



## **PUBLIC SESSION:**

Public Session was opened at 7:08 p.m. There were five speakers.

Ronald C. Conrad

3799 Pine Hall Road

Walkertown NC

"This concerns Item #3 on the agenda – 'Do we need a website?' I'm your webmaster for the present website that Walkertown now has. This comes free to the town at no cost and it's a service for public information of the meetings, agenda, the minutes as they are sent to me. I don't know why it got put on the agenda and that's one reason I'm here but – there's no negativism (negativism??) whatsoever on the website. It's strictly a government website – no commercialization. I don't line my pockets with money from this website. I have done it free for the town and for the citizens. A student in a far-away place can address this website and find out what his hometown's doing; a serviceman overseas can address this website and see what his hometown is doing.... So there's no end to the potential of this website and all the input for the website comes from what is presented by the town themselves so I have no input. It's just the knowledge of getting it on there. They send it to me, it gets on there. Other than that, I do nothing with it. So I just wanted to clarify this issue and hope that there was no negative thoughts about it because it was all done in good meaning and for the people of our town. That's all I have to say."

Ms. Duggins: "Sir, do you have any idea how many people are checking into this site on a regular basis?"

Mr. Conrad: "So far, the website has not been officially announced in the newspaper, or rightfully publicized but according to the counter, there has been over 1200 people since the last of August and that averages about 200 people a month, or close to it at the present time. With proper advertisement, whatever, I'm sure it will grow better. It's connected with federal, state and also county governments – they are linked to us and we are linked to them. In other words, there's no end to it. It's an education there. You can tell what the weather is in Walkertown or what law was done here or there. So it's a very good educational tool for everybody."

Mr. Warner: "The information that you receive is given to you by our town clerk, is that correct?"

Mr. Conrad: "Your town secretary is the only avenue of input to the website. Actually she sends me an email and that's where it goes from there."

Marilyn Martin

2733 Martin Street

Walkertown NC

"I have some questions regarding Item #7 on the agenda and I have some concerns on them. I'd like to ask you a few questions. You may already have them answered when you get to that but I'd like to run these questions now. It's on the Town of Walkertown Land Use Committee. Exactly what is the Land Use Committee? What is the purpose of this committee? What are the guidelines....what guidelines are in place for this committee? What training will the committee members receive? How is this committee selected? Who has final approval in selection of committee members? Will this committee work with the Planning Board? If this is true, then I would hope that the Land Use Committee will be composed of entirely different members. In other words, the same person could not serve on both committees. Is this committee needed or does it overlap the Planning Board? I'm not against growth for Walkertown but, as I've said

before, I'd like for us to grow with a conscience. When you talk about what is best for Walkertown, remember -- Walkertown is composed of your friends and neighbors. Listen to their concerns! Put yourself in their place. We can have progress without destroying the faith that the people have put in our council members as they lead us in the coming years."

Brenda Mabe

5155 Sullivantown Rd.

Walkertown NC

"I come with two requests this evening. One is I'm hoping with the new council that we can go back to Walkertown paying our water bill in town. It's so inconvenient for a lot of our elderly citizens to have to go downtown. And if Rural Hall can pay their water bill in Rural Hall, I don't see why Walkertown residents can't pay their bill in Walkertown. Secondly, for the last six years, my uncle, Mr. Dewey W. Bodenheimer – he lives on A Street – he has asked the town for a streetlight! He is a veteran of World War II; he has been a resident of this town on and off all his life and he rides around and sees all the other wonderful streetlights and his street does not have it. And he said he hoped to the Lord before he goes home that he has a streetlight so he can see to get out his front door. And everybody else's street is well-lit but his!"

Grady Wayne Mabe, Jr.

5155 Sullivantown Rd.

Walkertown NC

"My concern is the painting of the Sullivantown Road incident. And a lot of people, including myself, who live down Sullivantown Road, noticed the horrible mistake that was made. It looks like somebody just went crazy over the yellow lines and it needs to be re-painted. Also that I noticed on the curb side beside Mrs. Crews' house on Sullivantown Road, is a horrible mud and slod(??) all over that road and trucks have been going in and out of it and it looks to me it needs to be repaved or rock and pave over the mud. A bunch of my friends and neighbors have been talking and complaining about it and I said I would discuss this to the town people of our community. I've been living in this town for 38 years and I have never seen this road tore up and not be fixed up correctly."

Lori Norman

4655 Dillon St.

Walkertown NC

"I would like to address the new *autobahn* in Walkertown. For those of you who haven't had the privilege to drive on our autobahn, it is Poindexter Street! Since it has been a through street, people will literally run you off the road. I don't know how many people travel that street but for a long time it was a dead-end street with three families living there. My son happens to have an aunt that lives on that street and has been called/caused almost danger because he was walking and a car ran off the road and almost nipped him! The Stoltz's have a grandchild who is afflicted who also has been known to wander into that road. Walt Wilson also has grandchildren that have grown up riding their bicycles on that street. They have been warned to keep their children off the street because people literally fly. I know the town limits speed limit is 35 unless otherwise marked. No one in Walkertown seems to realize that that applies to our autobahn. Is there any way that we can get a '*Children At Play*' sign? It has been mentioned. Steve Morris, my brother-in-law said Dot, that you had said they would try to get speed bumps on that road. Is there any plans for that? And it's not just for the safety of the children that play on that road but for the safety of the people that drive that road because it's not a marked road – straight or crooked – it's not marked. And people drive down the middle of it. And it is a safety concern for the people that drive the road and the people that live on that street. And that is my concern for Walkertown."

Public Session was closed at 7:19 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ITEM #1: FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

Minutes for:

Regular Meeting of December 23, 2003

**DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Warner: "I have a question. We made the motion that we would use this as a work session and only approve anything at the end. This would normally be considered a 'Consent Agenda' item. Shall we go ahead and approve minutes at this work session or shall we leave those and at this point voice any corrections or additions and let it then be approved at the last meeting? That's kind of an open question. I don't know what the pleasure of the rest of the council is."

Mayor: "Question on the floor is do we approve the minutes and move forward, just by approving the minutes or do we let them pile up on us and dig through them at the next meeting?"

Ms. Duggins: "I think it would be redundant for us to wait. I'd like to, of course, consider going ahead and approving minutes as they come up like this. I think the point would be – briefing session – not to take up something that we had not discussed prior to."

Mr. Warner: "I'm in agreement with you."

Mayor: "Is everyone in agreement?"

Ms. Welch: "I am."

Mr. Larrimore: "I am."

**MOTION: TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR:**

**REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 23, 2003**

**BY: Wallace Larrimore**

**SECOND: Dot Duggins**

**VOTE: Unanimous**

**ITEM #2: FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

Update on PTR Billing Costs for Warehouse

**DISCUSSION:**

TAPE CANNOT BE HEARD – SUMMARIZATION ONLY

Mr. Linville said that Boat would get back with revised invoice charges.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ITEM #1: FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

Resolution # 04-001 - To Add and Delete Signatures For Checking Account

Signature Card At Central Carolina Bank (CCB)

**DISCUSSION:**

Ms. Duggins: "There, again, I think that we should go ahead and handle this. This is important to start the year off right and get the proper signatures on this card."

**MOTION: TO APPROVE ADDING AND DELETING THE PROPER SIGNATURES ON THE CHECKING ACCOUNT AT CCB**

**BY: Dot Duggins**

**SECOND: Sarah Welch**

**VOTE: Unanimous**

**ITEM #2: FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

Planning Board Office

Do we want to use the Mayor's current office as Planning Board office

And move the Mayor to the smaller "copier" office?

**DISCUSSION:**

Mayor: "This is something that came up as an interim move, not as a panacea for a long term but something that came about as a, actually, I don't know - I don't want to lay it on Ms. McKinnie but, regardless of who came up with the idea, it was thought of since the mayor's office currently has more room to let the Planning Board use the mayor's office and move the mayor's office down to the smaller room, which is beside Ms. McKinnie – between the reception area and Ms. McKinnie's office. But this is strictly a suggestion to give them some room until we can find space – just as a temporary move and this is just throwing it out as "For Discussion" as it says."

Ms. Welch: "And you're willing to do that?"

Mayor: "Yes, ma'am. Absolutely. Absolutely. It's not a matter of anything permanent – just be something temporary. But, yes, we're willing to do that but it's strictly up to.....if they're not receptive to that, then that's okay too."

Ms. Duggins: "May I speak to this, Mayor? We do need, at a future date, as soon as possible, to have a place where our Planning Board can have their hearing. We can't always depend on the Library being available so we do need to make some plans forthcoming to have a place where they can have their hearings and put up their maps, and keep them up – such as that. I'm agreeable to doing this – and I think it's a great idea for the Planning Board because they could have their meetings in there and have room enough for the public to attend, which they have to be available to that. But we do need a space for hearings and they are going to be more numerous in the future! ('Fraid so!)"

Ms. Welch: "We hope so!"

Mr. Larrimore: "Well, I hate to pound that dog to death. I've got back on that table behind you in your office, a drawing laying there – I didn't draw it for law – I drew it just to be talked and consulted with and whatnot. I still think we could use half the building for what we got right here and the other half for their place. And I invite anybody up there to look at the drawing – the existing building – it was given to us. Only expense we'll incur is what's required to heat and air and restrooms. They're not bathrooms, they're restrooms. Without a tub, they're restrooms. So if anybody cares to look..."

Mr. Warner: "I favor we should go ahead and make that office area available to the Planning Board, since you have no objection. This will be going back to where we were in the beginning when the mayor's office was in that little room. I believe the Town Clerk has assured me that the machines and such that are in there can be relocated, is that right?"

Lynn: "Yes. No problem."

Mr. Warner: "I favor let's go ahead and make that space available to them reasonably soon."

Mayor: "Before we proceed too far, would ya'll have any objections ... I have talked to Ms. Leight concerning this.... But, do you have any feelings as a temporary, Peggy..do you mind if we....? I don't mean to put you on the spot; I know you and I had talked earlier and you didn't jump up and down either way so....."

Ms. Leight responded from the audience that basically, she had no problem temporarily but she

mentioned concerns about space for a Public Hearing with the public coming in.

Mayor: "I don't think we ever thought about it as a public meeting because it's larger than a normal office but it's not big enough for that. I think the main reason would be for just your meetings. Of course we know they're open to the public as well but I don't think many are going to come to your work session

probably, but they may. I don't know. But do you object is what we're saying or would you want to use that?"

Ms. Leight again agreed to the office space *temporarily*.

Ms. Duggins: "One suggestion would be that maybe we could take the desk out and have more seating area in that room. You know, the desk would be moved to your office and could set up a little area for the public – or another table possibly."

Mayor: "Is this an item the council would like to deal with tonight or would you like to put it on hold for two weeks?"

Mr. Larrimore: "It's here now! The problem is now – it's amongst us. I think we ought to proceed. So she doesn't have to come lugging in two armloads of things – she will have a place to lay them down."

Ms. Duggins: "Another thing, too, you could let us know if there is something else you need in that room to help it be more conducive to your needs."

**MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE MAYOR'S PRESENT OFFICE TO USE FOR THE PLANNING BOARD TEMPORARILY AND THE MAYOR TAKE THE SMALLER OFFICE**

**BY: Sarah Welch**

**SECOND: Dot Duggins**

**VOTE: Unanimous**

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**ITEM #3: FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

Town Website

Do we want one?

**DISCUSSION:**

Mayor: "This is just a discussion item – as Mr. Conrad had addressed earlier in the public session. The one thing we had discussed, I don't know how many people have used our website, or go on our website, but according to him, I believe he said 1200 people. We've got an excellent website and I would like to encourage our people to use the website and we're trying to find out the glitches. We found a little glitch in trying to send emails to the addresses that's on the websites. We can send an email to Toby but we are unable to send one to anyone else – I can't send one to Ms. McKinnie or anyone else so we're working that out. Do you all have any discussion on this?"

Ms. Welch: "Well, since I found out it was free, I think it's a good idea!"

Mayor: "The price is right!"

Mr. Welch: "And Mr. Conrad says he's non-partisan, so...."

Mr. Warner: "I'm glad she's sitting close to me!"

Mayor: "The website is *townofwalkertown.bravehost.com* .. It's a very good looking website. Mr. Conrad's to be commended on the work with it. I don't have a clue how it's put together!!"

Ms. Duggins: "Do you have all of our email addresses? I don't think you have mine."

Lynn: "No. I need to get them."

Mayor: "The one thing we need to do is update the website to have everybody's email address, at least at Town Hall. I don't know if there is one at Town Hall for everyone."

Mr. Warner: "You should ask the Town Clerk because she's the one that supplies the information....."

Ms. Welch: "If you want to vote, I'm ready!"

Mayor: "Well, we don't have anything to vote about, we're just discussing if there's any changes that need to be made on the website. Maybe we can work with Mr. Conrad and he can show us how we can better access the emails."

Mr. Conrad: "If you can't access everybody's email, it's a software issue and has nothing to do with the website. If it's a minor situation, I might be able to correct it for you."

Mayor: "Okay. If we could have it so if you go on the website and click on the email address, then it comes up. It makes it easy. Probably you would be more likely to use it. Also, the minutes will be on the website for the meeting. We've discussed about the timeframe and you councilmembers can help us on that. What kind of time frame? We're talking about within a week. I don't know what's acceptable to everyone. Ms. McKinnie was talking about usually if she starts tomorrow depending on whether they'll be ready by Monday to actually be put up on the website. Sometimes they'll be ready by Thursday but at other times it may be Monday. Is that correct, Ms. McKinnie?"

Lynn: "I usually type minutes the next day after the meeting but there will be times when other things will need to take priority. And, like the meeting of the 27<sup>th</sup>, I will be heading to clerk school in Raleigh and they won't be ready for a while then."

Mayor: "Right. So it's – general information for the public – the minutes from the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> meetings, we don't have a deadline for that but possibly the council can work with Ms. McKinnie and work out a time frame on that in the coming.....so you can know what to depend on – whether they'll be there by Monday, which will be the Monday prior to the Planning meeting. Which will give

you access to the minutes from the current meeting and then if you want to comment back, you can email back. Right now you can only access Toby's but the others such as mine or Ms. McKinnie's – and I don't know if the council wants to post their home email addresses or not – but we'll get it working to where you can email mine or Ms. McKinnie. The website is a tool to get information out to the citizens and for the citizens to communicate back to the council and to the town. So we hope you'll use it."

**ITEM #4:**        **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

WVFD Fire Chief Denis Whicker Retired December 31, 2003

Do we want to present him with retirement gift?

**DISCUSSION:**

Mayor:            "This is something that the council probably needs to decide if we want to deal with this pretty quickly. Denis Whicker is retiring – or has retired – from the Fire Department after 15 years and the question was did we want to honor him in any way. Kind of unusual to bring it up in a public session but this way it'll be open. What's the council's thoughts on this?"

Ms. Welch:        "Well, they do us a lot of favors, don't they, by being the fire department?"

Mayor:            "Well, we're just looking that he's retiring after 15 years and is there anything you want to do special; you just want to acknowledge it; or you might not even want to acknowledge it. It's just up to you. It's on the agenda to get your input."

Ms. Duggins:     "I think we ought to at least send him a proclamation of gratitude for his continued service."

Mr. Linville:     "It was suggested to give him a copy of the fire department print by Robin Klar – like the one that's in Lynn's office."

Mayor:            "Get one framed for him if the council wants to approve it. We could invite him to the next meeting and do that if the council would like to do that."

Ms. Duggins:     "I think that would be a good idea."

Mr. Larrimore:   "That would be a good idea."

Mr. Warner:       "That would be nice and appropriate. Since he's already retired, would it be agreeable with the rest of the council that we go ahead with this gift at this time, rather than wait until another meeting to approve it? I think that's a great suggestion."

Ms. Welch:        "I think we ought to do it this time."

**MOTION: TO HONOR RETIRED FIRE CHIEF DENIS WHICKER WITH A WOODEN FRAMED PRINT OF THE OLD FIRE STATION WITH A PROCLAMATION OF GRATITUDE AT THE MEETING OF JANUARY 27, 2004**

**BY: Horace Warner**

**SECOND: Wallace Larrimore**

**VOTE: Unanimous**

**ITEM #5: FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

A Walkertown Event - Should we plan a community festival?

**DISCUSSION:**

Mayor: "Is there any interest from the council, or anyone, on having a event? This is just a question for the council, do you want to have a community event?"

Ms. Welch: "Are you asking the town people too?"

Mayor: "If they want to speak to that later on, they can do that but the main thing is we wanted to see if there is any interest from the council. If the council doesn't have any interest in it, since this is a working session, we don't need to go forward with it."

Mr. Warner: "I think it would be nice but, on the other hand, too, I'm glad to see the public get some notice of it. We could listen to what they say and then come back.....as far as what or when, I think there's a lot to be said what and when. It would be nice to have something to bring the community back together."

Mayor: "Some people have suggested something like a Fourth of July picnic but I think Love's already has a July 4<sup>th</sup> picnic so they've already beat everybody on that one so you would have to pick a different time."

Ms. Duggins: "I also think we'd have to take a look at cost. A picnic wouldn't be that much of a cost probably but if we put on an event like used to. You know, the Walkertown Merchants Association did much of the work, or most of the work there and carried most of the cost. So I think this is something we would have to do a lot of planning, a lot of thought in, what we can afford and how best to use the money that we would want to put aside for this. And maybe we could start another Merchants Association who would, could help out."

Mr. Warner: "I agree with you. I think maybe – what I'm thinking about is something like a *Walkertown Community Day* – maybe Labor Day. Or some other time, where it could be just a token as far as hot dog or something at the park where we could get people associating together. I think that might be more affordable."

Ms. Duggins: "Well, would you be interested, then, would the council be interested in a committee to look into this? Say a four or five-member committee that could put this together or throw around ideas to bring back to us?"

Mayor: "I think that's the proper thing to do, is have a committee – not one to kill the idea but to pursue the idea."

Ms. Duggins: "Right."

Ms. Welch: "What was the date the town was incorporated? Does anyone remember?"

Lynn: "August, 1984 – I think the 12<sup>th</sup> or the 20<sup>th</sup> or something like that."

Harry Boles: "The 22<sup>nd</sup>."

Mayor: "Well, council, how would we select a committee?"

Ms. Duggins: "Why don't we just each person put in two names on the council, mayor included, and then we will decide of those who we think would fill the needs of this much better...most applicable to this particular job."

Mayor: "Everybody in agreement with that?"

Ms. Welch: "Sounds good to me."

Mr. Larrimore: "Yep."

Mayor: "Would you want a motion and second on that or do you just want to go with it? Let's have a motion."

**MOTION: THE MAYOR AND EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL CONTRIBUTE TWO NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO SERVE ON A COMMITTEE TO PURSUE HAVING A WALKERTOWN COMMUNITY EVENT SOMETIME IN AUGUST**

**BY: Dot Duggins**

**SECOND: Wallace Larrimore**

**VOTE: Unanimous**

**ITEM #6: FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

Recycling – What are our options, if any, for recycling?

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Welch: "Toby, I believe you said you had some figures for us?"

Mr. Linville: "No. They're working on some figures. Waste Industries is going to give us some quotes for curbside and a collection site. \_\_\_\_\_"

Ms. Duggins: "I think that most surely, if we had a collection site, have to have a manned site for that reason. In other towns in other states that I've been in, it's a mess if you don't have it manned. It keeps some order. If we have a manned site, and it's open to the community – not just the townpeople – now, I realize tax money's going to be paying for this, but I would hate to see us not open this to the area. And if we're going to do collection, like with the garbage, collecting with the individual homes being picked up, we need more participation than we've had in the past. We really have to do some kind of educational promotion or something in order to get more people to participate in this."

Ms. Welch: "Do we still have the names of those that we walked the streets to sign up for? When we did the petition before?"

Lynn: "I'll check and see if we still have those."

Ms. Duggins: "But keep in mind, when we do that, the town will be paying for each household to participate, whether they do or not. It's very important. I think it's throwing money in the hole if you're not going to participate. We'll be paying so much for each household to participate. And it's a very important thing. I've always said I've never been against recycling – we really do need to recycle but we need to get as many people as possible. We're not unique in this area that we don't recycle and take it more seriously. Every city that I know of and we've had people come to the council meetings and show to us how slow the growth is of people who would participate, and who do. Well, most people would say, '*Sure, I will participate*' but then they don't."

Ms. Welch: "Well, if we didn't have it but once a month....."

Ms. Duggins: "Well, I don't know if we can get it like that. That's something that would have to be explored."

Mr. Linville: "They offer it various ways – weekly, every two weeks, etc."

Mayor: "I guess the options go from whether you choose curbside or not and then whether you do once a week, once a month, twice a month, three times or whatever. I think the one – when you go to as much as twice a month, you don't have a great deal of savings because they have about the same amount of people and the same amount of equipment; so therefore, it's not but like 10% or 15% savings over monthly. But if we tried something like once a month, that might be a difference or even a collection site that's a central location. And you're still working on those numbers, is that right?"

Mr. Linville: "Yes. If we do a convenience site, landfill will serve it \_\_\_\_\_"

Ms. Duggins: "The county at one time had told us that they were working on, they had money to do one more site and ours was one they were considering. Has that been abandoned?"

Mr. Linville: "\_\_\_\_\_ Talley's Crossing\_\_\_\_\_ It would serve us but it's a little further away."

Mr. Warner: "Does City-County Utilities make any contribution to Winston-Salem to apply to their costs?"

Mr. Linville: "Their recycling is free."

Mr. Warner: "That's because they use a landfill and pay the tipping fee there. Now with our present garbage service, we're using the landfill and paying tipping fees. Can they not, I know we're not as big, but can they not do a pro-rata basis and contribute to us?"

Mr. Linville: "\_\_\_\_\_ 700 tons \_\_\_\_\_"

Mr. Warner: "But I mean, pro-rated. Example, if we got 100 and they got 700, we would only get 1/7 – just being mathematical about it. But would they make a contribution, is what I said. Since we're putting in that landfill already make it the tipping fee, that could be applied then to the cost of it. One thing that comes to my mind is the old service provided by the civic club some years ago where they had a trailer \_\_\_\_\_ confirm for me that the Health Department came in on that picture and said, 'You'll do away with it and clean it up'. And we want to be careful about a site. Even though we have it manned on certain hours, after hours what's to stop people from coming by and just dumping stuff out?"

Ms. Duggins: "Well, it would have to be fenced and locked when it's not manned."

Mr. Warner: "Yeah. But what if they leave it there at the gate, you follow me? People will do anything."

Ms. Welch: "You're right."

Mayor: "Well, you can't stop people from....."

Ms. Duggins: ".....They throw it out on....it's better to have it there than throwing it piece by piece on the road."

Mayor: "Better there than in my yard...."

Ms. Duggins: "Right. At least the man manning it can pick it up and throw it in."

Mr. Warner: "Well, I feel like we're on the right track here to look at all the opportunities and get the cost together. If I can go back to one time when we discontinued the recycling, it was said at that time, we were negotiating with someone else. I never did get any information on that. Is that still available or do you know?"

Ms. Duggins: "We can still negotiate with Waste Industries. The last I heard, they were interested in....."

Mr. Linville: ".....We can negotiate with anyone we want to. We don't have any kind of clause with Waste Industries saying that they have to provide recycling."

Ms. Duggins: "It would be a separate cost just like anything else."

Ms. Welch: "Put it on the agenda for next time? Maybe we will have figures."

Mr. Linville: " \_\_\_\_\_initial costs and figures\_\_\_\_\_."

Ms. Duggins: "That'll be a good thing to do."

**ITEM #7: FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

Land Use Committee Appointments

**DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Linville: "When the Planning Board was created last year, it was also said that they needed to do a comprehensive land use plan at the same time. It goes hand in hand with having your own planning to have a comprehensive plan that looks at what you want the town to look like in five years, ten years, etc. We sort of got ahead of ourselves and the Planning Board appointed a few county reps. Right now, who's been meeting are our eight Planning Board members, a representative from City-County Planning Board (Jimmy Norwood), three county representatives from outside Walkertown (Betty and Steve Carroll, and George Price) \_\_\_\_\_"

Ms. Duggins: "I would like to offer myself to be on this committee. Since I am on the Legacy Committee, I would feel that I am already involved in land use planning and I would offer myself for those services as a representative from this council if the rest of the council agrees."

Mr. Warner: "I have concerns over using the same people for Planning Board and also land use because that's just like rubber-stamping something. You don't get the benefit of overall as such. I like Ms. Duggins' suggestion about the community festival that we bring to the council some nominations. At the same time, since the public is here now, anyone interested, file an application and be considered and let a committee be named from that group. As far as City-County, with Fred Luce and Suzy Gallaway, they're not voting members as such but my point is this: I think we need a different group. Otherwise, you're just going to get the same rubber stamp right through. We've got the Legacy Plan already in place, which will be some guidance, which Ms. Duggins participates in that. As far as one councilmember on there, there's no problem with that. But I think it ought to be a named committee from the community, municipality and community. Please, in my case, I want us to have representation from all areas of our municipal boundaries. I don't want it to just be one group – as long as we can find people willing to serve."

Ms. Duggins: "The best I understand this, and I asked Toby to check on this --- did you check, Toby? – is that this would be a sub-committee that the Planning Board would most likely recommend to work with them. And the people on this sub-committee would not be voting members; they would be only fact-gathering committee. Toby, what did you find out?"

Mr. Linville: "Yeah, I think that they could recommend a body but the council does ultimately appoint \_\_\_\_\_."

Ms. Duggins: "The council would be the ultimate...we would be the ones to say, '*We accept this or we reject this.*' Or we would say, '*We reject this person or we accept this person.*' Just like anything that comes before us."

Mr. Warner: "Sure, we have the final authority to approve or disapprove anything, such as committees. We have authority to approve or disapprove that too. So I think we ought to take a little more time and get the areas represented rather than just going along with the same group."

Ms. Duggins: "I think it rests mainly with the Planning Board because this committee, sub-committee of their committee, which will be working closely with them and going out doing some legwork and such as that. Talking to community members and what they'd like to see happen in the community and how they'd like to see this land use, comprehensive plan, brought to fruition. But we are so far behind this, we should've done this five years ago. This should've been done a long time ago and we didn't so now we've got to do a lot of catch up."

Mayor: "There were several questions concerning this that Ms. Martin had raised, maybe now's the time to try to address some of these. I don't know if it is or not but I'm getting mixed feelings on the purpose. I hear one of the purposes is going out in the community ....."

Ms. Duggins: ".....That's what a comprehensive plan should be. What you project....what the community projects. Because the whole community will have to buy into this, you know, to make it work. The whole community has to be a part of it and to feel a part of it and to say, and this is what this sub-committee is named – they have to go out and talk to the people in order to find out, you know, what do you want in this town? What can we do in this town? What can we keep out that we don't want in this town? By law, we're told by the planning staff – they give us the guidelines of what we can do and what we can't do. We'll have to operate within these guidelines just like the Planning Board does. But that's what the comprehensive plan, what I said should've been done no later than five years ago, should've been done earlier than that, at the beginning of, say, when the town was incorporated.....that's when the comprehensive plan should have been started in to motion. Well, it never has been. Planning has always been one of my pet things that I've been harping on for years. We have to do this but we never quite got around to doing it so we've got to – we have to do it."

Mr. Warner: "From what you've said, I think it somewhat supports my first comment that we should select people from throughout the municipal area; that is, from the various areas and also from the community in total rather than just go along with this same group that we've already elected to be the Planning Board. Then that way, you've got two inputs before it ever comes to the council and try to get some balance in that. Plus the fact, who knows better than the people in those areas what is to be or not to be that they may bring to the community and, of course, together they make a final conclusion. I think that supports that we go out and get from each area people and also then the surrounding community; then with these other people go in there."

Ms. Duggins: "But keep in mind, Horace, this sub-committee is working under the Planning Board so this sub-committee would report to the Planning Board and the Planning Board would report to us."

Mr. Warner: "Let me ask, maybe I've got the misunderstanding here. I thought your land use determined what areas are suitable for this, that and the other. The Planning Board then takes that into consideration when they come forth with a staff report to the council for approval or disapproval, .....is that right.....?"

Ms. Duggins: ".....I think that's the job of the Planning Board. They are the land use people – they're given guidelines, well, Suzy?...."

Mr. Warner: "Why did they do a legacy committee, then? If the Planning Board ---- we had a City-County Planning Board but they took a legacy committee and they worked two years to come up with a plan for the whole area, why did they do that?"

Ms. Duggins: "It's a projection of growth?"

Mr. Warner: "Well, we've got the same thing here, just on a smaller scale, right? You see my point?"

Ms. Duggins: "Right. I do see your point but I'm saying that that's why we have a Planning Board. They have the guidelines that are the laws and the rules of the area that we have to live by."

Mr. Warner: "But that's established by the land use committee as given to them that they work with them when they get a request for zoning....."

Ms. Duggins: ".....No, I think that's subjugating the land use.....they can have input....."

Mr. Warner: ".....They can have input, of course, but I don't think they should be the authority....."

Ms. Duggins: ".....That's what it's all about – input. That's what it's about."

Mr. Warner: ".....I still fail to see why we had a legacy committee that did the overall since we already had a City-County Planning Board that did Forsyth County. I don't understand."

Ms. Duggins: "I think you ask Suzy that. Suzy can answer that."

Ms. Gallaway spoke from audience but could not be heard. \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Warner: "That's right – and it updated the 2010 plan, right?"

Ms. Gallaway: "It created a new plan."

Mr. Warner: "What they brought forth though was a legacy recommendation of land use throughout the area, is that right?"

Ms. Gallaway: \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Warner: "But then the Planning Board uses that in their determination to come forward with a staff report as far as appropriate plus the other elements ya'll deal with, is that correct?"

Ms. Gallaway: "No.. We look at comprehensive area, small area  
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Mr. Warner: "You say the Planning Board does that?"

Ms. Gallaway: "The staff does."

Mr. Warner: "But who would know better what the area needs than the people who live in the area is what I'm saying."

Ms. Gallaway: \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Warner: "Alright. Then what we said here is we're using the Planning Board rather than going out into the community and getting those other people. To try to give it balance, I think we ought to get people from the areas."

Ms. Gallaway: \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Warner: "They're pretty much right in the center here."

Ms. Gallaway: \_\_\_\_\_

Ms. Duggins: "That was voluntary..... It's our first committee ..... and they were.....

..... – people were ..... notified in the paper....."

Mr. Warner: ".....Yeah.....All of them, and I don't ..... know where Mr. Trivette lives..... All of them.....within a stone's throw....."

Ms. Duggins: ".....In other ways.....to apply for this.....if they wanted to do this. Then the council chose....."

Mr. Warner: "There's no one on the Planning Board from the Day Acres; there's no one from the Walkertown-Guthrie Road area; there's no one from the Highway 66 / 158. My point there is I think by having the land use committee as we said, then we get more input to be more secure in what we're doing. That's my thinking."

Attorney Houff: Cannot be heard \_\_\_\_\_

".....what you're really looking at here is who will be charged with gathering that information \_\_\_\_\_ from as many different places as they can and then putting that information together in something that is a \_\_\_\_\_ coherent, localized plan for this particular area. Legacy, which is a far-reaching county-wide document but most of the municipalities within Forsyth County have their own

comprehensive plan and one of the elements you're going to have to consider is do you want to have legacy control or do you want to have a comprehensive plan control \_\_\_\_\_ you should have input from all over the community \_\_\_\_\_ what you're looking at here is a tool for gathering \_\_\_\_\_ This committee really serves underneath the Planning \_\_\_\_\_ any number of tools to help you get where you want to go."

Mr. Warner: "And I realize nothing is ever cut in stone, I remember attending a Lewisville meeting that you were there and they do have constant changes to their UDO and such. So that's the reason I want to try to get the whole community area involved and let's come out with something we hope we can live with plus then the Planning Board could use this. Of course, a good relationship between both the Planning Board and the land use – that way we get the benefit of everyone rather than just have the one group. I just looked down through our list here and most of these people live in the core area of Walkertown. Nothing on West Mountain Street, nothing Day Acres and these other areas... And that's the reason I said, maybe we should come forth with two names as we did on the committee, for the community effort, and then, of course, get other applications in and decide, as we did with the Planning Board. Then move forward with that. That was my thought."

Mr. Houff: \_\_\_\_\_

Ms. Duggins: "This committee is generally a larger committee because they are, in fact, a gathering committee. It's not just a few people – it's usually, because like our attorney says, they will hold hearings out in areas to gather what people think and discussing certain things. Then bring it back to the Planning Board. Then they eventually bring it to us. So it wouldn't be anything unusual, would it not, to have 25 members?"

Mr. Houff: "It would not be unusual. \_\_\_\_\_"

Mayor: "Ms. Martin, did that address some of your questions?"

Ms. Martin: Could not hear answer.

Mayor: "The current Planning Board was selected by the council."

Ms. Welch: "Applications, wasn't it?"

Ms. Martin: Could not hear

Mayor: "Well, we don't have one. That's what we're talking about having one. That was suggestions....."

Mr. Warner: "According to the agenda material here, Walkertown Comprehensive Planning Steering Meeting currently meeting as appointed by the Walkertown Planning Board; is that correct?"

Mr. Linville: "The Planning Board was starting on this, just the Planning Board, because they weren't hearing cases so they met once a month – they needed something to do – so that's what they started \_\_\_\_\_ to the land use."

Mr. Warner: "To answer her question, they are the ones that appointed this group that we showed listed. Does that answer your question?"

Ms. Martin: Could not hear

Ms. Duggins: "There's a Planning Board in place – that's all."

Ms. Welch: "How about the county representative?"

Ms. Duggins: "They're right here."

FROM THE AUDIENCE: "Who does these other three people represent?"

Mayor: "We'll have to....."

Ms. Duggins: "...That's from the Planning Board."

TOO MANY VOICES AT ONE TIME.

Mayor: ".....Well, there's some outside. I think that on this, they were pulling, from what I can tell, there were some outside, is that correct? But this committee has not been appointed, from what I understand. This committee was just functioning in a training mode for this full year, is that correct?"

Ms. Leight: "Yes."

Ms. Duggins: "To take office January 1<sup>st</sup>."

Mayor: "And the Comprehensive Planning Committee has not been appointed yet and would either be appointed off the names here or a separate committee. Is that what I'm hearing? Is that correct?"

Ms. Welch: "That's correct."

Ms. Duggins: "That's correct."

Mr. Warner: "And to that, that's where I was making the recommendation that we try to engage people from all areas and the surrounding community that we get the input that way rather than just the core group we have here. I realize these people are capable, there's no question about that. But I think the other people there are going to feel outsiders if they're not included in this process."

Ms. Duggins: "I think we're going to have to allow the Planning Board to give us what you would like for a sub-committee."

Ms. Leight: (From the audience) "My understanding from the original charter for the Planning Board from last year is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ when we met with the planning staff, we were supposed to start immediately with a comprehensive plan. They wanted us to establish \_\_\_\_\_ spring. Things got delayed and delayed and we actually didn't start until October – first time we had actual meeting with the staff and saying, 'This is where we need to begin'. The group that was invited to meet

with the planning staff would be the official planning board. The Planning Board members are eager to see what happens in Walkertown. So I agree that there should be members from outside the Planning Board itself \_\_\_\_\_ it doesn't have to be Walkertown residents. The area that you're going to study includes areas outside the city limits so we do need representation but I disagree, Mr. Warner, that the Planning Board members should not be a part of that sub-committee itself. Part of that process is hearing what the citizens want to do . \_\_\_\_\_ A lot of Public Hearing is to develop plans and getting a lot of information from the planning staff, professionals who know the area and also know what's happening \_\_\_\_\_

UNABLE TO HEAR WHAT WAS SAID.

Ms. Welch: "In selecting the people, would you want them to put applications in?"

Mayor: "That's up to this council."

Ms. Welch: "I would think we'd need applications to look at. How would I know John Blow from Suzy over here?"

Lynn: "We have blank applications to hand out."

Ms. Welch: "So they would need to come to Town Hall to pick up applications?"

Lynn: "That... or call me and I'll mail them one."

Mayor: "Or would that be possible to put that on the website, Ms. McKinnie?"

Lynn: "Oh! Very good. Yes. I'll fix one up and email it to Mr. Conrad tomorrow."

Mr. Larrimore: "Mayor, I'd like to go back to the original thing that Dot said she wanted to make herself available for this position."

**MOTION: TO APPOINT COUNCILWOMAN DOT DUGGINS AS REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE**

**BY: Wallace Larrimore**

**SECOND: (NO SECOND)**

MORE DISCUSSION:

Mayor: "Well, I don't know if we need to deal with that tonight or wait til we start dealing with --- I don't have a problem with whatever the council's pleasure is."

Mr. Larrimore: "Well, I made a motion – it's up for second or whatever."

Mr. Warner: "Mayor, I have no objection to Ms. Duggins serving on that but I think we're moving out of our realm when we go ahead tonight; since this is a work session, I think we've all discussed rather openly what we feel. So I feel like we ought to wait until we make the whole move. I appreciate her offer."

Ms. Duggins: "Our group is not going to change, Horace. I don't think we're going to be changing so this is not something that is contingent on what we do with the other."

Mayor: "I would like for this group to be together on this whenever we did it. I don't want us to be split on this. We need to be together on who serves on this. You four need to be together on who serves on this."

Mr. Larrimore: "Well, I was just looking back here that's in our agenda; it's got Arlyn Wilson all the way through Howard Benfield; then the City-County's got Jimmy Norwood, and the county representative's got two people. Walkertown's town council representative's got a bunch of question marks across there. Then we got the town manager and Fred Luce and Suzy Gallaway. I just....."

Mayor: ".....These were all proposed. None of these are in....."

Ms. Welch: ".....They're non-voting members....."

Ms. Duggins: ".....Well, propose this: Just reword that, propose that....."

Mr. Larrimore: ".....Propose Dot to be the council representative on this.."

**MOTION: TO APPOINT COUNCILWOMAN DOT DUGGINS AS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE**

**BY: Wallace Larrimore**

**SECOND:**

Mayor: "Okay. We wrote that down as a proposed, just like that. Do ya'll want to act on this tonight, councilmembers?"

Ms. Duggins: "Doesn't matter to me."

Mr. Warner: "I believe I spoke mine – that I prefer to wait to do it all. I have no objections to Ms. Duggins....."

Ms. Duggins: ".....We can wait. But we still aren't going to be changing....."

Mayor: ".....Well, would ya'll be in agreement, in lieu of these question marks, write in Ms. Duggins' name for the time being til we.....?"

Ms. Welch: ".....For the time being....."

Mayor: ".....Til we get to the settling of this committee?? Is everyone in agreement to do that?? I know I have a motion on the floor but we....."

Mr. Warner: ".....I still would rather wait....."

Mr. Larrimore: "Well, the Planning Board started January 1<sup>st</sup> – it's now January 11<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Warner. We can put it off til next election – or whatever! But, I don't see the reason not to."

Mayor: "This is going to be a very strategic committee and I want us to be together --- as a group. As a council, this council needs to be together! Either we do it together tonight, or we wait. Can you be together tonight, council?"

Mr. Warner: "I'm not ready. Okay?"

Mayor: "Would you be willing to hold on to your motion, Mr. Larrimore? I don't know what the proper procedure is."

Att'y Bo Houff: "The motion dies from lack of a second."

Mayor: "Okay. We'll just deal with this at another time. There'll be more questions, I'm sure, to be asked, answered, etc., but we'll get the..... if I understood you correctly, the council's in agreement to take the applications, is that right?"

Ms. Welch: "Right."

Mayor: "And we'll have them on the website?"

Lynn: "Right."

Mayor: "And we'll choose one committee from that."

Mr. Warner: "Let me ask. Are any of the members of the Planning Board have to make application for this or can they be taken from that board by this council?"

Ms. Duggins: "You're talking about this Planning Board???"

Mr. Warner: "The question is, does any member of the Planning Board have to fill out an application or can they be automatic applied?"

Ms. Duggins: "No!! They're automatically a part of this."

Mr. Warner: "Okay. That answers the question. So we can pick from that as well as the outsiders?"

**ITEM #8:**      **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

Donation in Memory of Former Mayor Oosthoek (Garden Club)

**DISCUSSION:**

Ms. Duggins: "Could I speak to that? I'd love to speak to that. One of Hank's loves was the Garden Club. In fact, I think he had everything to do with beginning the Garden Club. Am I not right, Harry – do you remember? But I talked with Hank about recognition; remember, when we did a recognition for Hank here not too long ago about some sort of concrete evidence of our appreciation for being the first mayor. And we discussed this and he was amenable to our giving a donation in his honor. Now, it would be in his *memory* to the Garden Club."

Mr. Warner: "Mayor, I went back and reviewed the obituary to see if there was any specific request by the family and there was not. So I think this would be very appropriate."

Ms. Welch: "I do, too."

Ms. Duggins: "I also had discussed it with his family. Do we want to take action tonight on this?"

Mr. Warner: "I would think that we should go ahead and take action rather than delaying this because of the time limit."

**MOTION:**      **TO GIVE A DONATION IN MEMORY OF HANK OOSTHOEK TO THE WALKERTOWN GARDEN CLUB IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100**

**BY:**              **Dot Duggins**

**SECOND:**       **Horace Warner**

**VOTE:**           **Unanimous**

**ITEM #9:**      **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

Manager Update

**DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Linville:

"It was asked if Middlefork Elementary School at Williston and Old Belews Creek would be part of town. Part of that property is in town; part of it isn't. They have a petition and it goes before the School Board Thursday night and they should sign it and they should volunteer to annex that property into Walkertown. And we'll get the water/sewer revenue off that."

Mr. Warner: "They will also be charged assessments on that Williston Road side, will they not?"

Mr. Linville: "They will."

"The interest we have accrued throughout our sewer construction, the construction loan or difference that City-County Utilities fronted the town, between grants, loans and assessments, roughly \$170,000, which was intended to be rolled into the loan payments as part of the debt service will accrue interest if we pay it over twenty years. But we have the option to pay that in one lump sum when everything is settled this spring when assessments are due.

Mayor: "Is everyone clear on what Mr. Linville is speaking of?"

Mr. Warner: "Yes. If I may comment on that, the reason that question that was raised is they charge 8%, as I recall...or 6%, is that right?"

Mr. Linville: "Six percent."

Mr. Warner: "So then what we'd be paying is 6% interest; if we had the money, we could pay it and avoid that 6% unless we're earning that much on our money. Let me ask, they had delayed the assessment billing til the spring – this is related to that – are we paying money on what they did on the 38-rule contribution? Have they deducted off of the advanced amount. Are we paying interest on their 38-rule contribution."

Mr. Linville: "Yeah. All that money.....well.....38% contribution, assessments and tap fees – we didn't ... they didn't have that money, so....."

Mr. Warner: "But that's their money! You see, they have that. They have that money already in savings. At one time they had \$15million?? I forget. But the thing about it is this; what I'm trying to say is, when we came through with this plan, they made a 38-rule contribution like anyone else. They also gave a certain amount of estimated assessments. But my question here is I don't think it's fair for us, two things. First of all it's not fair for us to pay interest to them on money that they were going to contribute at 38-rule assessment. And, second, if they've delayed til they get role assessment on the assessing the individuals, I don't think it's fair that we pay interest on that amount. Can we talk with them about it?"

Mr. Linville: "I don't think it's so much that they charge us interest on 38%, which has been given to us. I mean, it wasn't there for us to use."

Mr. Warner: "I know. But it's their responsibility because they were going to make that contribution, so why charge us interest when it was their contribution. More the 38%-rule than the assessment because I realize they have to go

through the process of role assessment to connect the – to bill the individual. My point is this, I want to try to keep that interest cost as low as we can."

Mr. Linville: "(3) When we made our contract with Waste Industries, they would provide one can for each resident at their cost. They own the can. We had about 25 of those stolen. A few were damaged but they've replaced about 25 for the stolen. They're to the point now where they don't want to pay for any more."

Ms. Welch: "Where are they stolen from?"

Mr. Linville: "From the street!"

Ms. Duggins: "The people who aren't in the town – in the donut holes – they don't get their garbage picked up like they used to when there were garbage cans of all descriptions. Now the garbage cans are only picked up by Waste Industries with their name on it. So that ought to give you a clue as to why they're being stolen."

Ms. Welch: "Oh! Fringe benefit!?"

Mr. Linville: "I think there were 30 stolen in one day in Stokesdale and the sheriff's deputies out there said they thought they were being stolen for identity theft. They found some cans; the garbage had been picked through. I don't know why you'd want to steal garbage cans – they're not so light!"

Mayor: "What do you suggest, Mr. Linville?"

Mr. Linville: "Well, Bo and I talked and we don't really know who ---- in a way, they belong to Waste Industries. But, also in a way, they're going to provide one can one time – they're not going to replace them every time they walk off."

Att'y Houff: "\_\_\_\_\_ The argument is, when a can has been stolen, is who was it stolen from? Was it stolen from Waste Industries? The can has been entrusted to the resident. \_\_\_\_\_"

Mayor: "Technically, they're in their care, custody and control, aren't they?"

Mr. Houff: "Yes. Certainly I can say this, it is not a very lengthy contract – two pages plus an addendum of one page. \_\_\_\_\_ So it's not a very comprehensive document, for sure. It doesn't address replacements of cans and it would be appropriate for the town to consider negotiating some sort of addendum to the contract to provide, one way or the other, for \_\_\_\_\_. There are any number of possibilities \_\_\_\_\_"

\_\_\_\_\_. Replace one, first one's yours, second one we'll replace --- I don't know. We haven't spoken....."

Mayor: "What is the price of the can?"

Mr. Houff: "Fifty dollars."

Brenda Mabe: "They don't put the cans back. Mine, I have to get mine of the street. So if somebody comes along, they can pick it up. I try to get mine back."

Mayor: "Ms. McKinnie and I were talking about that today – some of the people were having problems with them. I would hate to resort back to the asking them to file a claim on their homeowner policy but there is a provision in the homeowner policy for that – not for garbage can. But, if you know the loops, there is a place to find it – I know where to find it but I don't want to suggest..... If property of others, in their care, custody, and control – they got like \$200 or \$250 – under the liability section of the homeowner policy. But we wouldn't want to go causing everyone to make 30 or 40 claims on this. If you could work out something, and I think the council would be in agreement, to take care of the first one, work out some kind of deal. Council, ya'll in agreement with that?"

Ms. Welch: "Yes."

Mayor: "Then after that, we may have to go back to the homeowners and say, '*Look, you are going to have to file the next one.*' Are ya'll in agreement with something like that?"

Ms. Duggins: "Um hmmm."

Mr. Larrimore: "Yep."

Ms. Welch: "Yes."

Mr. Warner: "Let me ask you this – if that's not clearly stated in the contract, I think we ought to keep in the back of our minds, that may be a reason to make a change. Would that be right?"

Mayor: "Make a change, what are you saying?"

Mr. Warner: "Make a change in the service."

Ms. Duggins: "I think we have a contract for a certain length of time, we are liable to stay in that contract for that length of time unless we want to break it and pay the liability of that. We could have an addendum to that, could we not.....?"

Mr. Houff: ".....Yes, you could have an addendum and also, it will very likely be made clear to Waste Industries, that if they want to continue after the expiration of this contract, with a new contract, they might want to have something that's agreeable to the town, that the town might be more inclined \_\_\_\_\_."

Ms. Duggins: "True. True."

Mr. Warner: "And also the pick up service, they've changed the day on some of the routes. My point is this, when you've got a contract, you've got an agreement and you start deviating from that, could be considered cause for change."

Ms. Duggins: "Most waste industries, and, well, the contract we had with Waste Management, the contract usually reads that they can change at any point but we cannot. Am I right about that? I know our Waste Management contract read that way. If costs went up, they could change their charge to us, to the town, at any time, where we, as a town, could not. We could terminate that contract and pay the payout on it – pay the cost of terminating it, but I don't know, I don't remember what this one says. But it probably says basically the same thing."

Mr. Houff: "Nine months."

Ms. Duggins: "Nine months? Okay."

Mr. Houff: \_\_\_\_\_

Ms. Duggins: "And performance review is very important – in contracts like this. It gives the town a little bit more persuasion in the prior contract."

Mr. Houff: \_\_\_\_\_

Ms. Duggins: "No doubt we put that in there because of the problems we had with Waste Management and it is a good marker of what kind of service you've been given."

DISCUSSION CONTINUED BUT COULD NOT BE HEARD

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Ms. Duggins: "I need to announce something. I tendered my resignation as of yesterday as the Public Works Officer, on Monday, January 12, 2004."

Mr. Larrimore: "You want us to vote on that?"

Ms. Duggins: "No. You don't have a choice on that!"

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### **PUBLIC SESSION:**

Public Session was opened at 8:45 p.m. with one speaker:

Harry Boles

2981 Avalee Street

Walkertown NC

"I'd like to talk about a lot of things but I'm going to have to limit myself apparently. I was really looking forward to talk about a particular item but I'm going to wait and talk about that at the next meeting. This think about the Planning Board and the Land Use Planning Committee, I think

really demands some comment. I think that Peggy needs to be commended for whatever she's done this year. It's really not public knowledge but, knowing her, I'm sure she's worked very hard so none of my comments are in any way directed to ward her or the people on her committee. But in light of what's happened over the last six years, we need a clean break in this town with respect to thinking about planning. If I remember correctly, we've been working four to five years on sewer and if we'd have started working four to five years ago on a comprehensive plan – we'd have one today. But yet we don't even have a comprehensive plan. We've been told in newspaper articles on numerous occasions that we had a comprehensive plan coming and it seems like tonight that maybe we don't have one. I would respectfully suggest to the council that it ought not rush with respect to this issue. I think what it ought to do is ought to take a look at that *charter* that Peggy talked about and see what the charge was that was given by the town council to the Planning Board. If the Planning Board was given the authority to appoint this committee, I respectfully submit to you that I think that needs to be changed. It needs to be modified or rescinded. That authority needs to come back to the town council. I'm sure there are good people on the Planning Board but in light of what's happened on rezoning in the last year, I really think we need some new blood in this area. And what I think we need to do is certainly, it would be appropriate to have some members of the Planning Board on that committee, but the overwhelming majority of that committee ought to be people selected by this council – a cross-section from all over the community and those people ought to be active and there ought to be input with respect to this planning. Anything less than that will not serve this town well. Certainly we don't need the same people who have controlled it in the past, to continue to control it, so I would like to also say to respectfully to the town council – the town council ought to look for some new blood on the council so that we have somebody with fresh perspective and ideas with respect to that committee.

Secondly, with respect to the whole issue of solid waste and recycling – I drew up the original resolution when I was a town council member, when we appointed a committee back in the early nineties, for recycling. As a result of that, we *got* recycling. Recycling was a great success in this town. Now, when that recycling committee met, it did a lot of work. I do not believe one person can do the work that's necessary to gather the information needed for this town council to make an informed judgment, and make the best judgment in the interest of the town with respect to these solid waste and recycling issues. When the bids were submitted, after a set of comprehensive specifications were drawn up by that committee and recommended to the council, the people who bid took into account that everybody wouldn't participate. And, therefore, because of the economic factors....."

Mayor: "Harry, your time is up. Summarize please."

Mr. Boles continued: ".....the cost per unit came down. So I would respectfully suggest to the town council,

rather than just letting the town manager collect information concerning those issues, it seems like to me that there needs to be a collection of information and a development of some specifications and then some bidding going on and maybe you ought to take a look at the solid waste contract again."

Public Session was closed at 8:49 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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| 01-20-04 | 3:00 p.m. | Planning Board Meeting @ Library           |
| 01-27-04 | 7:00 p.m. | Town Council Meeting @ Library             |
| 02-10-04 | 7:00 p.m. | Work Session Meeting @ Library             |
| 02-24-04 | 7:00 p.m. | Town Council Meeting @ Library             |
|          | 02-17-04  | 3:00 p.m. Planning Board Meeting @ Library |

03-09-04 @ Library	7:00 p.m.	Work Session Meeting
03-23-04 @ Library	7:00 p.m.	Town Council Meeting
03-16-04 @ Library	3:00 p.m.	Planning Board Meeting
04-13-04 @ Library	7:00 p.m.	Work Session Meeting
04-27-04 @ Library	7:00 p.m.	Town Council Meeting
04-20-04 @ Library	3:00 p.m.	Planning Board Meeting

NOTE: PLANNING BOARD meetings are scheduled to be held on the third Tuesdays of

each month at 3:00 p.m. beginning January 20, 2004, at the Library.

**FYI: ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

**ADJOURNMENT @ 8:55 P.M.**

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN**

**BY: Sarah Welch**

**SECOND: Wallace Larrimore**

**VOTE: Unanimous**

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This meeting opened at 9:00 p.m.

**PLANNING BOARD AND TOWN COUNCIL JOINT MEETING**

Allied Design will present subdivision information.

Planning Board Update for January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting

The Council, Staff and various members of the audience stayed to listen to presentations made by Allied Design concerning his subdivision to be located at the north terminus of high Knoll Drive also northwest of Highway 158.

A brief discussion on the Planning Board was also presented.

No Motions / No actions were taken.

**ATTEST:**

**TOWN OF WALKERTOWN:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lynn McKinnie**

**Kenneth R. Davis**

**Town Clerk**

**Mayor**