

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 17, 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 Monday, May 17, 2021 at 7:20 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

Interim Town Manager Bill Zell, Town Clerk Jane Starling, Finance Director Drew Holland, Parks & Recreation Director Lamarco Morrison, Stormwater Administrator Beth Brown, Planning & Economic Development Director Chancer McLaughlin, Chief Building Inspector Ray Reeves, Deputy Building Inspector Kenny Tatum and Deputy Public Works Director Bruce Clark. Also present was Town Attorney Dan Hartzog, Jr.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was led by Dr. Ron Godbolt, Word of Truth Ministry, Inc., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Jackie Warner.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem McCray, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and carried unanimously, to approve the agenda as presented with the removal of Public Hearing Item a. Annexation Case A2021-01; Deaver Circle Apartments Phase III: The following described tract of land lies on the western side of Deaver Circle and the northern side of Hackberry Drive in the Rockfish Township and moving Presentations item F. to A.

2. PRESENTATIONS.

- a. Recognition of the Mayor's Youth Leadership Organization for the school year 2020-2021 with presentation of certificates.

Mayor Warner and Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray presented the Mayor's Youth Leadership Committee members with certificates of appreciation for their participation during this past year.

- b. Public Safety Building Project Update Presented by Scott Garner, Architect.

Mr. Scott Garner commented the foundations for the public safety building are complete as well as underground plumbing and electrical. Work has begun on LA Priest – Public Safety Drive. The building is 18-20% complete, with the major hurdle being getting past

earthwork with no large change orders. Mr. Garner had concepts of the exterior of the building on display and requested the Board approve the design featuring red and blue panels to differentiate the police station from the fire station.

Motion made by Commissioner Bellflowers, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and carried unanimously, to approve the design rendering of the color panels on the Public Safety Building.

- c. Anti-littering campaigns - presented by Amanda Bader, Cumberland County Solid Waste Management Director.

Ms. Amanda Bader remarked the county has started two anti-liter campaigns. The first is “Five for Friday”, an initiative requesting residents take a pledge to be a start of the solution. Cumberland County Solid Waste has teamed up with the City of Fayetteville to engage schools and local businesses. The concept is to pick up 5 pieces of trash on Friday. A car litter bag is supplied to participants. The second anti-litter campaign is “Cumberland Clean” litter clean up events. The next County-wide litter collection event is scheduled for September 18, 2021.

Mayor Warner encouraged her fellow Board members and Town staff to commit to “Five for Friday”.

- d. Cumberland County Community Health Assessment – Presented by Tamara Morris, Public Health Educator.

Ms. Tamara Morris remarked the Cumberland County Community Health Needs Assessment is conducted every 3 years. The survey requests demographic information and health needs throughout the community. HealthyNC will assist the County in analyzing the data. Surveys are due by June 18, 2021.

- e. Proclamation of May 16-23, 2021 as National Public Works Week and presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Public Works Staff.

Mayor Warner read the proclamation for National Public Works Week and presented Deputy Public Works Director Bruce Clark with a Certification of Appreciation for his staff.

- f. Proclamation for Memorial Day, May 31, 2021.

Mayor Warner read the proclamation for Memorial Day 2021.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

- a. Removed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Town Clerk Starling read the following public comment into the record: Jeff Smith 5333 Camden Road, Fayetteville, NC. Mr. Smith commented in opposition of charging lake-goers to launch paddleboats, kayaks and canoes in Hope Mills Lake.

Ms. Casey Ferris President 4812 Cedar Pass Drive, Hope Mills, NC. Ms. Ferris spoke in favor of chamber business Yakalacky Outfitters as they have brought a great deal of visitors to the Town and a once empty lake.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Consideration of Approval of Draft Minutes from the April 5, 2021 Regular Meeting.
- b. Consideration of holding a Public Hearing on the proposed FY21-22 Budget at the regular Board of Commissioners meeting on June 7, 2021 as presented at the May 3rd Board meeting.
- c. Acceptance of the April 2021 financial report.

“END OF CONSENT AGENDA”

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

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion regarding a local business renting/selling kayaks on town owned property, (Hope Mills Lake Park), without authorization. Requested by Commissioner Bellflowers.

Commissioner Bellflowers commented he is not against a business operating and bringing visitors to the lake but it needs to be done fairly and correct.

Mayor Warner requested this item be brought back to the Board after the Town Manager investigates.

Motion made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray and carried unanimously, to table the item and allow the Town Manager to investigate the situation and bring his findings back before the Board.

- b. Discussion and possible action on media engagement research requested by the Board at the April 19th meeting.

Interim Town Manager Bill Zell remarked if the Board is interested in coverage after every Board meeting it will cost the Town.

Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Commissioner Legge, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray and carried unanimously, to table discussion on media sources for the Town until a later date.

c. Lake Ordinance

Commissioner Bellflowers commented it was brought to his attention that non-residents were under the impression they would be charged a permit fee to operate a non-motorized boat on Hope Mills Lake. After reviewing the Lake Ordinance and fee schedule on the Town website, Commissioner Bellflowers requested the item be added to the agenda.

Parks & Recreation Director Lamarco Morrison commented the ordinance reads oddly, but there is no fee to operate non-motorized boats on Hope Mills Lake.

The consensus of the Board was for Town Attorney Hartzog to bring back the recommended changes to the Lake Ordinance.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

8. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

a. Manager's Report.

Interim Town Manager Zell provided a report in the agenda packet.

Commissioner Bellflowers inquired why the 160D change was conducted by Triangle J Government. Town Attorney Hartzog responded he recommended Triangle J to Planning & Economic Development Director McLaughlin.

b. Reminders.

- Monday, May 24, 2021 @ 6:30 pm - Parks and Recreation Committee meeting at the Rec Center.
- Tuesday, May 22, 2021 @ 6:30 pm - Appearance Commission meeting at the Rec. Center.
- Thursday, May 24, 2021 @ 6:00 pm - Veterans Affairs Committee meeting at the Rec. Center.
- Monday, May 31, 2021 - Memorial Day Holiday – Town Offices Closed.
- Thursday June 3, 2021 @ 6:00 pm - Prime Movers Committee meeting at the Rec. Center.

- Monday, June 7, 2021 @ 7:00 pm - Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting in the Luther Board room.
- Wednesday, June 9, 2021 @ 6:00 pm - Historic Preservation Committee meeting at the Rec. Center.
- Saturday, June 12, 2021 @ 11:00 am – ribbon cutting, Friends of the Library Park.

Mayor Warner commented the 130th Birthday Committee met last week and discussed the Pop-Up Art Event on June 12, 2021 and ribbon cutting/art unveiling at 11:00 a.m. that day at Friends of Hope Mills Library Park.

c. Department Monthly Reports

- Fire Department, April, 2021
- Police Department, April, 2021
- Permitting, April, 2021
- Stormwater Department, April, 2021
- Public Works Department, April, 2021
 - (1) Sanitation
 - (2) Service Garage
 - (3) Buildings & Grounds
 - (4) Street
- Code Enforcement, April, 2021

9. STAFF COMMENTS.

10. OFFICIAL COMMENTS.

Commissioner Legge thanked Finance Director Holland for his hard work on the budget and the rest of the staff for their input and reminded of the state softball and baseball tournaments coming to Brower Park in June.

11. ADJOURNMENT.

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

Mayor Warner adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Jackie Warner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jane G. Starling, CMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk

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