beginning in January he had been working towards having the audits completed, but did not feel much had been accomplished. He said there had been poor leadership in the past, but there were simply no more excuses.
4. Reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday.
5. Stated Ole Mill Days was really nice, but he missed the tractor pull event.
6. Encouraged everyone to support the South View High School football team.

Commissioner Luther commented as follows:

1. Stated she appreciated everyone who attended the meeting and would take the public comments to heart and consideration. She said no one loved Hope Mills more than she did as Hope Mills was her heart. She stated she would do anything in her power, and she was trying and

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doing the best she could under the circumstances and further asked the citizens to please bear with her. Commissioner Luther said she had hoped the lake would have been restored sooner and asked that everyone work together and the Town would get the lake back.

2. Commissioner Luther remarked that while attending the NCLM conference in Greensboro she spoke to some Mayors and Commissioners from some of the towns in the western part of the state who expressed appreciation to the Town of Hope Mills and the Fire Department Swift Rescue Team for their assistance. Commissioner Luther said she was very proud of this unit and glad it could help these citizens and expressed appreciation and congratulations to the Fire Department. Commissioner Luther said it was good to hear good things about the Town of Hope Mills from other state officials.

Commissioner Smith commented as follows:

1. Thanked Dr. Sheppard for the invocation.
2. Applauded Ms. Waring and the Friends of the Lake on the grant.
3. Expressed appreciation to citizens such as Alex Warner who was very instrumental in getting the Governor to come to Hope Mills and to grant the initial funding for the lake restoration. Also, said that Mr. Don Lowder was appreciated for his efforts and the work he did in helping to secure the additional two million dollars from the State. Commissioner Smith said the Town Officials and the employees wanted the lake restored and the Board had a fiscal responsibility. Commissioner Smith said he listens to all opinions and he would make decisions that would move Hope Mills forward. He noted the Board had adopted a resolution of intent to finance the lake, and even though some comments came across as hostile, he valued all opinions.
4. Reported he had attended a joint transportation study meeting to discuss shuttle service and briefed the Board on the study. He said he planned to attend another meeting on November 14th and would keep the Board advised.
5. Asked the Manager what was the purpose of the LGC.

Mr. Taylor said it was to make sure that all the debts were paid. Commissioner Smith asked if this had been done up to this point, and Mr. Taylor said that all the Town's bills had been paid.

Mayor Dees commented as follows:

1. Said he appreciated everyone who spoke and that all comments were important.
2. Said he was concerned regarding the pace of the spillway project and was also concerned that the Board had not been able to get answers to its questions. He reminded everyone that McKim & Creed worked for the Town, and stressed that the Board did not want to wait until spring for this project to begin. He said he did not understand the reason why it was taking so long to get the bid

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packages completed. Mayor Dees said he would like assurances that staff was not dragging its feet.

Mr. Taylor said the Board had his absolute assurance to that.

3. Welcomed the new Parks and Recreation staff members.
4. Congratulated the Friends of Hope Mills Lake for receiving the Cumberland County Foundation grant and said this was great news and everyone continued to be excited about the great work that the Friends of the Lake were doing.
5. Stated the Finance Committee held their second meeting on Thursday, October 19th, to continue efforts to produce a Capital Improvement Plan. He said the committee prioritized a number of projects and established time lines for each level of priority. Mayor Dees said high priority projects should be considered and funded in a 1-2 year time frame, medium projects within 3-6 years, and low priority within seven 7-10 years.
6. Stated he was privileged to have three members of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council attend the North Carolina League of Municipalities Second Annual Youth Summit in Greensboro on Saturday, October 14th. He said there were several outstanding presentations including one called "VIP for VIP - Vehicle Injury Prevention for Very Important People." He said this program focused on preventing car accidents among young drivers and the importance of the graduated licensing program for teenagers. Mayor Dees said Hope Mills was the only youth council represented from the seven county region of the state and the League has asked Hope Mills to help with the Youth Summit next year when the annual League Conference will be held in Fayetteville.
7. Reported he enjoyed the League's Annual Conference for town officials and Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Luther, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Register, and he learned a lot from the workshops attended in Greensboro October 16-17. Mayor Dees said there were some very good guest speakers and a lot of contacts were made with other municipalities. Further, Mayor Dees said he was excited about the League Conference being held in Cumberland County next year and he thought that would be a great opportunity for the Town to show off Hope Mills a little and promote awareness of what it had to offer. He said he had been invited to be a part of the Steering Committee and planning next year's conference and the first meeting would be November 14th and he would keep everyone posted.
8. Reported the Cancer Center Walk held on Saturday, October 28th was a big success. He said the people from the Cancer Center praised the Town for its help. He said over \$26,000.00 was raised and the Cancer Center had already asked if they could return next year.
9. Stated Ole Mill Days was well attended, and expressed appreciation to Mrs. Kilgore and the Parks and Recreation staff who did a good job in planning and making things happen that day. He thanked Mrs. Kilgore and the staff for all their hard work on that event.

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10. Asked Mr. Taylor about the status of the opening of the Hope Mills bypass.

Mr. Taylor stated that he would check into the matter.

11. Stated he had asked repeatedly for a monthly financial report and was not satisfied that one had not been provided.

Mr. Taylor stated staff wanted to provide the financial report, but not one based on estimates. He said staff would feel more comfortable in presenting a financial statement based on the audits. Mr. Taylor said staff could provide the financial statement estimates, but felt the Board would like to see the actual figures. Mr. Taylor stated staff could provide the financial statements, but they would be estimates only. He stated everything would be estimated until officially approved.

12. Reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday.

13. Reminded everyone of the following:

- a) Town Hall will be closed on Friday November 10th in honor of Veteran's Day and there will be no trash pickup that day.
- b) The Veteran's Day Ceremony will be held November 11th at 4:00 p.m. at the Armed Forces Veterans Memorial Park. Colonel Cantelou, Commander 35th Signal Brigade, will be the featured speaker.
- c) The Bluegrass Festival, sponsored by the Friends of Hope Mills Lake will be held Saturday, November 11th, from Noon to 8:00 p.m. at the lake park.
- d) The next Finance Committee meeting will be Monday, November 13th, at 7:00 p.m., and is open to the public.
- e) The Christmas Parade and the Festival of Lights will be held on Saturday December 2nd. The Parade will begin at 3:00 with the Festival later that evening.
- f) The next Board meeting will be Monday, November 20th, at 7:30 p.m.

At this time, Commissioner Collins made a motion to recognize Mr. Don Lowder from the audience. Commissioner Gorman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lowder stated the Hope Mills Bypass was now open from Camden Road to Hope Mills Road.

11. **CLOSED SESSION: TO CONSULT WITH THE ATTORNEY ON MATTERS WITHIN THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11(A)(3)(5)(6).**

At 8:55 p.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Luther and unanimously carried, the Board entered into Closed Session for the purposes as stated.

Mayor Dees called for a five minutes break prior to entering Closed Session and asked that the Board members assemble promptly at 9:00 p.m.

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At 9:00 p.m., Mayor Dees called the Closed Session to order.

It was Board consensus that the minutes of the Closed Session be sealed until such time as the release of the information would no longer frustrate the purpose of the Closed Session. It was noted the Board would immediately upon returning to open session offer a motion to that effect.

12. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION.

At 10:04 p.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Legge, seconded by Commissioner Collins and unanimously carried, the Board returned to regular session.

13. CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES.

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.

14. ADJOURNMENT.

At 10:05 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