

Alternate is named to fill slot on board for planning

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The town council appointed Donald Whitaker to the Walkertown Planning Board last Thursday. He will fill the unexpired term of Chuck Trivette, who resigned in September.

Whitaker had been an alternate on the planning board, and his term will end Dec. 31, 2008.

The council also reappointed two other alternates, Robert Lee Butler and Larry Marshall.

Town Clerk Lynn McKinnie is accepting applications from Walkertown residents who are interested in being an alternate.

In other business, the council considered eliminating the doughnut holes in the town limits and extending the boundaries.

Council Member Brenda Mabe said that there are unincorporated areas in the town limits where Forsyth County has control of the zoning and nearby houses are in Walkertown's boundaries. The council voted to discuss the issue Nov. 15.

McKinnie told the council that the old Walkertown fire station is being turned into a satellite station for the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office. Work is nearly complete; it will be ready for the deputies in about two weeks, he said.

Electrical and plumbing inspections are being done on the house that the town owns at 5135 Sullivantown Road, McKinnie said. After the inspections are complete, the council will consider recommendations on how to use the house.

The council learned that a judge in Forsyth Superior Court granted the town an extension to Nov. 27 to file an its answer to a lawsuit that Elizabeth L. Quick, the executor of Spencer Waggoner's estate, filed against the town in late August.

Quick filed the suit because the town has not acted on a \$100,000 bequest for recreation in Walkertown. The town received the money from Waggoner's estate in August 2005, but it has not spent the money. Waggoner died in Jan. 17, 2005.

The suit asks the court to award the money to the Winston-Salem Foundation Inc., which apparently has agreed to spend it for recreation in Walkertown.

Attorneys are negotiating a settlement to the lawsuit.

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