

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021 7:00 P.M.  
BILL LUTHER BOARD MEETING ROOM**

Mayor Jackie Warner called the regular meeting of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 6:57 p.m.

**GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**STAFF PRESENT**

Town Manager Melissa Adams, Town Clerk Jane Starling, Finance Director Drew Holland, Police Chief Joel Acciaro, Deputy Public Works Director Bruce Clark and Planning & Economic Development Director Chancer McLaughlin. Also present was Town Attorney Dan Hartzog, Jr.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The invocation was led by Deacon Pat Snyder, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Jackie Warner.

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

*Motion made by Commissioner Marley, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and carried unanimously, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of New Business items g. Consideration of Recommendation by the Nominating Committee regarding Mr. Stephen Mabe and h. Discussion regarding a Notice of Code Violation for 5606 Pate Street.*

**2. PRESENTATIONS.**

- a. Recitation of a Portion of a Dr. Martin Luther King Speech by Jerel McGeachy Jr.

Jerel McGeachy, Jr. recited a portion of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Mountaintop" speech.

- b. Black History Month Proclamation.

Mayor Warner read the proclamation for Black History Month 2021.

- c. Hope Mills School Choice Week Proclamation.

Mayor Warner read the proclamation for Hope Mills School Choice Week 2021.

- d. NCDOT/FAMPO Presentation on Future Projects.

Mr. Richie Hines, District Engineer with NCDOT introduced his colleague, Mr. Darius Sturdivant, Division Planning Engineer via Zoom. Mr. Sturdivant presented an overview of the roadway planning and transportation projects in the region and Hope Mills. I-95 widening north of Fayetteville, South of Fayetteville, Fayetteville Outer Loop, and Camden Road widening were some of the projects discussed.

Commissioner Legge inquired if all of the projects are set in stone or whether COVID will cause additional delays. Mr. Sturdivant responded they currently have one billion in funding and things are slowly beginning to turn around.

- e. FY 2019-2020 Audit Presentation – Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co., P.A.

Finance Director Holland introduced Stewart Hill of Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co., P.A.

Mr. Hill reviewed the Town's June 30, 2020 clean audit.

Finance Director Holland remarked one change included in the audit report was the CAFR Award which will be required to be included in each audit report moving forward.

- f. Fayetteville Cumberland Economic Development Corporation (FCEDC) Update, presented by Robert Van Geons, FCEDC President/CEO.

Mr. Robert Van Geons, President of FCEDC commented they launched the “Can Do Carolina” platform with Fayetteville/Cumberland County in December. FCEDC is requesting the Town lend our story and become a part of the “Can Do Carolina” platform to gain nationwide recognition for Cumberland County with the help of a PR Firm.

- g. John W. Hodges Public Safety Center Update, by Drew Holland, Finance Director.

Finance Director Drew Holland remarked he will provide an update of the construction progress each quarter. The Police station is scheduled to be demolished Tuesday of next week and fifteen trees are required to be removed. Fencing will be placed around the former Police Station prior to demolition and the walking trail directly behind will eventually be fenced off during the construction period. The walking trail directly on Rockfish Road will remain open. Construction is projected to take approximately 18 months; the President of Gleeson Constructors would like to finish sooner.

*Motion made by Commissioner Bellflowers, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and carried unanimously, to approve Budget Amendment No. 6 for the Capital Project Fund reflecting the construction bids for the project.*

### 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

- a. **Continuation of Case P19-01:** Tabled at the last meeting - Modification of an approved C(P) Planned Commercial/CZ Conditional Zoning for motor vehicle sales district or to a more restrictive zoning district on 2.18+/- acres; located on the east side of NC 59 (Hope Mills Road), west of SR 1135 (John Smith Road), north of NC 162 (George Owen Road); submitted by Eric and Carrie Brown (owners) & George M. Rose (agent) (Hope Mills).

Planning & Economic Development Director Chancer McLaughlin commented during the last meeting the Board expressed interest in the owner annexing the rear piece. The Town does not have the authority to require the piece be tied into the conditional zoning. Mr. McLaughlin inquired if the owner had the desire to annex and they respectfully declined due to taxes.

Commissioner Marley remarked he is not in favor of approving this case as he foresees future citizen complaints due to traffic issues.

Mayor Warner opened the public hearing for Case P19-01 at 8:29 p.m.

Mayor Warner called for comments for or against Case P19-01. There were none.

*Motion made by Commissioner Marley to close the public hearing.*

Mayor Warner closed the public hearing for Case P19-01 at 8:29 p.m.

*Motion made by Commissioner Legge, seconded by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, in Case P19-01, the Board of Commissioners vote to deny the modification request as approval of the modification request it is not reasonable and not in the public interest as the conditional zoning district is not in harmony with the surrounding existing uses.*

*Commissioner Marley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray and carried unanimously, to amend the previous motion to add the increased traffic would not be in the public interest.*

- b. **Case P20-54:** Initial zoning of 3.64+/- acres to C2(P) Planned Service and Retail District/CZ Conditional Zoning for trades contractor activities or to a more restrictive zoning district; located on the northwest side of SR 1243 (US HWY 301 S), northeast of SR 1126 (Brooklyn Circle); submitted by DSI Properties, LLC (owner) (Hope Mills).

Planning & Economic Development Director McLaughlin commented the annexation for this case was approved on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Warner opened the public hearing for Case P20-54 at 8:47 p.m.

Mayor Warner called for comments for or against Case P20-54. There were none.

*Motion made by Commissioner Marley to close the public hearing.*

Mayor Warner closed the public hearing for Case P20-54 at 8:47 p.m.

*Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray, seconded by Commissioner Marley and carried unanimously, in Case P20-54, the Board of Commissioners vote to approve the initial zoning request to C2(P) Planned Service and Retail District/CZ Conditional Zoning for trades contractor activities and find the request consistent with the Southwest Cumberland Land Use Plan designation of "Heavy Commercial" as the subject property meets the location criteria for heavy commercial as defined in the Land Use Plan and the plan supports strip commercial areas along US HWY 301. Approval of the request is reasonable and in the public interest as the district requested is in harmony with surrounding existing land uses and the permitted use serves as a transition between existing commercial uses and established residential areas.*

- c. **Case P20-55:** Initial zoning of 15.65+/- acres to R7.5 Residential or to a more restrictive zoning district; located on the west side of SR 1119 (Muscat Road) and south of Fairhaven Trail; submitted by GRRF, LLC (owner) (Hope Mills).

Planning and Economic Development Director McLaughlin commented this case is tied to phase 5 of Sheffield Farms.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of entrances and exits.

Mayor Warner opened the public hearing for Case P20-55 at 8:57 p.m.

Mayor Warner called for comments for or against Case P20-55. There were none.

*Motion made by Commissioner Marley to close the public hearing.*

Mayor Warner closed the public hearing for Case P20-55 at 8:57 p.m.

*Motion made by Commissioner Marley, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and carried unanimously, in Case P20-55, the Board of Commissioners vote to approve the initial zoning request to R7.5 Residential and finds the request consistent with the Southwest Cumberland Land Use Plan (2013) designation of "Low Density Residential" as it allows a density of 2.2 to 6 units per acre and only allows stick-built homes which are permitted uses in R7.5 district. Approval of the request is reasonable and in the public interest as the district requested is in harmony with surrounding existing land uses and zoning and the parcels have access to public water and sewer.*

- d. **Case P20-56:** Initial zoning of 3.74+/- acres to C(P) Planned Commercial or to a more restrictive zoning district; located on the west side of SR 1132 (Legion Road), south of SR 3301 (Ireland Drive); submitted by Wash-a-Roo Laundromat, Inc. & Raymond E. Nicholson, Jr. (owners) (Hope Mills).

Planning & Economic Development Director McLaughlin remarked this is the initial zoning of three separate parcels as they are contiguous; the water and sewer for the Wash-a-Roo runs through the lots.

Mayor Warner opened the public hearing for Case P20-56 at 9:04 p.m.

Mayor Warner called for comments for or against Case P20-56. There were none.

*Motion made by Commissioner Marley to close the public hearing.*

Mayor Warner closed the public hearing for Case P20-56 at 9:04 p.m.

*Motion made by Commissioner Marley, seconded by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, in Case P20-56, the Town of Hope Mills Board of Commissioners vote to approve the initial zoning request to C(P) Planned Commercial and finds: a.) the approval is an amendment to the adopted current Southwest Cumberland Land Use Plan map; and that the Board of Commissioners should not require any additional request or application for amendment to said map for this request, b.) the following change in conditions was considered in amending the zoning ordinance (zoning map) to meet the development needs of the community: the subject properties meet the location criteria for "heavy commercial" as defined in the Land Use Policies Plan, including access to public water and sewer, and c.) approval of the initial zoning request is reasonable and in the public interest because the district requested is in harmony with adjacent zoning and land uses.*

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

Mrs. Marian Caldwell, 3609 Soucek Drive, Hope Mills, NC. Mrs. Caldwell requested the Board make the decision to close Crampton Road as soon as possible and encouraged the Board members who are opposed to the closure to drive the area to get an idea of the congestion issues.

Mrs. Julia Warfel, 3509 Crampton Road, Hope Mills, NC. Mrs. Warfel expressed her dismay as a decision to close Crampton Road has not been made and come March, it will be one year since the residents of Golf Acres and Brightmoor were made aware of the proposed Par Four development.

Mr. Jerel McGeachy, Chairman of the Hope Mills Prime Movers Committee requested Committee Liaison Chancer McLaughlin distribute Certificates of Appreciation to Hope Mills Town Hall and Parks & Recreation for helping make their Christmas Toy Drive

successful. Mr. McLaughlin provided an update on the Committees planned events for this month and February, to include partnering with Parks & Recreation for a Black History Month initiative and collecting Valentines cards for seniors in nursing homes.

Town Clerk Starling read the following comments submitted to the Clerk's Office via email:

Ms. Tina Ray, no address provided. Ms. Ray requested the closure of Crampton Road due to safety issues.

Mr. Robert Waugh, no address provided. Mr. Waugh commented the delay in the decision to close Crampton Road is unacceptable and access for the proposed development should be located off of Golfview Road for safety reasons.

Mr. Richard Luetgenau, 5758 Crenshaw Drive, Hope Mills, NC. Mr. Luetgenau noted the "Close Crampton Road" petition has 447 signatures and the process has gone on too long.

Mr. Bryan Smith, 5747 Crenshaw Drive, Hope Mills, NC. Mr. Smith requested the Commissioners listen to citizen concerns for safety in regard to Crampton Road as traffic is already an issue.

Mrs. Brenda Luetgenau, 5758 Crenshaw Drive, Hope Mills, NC. Mrs. Luetgenau requested the Board considered closing Crampton Road permanently.

Mrs. Freda Houston, 5737 Crenshaw Drive, hope Mills, NC. Mrs. Houston requested the Board not open Crampton Road to a new apartment complex as she fears for children's safety due to increasing traffic and requests the closure of Crampton Road.

Mr. Earl and Mrs. Glenda Selover, no address provided. The Selover family expressed their support for the closure of Crampton Road, stating traffic concerns as the main issue.

Ms. Vicki Mauldin, 5751 Crenshaw Drive, Hope Mills, NC. Ms. Mauldin expressed her concern for the lack of communication from Town officials in regard to the use of Crampton Road for possible development.

Mr. Craig Hampton, 3531 Crampton Road, Hope Mills, NC. Mr. Hampton expressed his objection for the possible Par Four development.

Mr. R.H. Stewart, 3607 Crampton Road, Hope Mills, NC. Mr. Stewart requested the permanent closure of Crampton Road at the intersection of Crampton Road and Crenshaw Drive due to traffic increases and the safety of the residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gillis, 3616 Crampton Road, Hope Mills, NC. The Gillis' requested the Board consider closing Crampton Road citing the safety of children, runners and bicyclists due to increases in traffic as a concern.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. Consideration of Approval of Minutes from the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting January 4, 2021.
- b. Acceptance of December 2020 Financial Report.

**“END OF CONSENT AGENDA”**

*Motion made by Commissioner Marley, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and carried unanimously, to approve the consent agenda as read.*

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Update on Par Four Development Project.

Planning & Economic Development Director McLaughlin commented he spoke with the developers of the Par Four and they indicated they would be holding a partner meeting soon and would be in correspondence with the general contractor to finalize pricing of materials. Planning Director McLaughlin conveyed they would be given until next month to make a decision and a Golfview Driveway Study Committee meeting would need to be scheduled again as the ultimate decision would come from the Committee to make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. An updated revised plan must be submitted to the County to be placed on the agenda.

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Consideration of Ordinances NS2021-01 and NS2021-02 to allow NCDOT to reduce the speed limit on a portion of Hwy 59.

*Motion made by Commissioner Marley, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and carried unanimously, to approve Ordinances NS2021-01 and NS2021-02 to allow NCDOT to reduce the speed limit on a portion of HWY 59.*

- b. Consideration of Approval of Bid to Demolish 5443 Fountain Lane by Morrison’s Lawncare Landscape Tree Debris Removal for \$6,425.

Planning & Economic Development Director McLaughlin remarked as a result of a fire at the property on January 2020, the Inspections Department deemed the property to be condemned and uninhabitable, which triggered a code violation as the property was never cleaned up. After two public hearings with the property owner and a 45 day notice to clear the property expired twice, the Town gathered bids for cleanup.

*Motion made by Commissioner Bellflowers, seconded by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, to accept Morrison's Lawncare Landscape Tree Debris Removal bid for \$6,425 and to request the Town Attorney investigate acquiring the property.*

- c. Consideration of Creating a Special Events Committee with Mayor Warner and Mayor Pro Tem McCray as Chairs; as requested by Mayor Warner.

Mayor Warner commented the main purpose of this temporary committee would be to plan the Town's 130<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. The Committee would be comprised of the Chairs from each committee.

*Motion made by Commissioner Marley, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and carried unanimously, to approve the Special Events Committee with Mayor Warner and Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray as Chairs.*

- d. Discussion of the CGI Video Project to Include Details About Advertising by Our Community; as requested by Mayor Warner.

Mayor Warner remarked she requested this item be added as individuals have inquired the cost for sponsors. Planning Director McLaughlin responded he would have to verify as eight businesses were involved, though the videos are no cost to the Town.

Discussion ensued as to why the businesses videos were recorded in June and have not yet been released.

- e. Discussion About Code Enforcement and Crime Reports Trade Street and Ellison Street; as requested by Mayor Warner.

Mayor Warner commented this item was purely informational for the Board and to move towards correcting that area.

Planning Director McLaughlin gave an overview of possible options to remedy the issue.

- f. Discussion regarding the process to permanently close any street or public alley; as requested by Commissioner Bellflowers.

Commissioner Bellflowers commented he requested this item be added as there has been no action or updates from the Par Four developers since September, until this evening. Commissioner Bellflowers compiled a timeline of events dating back to June 2020. Commissioner Bellflowers remarked this process has gone on too long and the developers need to make a decision before the February 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Commissioner Marley commented he is in agreement with Commissioner Bellflowers and believes the developers should have been given a more stringent timeline.

Mayor Pro Tem McCray remarked she was never in opposition of closing Crampton Road, rather she was seeing the process through and allowing the Committee to make their recommendation so the road would ultimately be closed.

Discussion ensued regarding preparing a resolution to close the road prior to the February 15<sup>th</sup> regular Board meeting.

*Motion made by Commissioner Bellflowers, seconded by Commissioner Marley and carried unanimously, to require the Par Four developers to take action by February 15, 2021.*

- g. Consideration of Recommendation by the Nominating Committee regarding Mr. Stephen Mabe.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray commented the Nominating Committee recommends Mr. Stephen Mabe to serve on the Board of Adjustment and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee.

*Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray, seconded by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, to approve the recommendation from the Nominating Committee for Mr. Stephen Mabe to serve on the Board of Adjustment and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee.*

- h. Discussion regarding Notice of Code Violation for 5606 Pate Street.

Commissioner Bellflowers commented he requested this item after reading a recent email though he was aware of the violation since December after he received a text from a resident.

Planning Director McLaughlin commented Town staff have no control over the business practices of a property owner. if a business opens in an establishment, then they do not have a zoning permit. Nor does the Town have authority over any rental agreement a business agrees upon with the property manager. Staff only has authority to take action after the violation is brought to their attention.

The property manager informed Mr. McLaughlin they were unaware a tow truck establishment was operating with vehicles on the property; they agreed to offering it as an office space. Mr. McLaughlin personally visited the location to investigate the situation and to offer a viable solution for all parties.

Mayor Warner commented the unveiling of the mural on Trade Street is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Planning & Economic Development Director McLaughlin commented he will be hosting the Building Business Capacity Workshop on behalf of the Town on Tuesday, January 26,

2021 from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. This is part of the yearly Building Business Rally that has gone virtual.

## **8. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:**

### **a. Manager's Report.**

Town Manager Adams provided the following report:

Johnson Street Sidewalk Project: McGill & Associates are working to complete 100% drawings. In addition, McGill is working on the utility verifications that are required. The CSX Licensing Agreement is in process (this has to be completed by the Town, due to crossing of the railroad tracks). CSX has acknowledged receipt of the funds for the licensing agreement. McGill & Associates recently conducted a site visit and has recently had some correspondence with PWC regarding utility certifications.

Replacement of the multi-purpose trail (the Jack White Bike Path): We will be replacing the entire path beginning at the Lake Park entrance and ending at the corner of Lakeview Road. Public Works is looking at possibly re-engaging the process for RFPs in the Spring of 2021.

Fountain Lane Parking Lot Project: Public Works will focus on beginning this project in conjunction with the Big T's ADA Project during the off-season. Del Crawford of Crawford Design Company submitted a proposal in the amount of \$9,900.00 for the design of the parking lot. The proposal was accepted and the contract was signed. Mr. Crawford is currently working on the design of the of the parking lot.

Schnabel Engineering: Notice to proceed was issued to Lonnie Smith Electric and the work began the week of December 7<sup>th</sup>. The majority of the conduit has been installed. When they began the installation of the circuitry, they discovered a buried junction box. A trace had to be completed on the junction box before the circuitry could be installed. Currently, the conduit and the circuitry are 90% complete.

The lake lowering will began on Monday, January 11, 2021. Please keep in mind that we have had a significant amount of rain and it may take a little bit longer to achieve the desired level of approximately 101 ASL (above sea level).

The Police Memorial was moved into storage at Golfview Greenway on Tuesday, January, 12, 2021 in preparation for the groundbreaking and demolition of the old Police Station. The survey is complete along the property line of the Veterans Memorial Park. Public Works is formulating their plan for the demo of the old fencing and the construction of the new fencing, once the fencing has been ordered. Public Works has received a quote for the removal and cleanup of the trees on the fence line (\$1800). We have attempted to contact the property owner (Agape Worship Center), and have left a couple messages, but have not heard anything back. We will continue to try to get in touch with them, as the second fence (Chain link) is right on the property line.

Big T's ADA renovation project: the construction bidding was opened up Tuesday, January 5, 2021. The pre-bid conference was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. A site visit will be held with contractors and sub-contractors on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. The bid period closes at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 28, 2021, with the bids being opened that afternoon. The job posting for the Public Works Construction Manager position was re-posted and advertised until January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Library Stormwater Improvement Project: The fence for the Friends of the Hope Mills Library park (around the infiltration basin) has arrived. Staff is scheduling the work as soon as possible which appears to be next week. Staff is working on pricing for the plaque and sundial for the park this week as well. In addition, Staff was able to get a photograph of the original members from the Hope Mills Library.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Hope Mills Gateway Study: Staff is currently in contact with the NC Department of Commerce on reconvening our Hope Mills Gateway Task Force to begin to finalize our plan. As you recall, we initially stopped having in-person meetings as a result of the COVID pandemic but staff has engaged the NC Commerce team and they are interested in restarting our meetings via Zoom.

Hope Mills Pedestrian Plan: Staff conducted an introductory meeting with the McAdams design team on Friday, January 8, 2021 to begin the process of the Hope Mills Pedestrian Plan Study. The goals and objectives of the plan is to explore the possibility of the design of a Greenway/Pedestrian Trail in Hope Mills that would make pedestrian oriented connections between the Hope Mills Golf Course, Hope Mills Town Hall Complex, Trade Street, Hope Mills Lake, and Heritage Park. The next step includes the creation of an internal steering committee that will ultimately serve to assist McAdams with the completion of the plan. Staff is currently in the process of identifying and contacting key stakeholders and community representatives to serve on the steering committee.

### **PARKS & RECREATION:**

#### **Development Projects:**

Municipal Park Splashpad Design: McAdams facilitated a virtual project kickoff meeting on January 4, 2021. The team discussed the project schedule, scope and next steps in the design process.

- A conference call between HMPR and Cumberland County Health Department took place on January 4, 2021 to discuss code requirements for the proposed splashpad. There are a few elements that are no longer required that will yield cost savings: 1). New restrooms facilities are no longer a requirement; however, the restrooms at the large shelter will be improved to facilitate the splashpad. 2). A perimeter fence around the splashpad is not required, but we will explore including it in the project for safety. 3). Because the water will be treated with chlorine, the Town will be allowed to connect

to the sanitary sewer, and the pump house will be allowed to be housed in the large shelter storage room.

- A site meeting will be held with the design team, Town staff and the splashpad manufacturer on Thursday, January 14, 2021 to discuss site plan and permitting requirements.

Heritage Park Construction Documents: HMPR is still awaiting signed Project Agreements from NCDENR before officially beginning the design phase of the project. The contract amendment for Phase I design development has been sent to McAdams for review and signatures.

Seniors, Programs and Special Events: Staff in the Special Events and Senior Programs Division are currently planning for the Spring events. Though COVID-19 restrictions have hindered us from providing traditional events, staff have come up with alternatives to provide Hope Mills Citizens with an array of activities and programs.

**\*\*Virtual Miss Hope Mills Cotton Pageant\*\*** Currently working on logistics, but tentatively scheduled dates are as follows:

Date: Submission Due Sunday, April 11

- Contestants would have to submit a video with their application

Judges: April 12 – 16<sup>th</sup> to vote on finalist

- Videos of contestants would be given to judges to vote on Top 5 and votes would be received by April 16<sup>th</sup>.

April 19 – Finalist Announced

- Announcement made regarding Top 5 contestants in each age group

Pageant April 30 – May 1

- Rec Center Gym
- In-person pageant for Top 5 Finalist for each age group
- Social Distancing Guidelines will be in place

Cost: \$60 Residents - \$70 Non-Residents

(last year cost: \$50)

Must reside in Cumberland County

**Pictures & Box Breakfast with the Easter Bunny** *\*\* Similar to the setup and logistics as Breakfast/Pictures with Santa \*\**

Date: Saturday, March 27

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

- Two time slots
  - 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – 75 available spots
  - 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. – 75 available spots

Location: Town Hall Gazebo – Inclement Weather Location: Rec Center Gym

Cost: \$10/person? (For boxed breakfast)

FREE for photo op

Registration (Online Only): March 1 - March 22

Description: McAlister's Deli Breakfast Box, Easter Bunny, and Professional Photographer! You must register online, chose a timeslot for Professional Photo, \$10 breakfast box. Your choice of sausage, Black Forest ham, or applewood smoke bacon. Photos will be available for purchase.

**Also – we've got plastic easter eggs that we are going to stuff with candy – each registrant will receive a bag of around 20 eggs(?) that they can use for their own Easter Egg Hunt.**

### **NEW! Community Wide Yard Sale**

*\*\*In conjunction with Spring Litter Sweep/Shred Event – will still hold Yard Sale if Spring Litter Sweep is Cancelled\*\**

Working on logistics

Date: April 17<sup>th</sup>

Time: 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Cost: TOHM Yard sale Fee is \$10 – but the incentive here is that there will be multiple 'vendors', which will pull more people as opposed to a single house yard sale.

Location: In front of Municipal Park with vendors set up along Rockfish Rd. A good distance off walking path but vendors will be visible from Rockfish Road.

Social Distancing Guidelines in place, for example:

- Mask are required
- Additional space between vendor booths
- Waiting Line markings on ground
- Only allow small number of people at each booth

### **NEW! Town Wide GARAGE Sale**

*\*\*Set up similar to the Porch Parade and Light-Up Hope Mills Contest\*\**

*Obviously, you don't need to have a garage to participate.*

Town of Hope Mills hosts its first Town-Wide Yard Sale at the comfort of your own yard or driveway.

Date: Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Rain Date: Saturday, April 24

Cost: \$10?

Registration (online only): March 15 – April 14

- All participating Address will set up their yard sale at their own residence
- Parks & Rec will advertise the event, distribute a map/listing of all sale locations for registered participants as well as post on all social media outlets. (just like Porch Parade and Light-Up Hope Mills).
- A complete list of all participating households will be updated on Virtual Map by Friday April 23

### **Athletic Programming:**

The Athletic Department is currently taking registration for our new All-Girls Basketball Clinic. This is a 4-week clinic beginning on January 12<sup>th</sup>. This clinic will take place at Hope Mills Recreation Center in the gym on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday afternoons. The age groups will consist of ages 7-15. Due to Covid-19 guidelines we will have a maximum number of 15 participants per section. All participants, staff and instructors will wear mask at all times. We have put in place upgraded cleaning measures for the Recreation Center during the time of the Clinic, including using the COVID-19 Mister. The Athletic Department is currently finalizing the details for our new CO-ED Basketball Clinics starting in February, 2021. We will take registration for 4 – 1-week clinics that will run 3 days per week. Through the CO-ED clinics, 240 participants will have the opportunity to participant in this clinic. The participants will be spread out by time slots keeping our max number of participants to a minimum. The same upgraded cleaning measures will be done during the CO-ED clinics.

The Athletic Department is also currently working with the Fayetteville Panthers semi-pro league to establish some additional camps & clinics on Saturdays beginning in February, 2021. We are looking to add as many sessions as possible to provide the opportunity to as many participants as feasibly possible.

The Athletic Department will begin advertising/registration for our Spring Sports, to include baseball & softball. We have decided to hold indoor soccer and wrestling (indoor athletics) at the moment due to COVID-19 guidelines.

Town Manager Adams remarked she would be retiring from her position, effective April 1, 2021, and offered to assist the new Manager or Interim in their transition.

*Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray, seconded by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, to conduct a closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (A)(6) to discuss personnel matters.*

Mayor Warner instructed the Board to assemble in the conference room at 10:58 p.m.

At 11:53 p.m. Mayor Warner called the regular meeting back to order.

*Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray, seconded by Commissioner Marley and carried unanimously, 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.*

Mayor Warner thanked Town Manager Adams for her time and everything she has done for the Town and accepted her April 1<sup>st</sup> retirement on behalf of the Board.

b. Reminders.

- January 25, 2021 @ 6:30 PM Parks and Recreation Committee Regular Meeting in the Parks and Recreation Center.
- January 26, 2021 @ 6:30 PM Appearance Commission Regular Meeting in the Parks and Recreation Center.
- January 28, 2021 @ 6:00 PM Veterans Affairs Committee Regular Meeting in the Parks and Recreation Center.
- February 1, 2021 @ 6:00 PM Mayor's Youth Council Regular Meeting Via Zoom.
- February 1, 2021 @ 7:00 PM Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting in the Luther Board Room.

c. Department Monthly Reports.

- Fire Department, November and December, 2020
- Inspections Department, November and December, 2020
- Permitting Department, November and December, 2020
- Stormwater Department, November and December, 2020
- Public Works Department, November and December, 2020
  - (1) Sanitation
  - (2) Service Garage
  - (3) Buildings & Grounds
  - (4) Street

**9. STAFF COMMENTS.**

**10. OFFICIAL COMMENTS.**

**11. ADJOURNMENT.**

*Motion made by Commissioner Legge, seconded by Commissioner and carried unanimously, to adjourn the meeting.*

Mayor Warner adjourned the meeting at 11:54 p.m.

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Jackie Warner, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jane G. Starling, CMC, NCCMC  
Town Clerk