

**SPECIAL CALLED WORKSHOP MEETING
6:00 @ TOWN HALL
AUGUST 11, 2009
MINUTES**

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Present were Mayor Davis, Marilyn Martin, Randy Mendenhall, Wayne Hester, and Scott Snow. Jeff Turner and John Rhyne of NCDOT, Bill Powell of WS/FC Schools, Tony Wilburn and Neil Tate of J.H. Batten, and Sammy Evans of Evans Builders were in attendance. Peggy Leight was also in attendance.

1. NCDOT SULLIVANTOWN ROAD AND DEPOT STREET (ONE WAY)

John Rhyne and Jeff Turner of NCDOT presented plans for converting Sullivantown Road to a one way street and plans for improvements to Depot Street. Mr. Rhyne explained that the current NCDOT proposal is to convert Sullivantown Road to a partial, one lane, one-way street heading east, while leaving Depot Street a two-way street with both right and left turn lanes installed at the intersection of Depot Street and Main Street, with also doing any necessary widening work on Depot Street. Mr. Rhyne and Mr. Turner explained to the Council that they believe this plan will best serve the traffic generated by the new Walkertown High School, while improving the safety conditions at the various intersections. Bill Powell of WS/FC Schools also presented to the Council information regarding the location of students who are zoned to attend the new school, with the majority of students most likely taking the Old Walkertown Road route to the school. Mr. Turner and Mr. Rhyne briefly explained the necessary requirements to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Depot and Main, and while the traffic may not warrant a signal at this time, a traffic count may be requested once the School opens to gauge the need for a signal. Mr. Rhyne and Mr. Turner also noted that NCDOT would be agreeable to taking Depot Street into the NCDOT system and retain Sullivantown Road on the NCDOT system if the Town did not wish to take it onto their street system.

Mr. Powell also noted that the school would like to address the need for improvements on Darrow Road and Ruxton Drive, which the Council instructed Scott Snow to explore with Mr. Powell what the needs are and develop plans for any necessary improvements.

2. BOOE HOUSE- RENOVATION PROPOSALS

- a.) Tony Wilburn and Neil Tate of J.H. Batten presented their proposal for making the necessary renovations to the Booe House to convert the building for public use.
- b.) Sammy Evans of Evans Builders presented his proposal for making the necessary renovations to the Booe House to convert the building for public use.

3. UPDATE ON WICKENHAM ROAD PARK CONCESSION STAND

Construction of the Wickenham Park Concession Stand is under way, footings have been installed, and the installation of the plumbing should begin in the next few days.

4. SIDEWALK PROGRESS REPORT

All Right of Way for the Town's sidewalk projects have been certified by NCDOT, and notice to proceed for the Main Street sidewalk from New Street to Depot Street should be issued in the next two weeks. Complete construction packets have been delivered to NCDOT for review for the two stimulus projects. A claim has been filed for damage to the existing Main Street sidewalk.

5. UPDATE ON CODE VIOLATION/NUISANCE PROPERTIES

Enforcement procedures are moving ahead on the various code violation cases within the Town. Proposed amendments to the Town's nuisance code have been provided to the Council for review.

6. UPDATE ON SPEED LIMIT CHANGE ON HIGHWAY 158

NCDOT has been contacted regarding adjusting the speed limit on Highway 158, however they continue to claim the traffic conditions do not warrant a speed reduction. Council instructed Mr. Snow to continue working with NCDOT regarding the need to reduce the speed limit on Highway 158, and explore what options the Town may have on this issue. Council was also informed that NCDOT has approved the relocation of the “Town Limits” sign at the intersection of US 66 and 158 to edge of the current town limits at the intersection of US 66 and Old US 66.

7. DISCUSSION OF OCULUS REZONING / PLANNING BOARD ACTION

Council was informed that the Planning Board continued this issue to the September Planning Board meeting, and no Planning Board recommendation has been made to the Council at this time. City-County Planning Staff still recommends denial of this request.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Davis requested that the issue of the State’s new mandatory recycling program, which will take effect on October 1st, be planned for discussion by the Council at the upcoming August Council meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN @ 9:03 P.M.

BY: Ms. Martin

2nd: Mr. Hester

VOTE: UNANIMOUS