

MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 11, 2021

Mayor Mills called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 321 Causeway Drive, Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina.

Attendance: Mayor Darryl Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Hank Miller, Alderman Jeff DeGroot, Alderman Ken Dull, and Alderman Zeke Partin; together with Town Attorney Brian E. Edes, Town Manager Timothy W. Owens and Town Clerk Sylvia J. Holleman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Rev. Pat Rabun, Little Chapel on the Boardwalk

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY MOTION OF ALDERMAN DULL AND SECOND BY ALDERMAN PARTIN.

- a. Approved Minutes of February 11, 2021 Regular Board of Aldermen meeting and February 23, 2021 Board Retreat.
 - b. Approved special event permits as follows:
 - 1) Community Sunrise Service (*approximately 1,000 participants*)
Sunday, April 4, 2021 (*6:00 am – 8:00 am*) (*service is 6:30 am – 7:15 am*)
Location: Beach Strand at Access #19
*** New Event
 - 2) UNCW Beach Blast (*3,500 – 4,000 participants*)
Tuesday, August 17, 2021 (*7:00 am – 4:00 pm*) (*event is 11:00 am – 3:00 pm*)
Location: Beach Strand north and south of Crystal (Oceanic) Pier
*** Recurring Event
 - 3) WBLA Longboard Pro-Am Surf Contest (*100-199 Participants*)
Saturday, October 16, 2021 (*8:00 am – 6:00 pm*)
(*scaffolding up October 15, 2:00 pm*)
Rain date (flat surf): Sunday, October 17, 2021
Location: Oceanic – Birmingham Street
*** Recurring Event
 - 4) Walk to End Alzheimer's (*~800 Participants*)
Saturday, November 6, 2021 (*6:30 am – 12:30 pm*) (*walk 9:00 – 11:00 am*)
Set up begins Friday, November 5, 2021 at 12:00 pm
Location: WB Park Event Stage and the John Nesbitt Loop
*** Recurring Event
 - 5) AFSP Walk for Suicide Prevention (*~600 Participants*)
Sunday, November 7, 2021 (*9:00 am – 5:00 pm*) (*event 12:00 – 4:00 pm*)
Location: In front of Town Hall and the John Nesbitt Loop
*** Recurring Event
 - 6) NC Holiday Flotilla Day in the Park (*1,500-2,000 participants*)
Saturday, November 27, 2021 (*7:00 am – 5:00 pm*)(*event 10:00am-4:00 pm*)
Location: Wrightsville Beach Park and Municipal Complex
*** Recurring Event
- NC Holiday Flotilla Boat Parade/Fireworks (*20,000-30,000 participants*)
Saturday, November 27, 2021 (*6:00 pm – 9:00 pm*)
Boats: Banks/Motts Channels ICWW; Spectators: Waynick, Causeway, etc.
*** Recurring Event

- c. Acknowledged previously approved special events for April.
- d. Acknowledged Planning and Inspections departmental quarterly report covering the months of October, November and December, 2020.
- e. Approved Wrightsville Beach Museum's Program to display Loop through History Signs along the Loop (as they have for the past several years) one weekend per month in 2021 from March through December.
- f. Approved Amendment to Special Event Permit Application for NHRMC Wilmington Marathon 5k to change the date from Friday, February 26, 2021 to Friday, April 16, 2021.
- g. Adopted Resolution No. (2021) 2227 approving the Southeastern NC Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- h. Approved revised 2021 Board of Adjustment Meeting Schedule to cancel the March 25th meeting.
- i. Set a public hearing for Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, for the Board of Aldermen to consider a Text Amendment to Section 155.7.15 allowing for the rental of Recreational Beach Equipment.

FY21-22 BUDGET UPDATE AND A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PRELIMINARY INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE FY21-22 BUDGET.

Mr. Owens said, "We are slated to have two additional budget workshops in April. Generally at the May meeting, we will review insurance providers. The Budget will be delivered to the Board by May 28th. This is just a preliminary public hearing to receive input early on in the process. We will have another public hearing on June 10th." Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 5:35 p.m. Ms. Sue Bulluck asked how we were doing on the Town's beach reconstruction fund. Mayor Mills replied, "We have a substantial amount of money and it will be even more after we approve this Budget." With no further input from the public, the hearing was closed at 5:37 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. (2021) 2226 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A RELEASE OF EASEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ADJACENT TO 101 WEST SALISBURY STREET.

Mr. Owens referenced an easement adjacent to 101 West Salisbury Street that has been in place since 1966 and said the new owner of the property would like to close a portion of that easement. He explained that in order to do that, we have to approve a Release of Easement. He said Resolution No. (2021) 2226 would authorize the Mayor to execute the Release of Easement. Mr. Edes said, "A Partial Release of Easement document is in front of you with two exhibits. The first is a map showing the portion of the easement to be abandoned. The second exhibit is the actual metes and bounds legal description. I believe it is in order." Mayor Mills asked if the attorneys for both parties involved were in agreement as to format in the legal description. Mr. Edes replied, "Yes sir, all three parties; the seller, the buyer and the Town." Mayor Mills said, "And we have satisfied ourselves that this will not prejudice the Town?" Mr. Edes replied, "Yes, and this portion does not have utilities in it."

Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, “I’d like to make it abundantly clear for the record that I work at Cape Fear Commercial as an independent contractor. I’m not an owner of the company. So, there’s no conflict and there’s no financial gain for me in this at all.” Mr. Edes said, “Then the only question that I have is do you have standing to have any financial remuneration or gain as a consequence of this.” Mayor Pro Tem Miller replied, “No sir. I do not.” Mr. Edes said, “Then I don’t see any conflict.” Mayor Mills then made the motion to adopt Resolution No. (2021) 2226 authorizing the Mayor to execute a Partial Release of Easement for property located adjacent to 101 West Salisbury Street. The motion was seconded by Alderman Partin and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON PURCHASING NAUTICAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FOR EAST AND WEST SALISBURY STREET AND CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. (2021) 536-B.

Mr. Owens said, “During our Retreat, we talked about outfitting the Salisbury Street corridor with similar lights that we have around Town during the holidays. These would be a little bit smaller because the poles are a little bit shorter but they’ll have the same type of nautical theme. The total cost is around \$12,000 to do all of those. There would be some retrofit costs but I don’t know what that is right now for Duke to go in and put power at the top of these poles. The timing is right because we can usually get discounts this time of year on the lights.” Following a brief discussion, Alderman Dull made the motion to adopt Budget Ordinance No. (2021) 536-B. The motion was seconded by Alderman Partin and unanimously approved.

DIRECTION ON THE SWEENEY-CHANNEL STORMWATER PROJECT.

Mr. Owens said, “This is something we have talked about for quite some time. We’ve finally gone out to bids. We got three bids. One of the bidders had to withdraw. I don’t think they fully understood the project. We had two qualifying bids. One was Carolina Civilworks for \$85,955. Turner Asphalt was the other one for \$106,187. There’s \$150,000 in this year’s budget but I wanted to bring this forward to get this approved and get you to approve me or the Mayor to execute a contract with Carolina Civilworks following review by the Town Attorney.” Following a brief discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Miller made the motion to authorize the Town Manager or the Mayor to execute a contract with Carolina Civilworks following review by the Town Attorney. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mills and unanimously approved.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. (2021) 2228 FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM NCGS 143-64.31 TO MOVE FORWARD AND RECEIVE AN ARCHITECTURAL PLAN PROPOSAL FOR THE RENOVATION OF TOWN HALL.

Mr. Owens said, “To move forward with renovations to Town Hall, we need to invest in an architect/engineer firm to do the plans and specs. We would probably get the Board members in a room with that person to make sure we’re getting the final project that we need and to make sure we understand what the product is, then they would move forward with some plans. We have to exempt ourselves from the General Statute for RFQ’s for surveyors and engineers by adopting Resolution No. (2021) 2228 to start that process.” Alderman Dull noted that \$200,000 would not cover costs. Mr. Owens said, “Based on the costs that we got from an outside party, we’re in the \$400,000 to \$450,000 range. We have to stay under the 50% rule.”

Alderman Partin asked how we would accommodate everyone while the work is being done. Mr. Owens replied, “We’ll start at Parks and Rec and get them settled over there. I think that’s the first priority. And then we may have to rent a temporary place or pull in some trailers. Or the back half of this building gets done first. We’ll just have to figure that out.” Alderman Dull asked if we have an established value of this building. Mr. Owens replied, “The tax value was, I believe, \$840,000 and it’s gone up some but I don’t know what that number is. It’s closer to \$900,000. We may end up having to get an appraisal if that tax value is too low.” Alderman Partin said, “So, the \$50,000 is not part of the \$200,000, correct? Mr. Owens replied, No, it’s not. We’ll bring all of these back to the Board and I may have them here to explain them to you.” Alderman Dull then made the motion to adopt Resolution No. (2021) 2228. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Miller and unanimously approved.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. (2021) 2229 FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM NCGS 143-64.31 TO RECEIVE AN ARCHITECT’S PROPOSAL FOR RENOVATION OF THE FRAN RUSS CENTER FOR A PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICE; RESOLUTION NO. (2021) 2230 FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE PARKS MAINTENANCE OFFICE (NEAR TENNIS COURTS) INTO OFFICE SPACE AND A BREAK ROOM; AND RESOLUTION NO. (2021) 2231 FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE FORMER PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICE BUILDING INTO STORAGE.

Mr. Owens said, “These are three separate projects and we have three separate resolutions. We’re looking at potentially renovating the old P&R office building for storage. We would get plans for that; we would get some plans and specs for the Fran Russ Center; and then plans for the Office Park by the tennis courts. We will have to figure out the extent of what we want to do with that; if we want to renovate that whole building or just do the office part first. We’ll get him in there to start that process and if we want to talk to him about upgrading that building, we can do that, too. Mayor Pro Tem Miller made the motion to adopt Resolution Nos. (2021) 2229, 2230 and 2231. The motion was seconded by Alderman Partin and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF PAYING OFF THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING AND/OR THE FIRE TRUCK LOAN. (BUDGET ORDINANCE NOS. (2021) 537-B AND 538-B INCLUDED FOR CONSIDERATION.)

Finance Officer Melissa Norton said, “At the Board Retreat, you all wanted to talk a little bit about whether we wanted to look at the Public Safety Building and/or the fire truck that’s not quite built (but we do have financing for) to see if we want to pay some of that off or whether we want to wait on it. With the Public Safety Building, the principal is about 1.3 million dollars. I think we talked about the interest if we waited through 2024 is almost \$54,000. There’s a 1% prepayment penalty on that. The Interest rate is 2.39%. So, it’s not outside the realm of what we would be okay with right now but we could still pay it off with General Fund money rather than wait until 2024. The fire pumper truck is brand new that we have the first payment on in July. We have that at 1.69%. It’s very cheap to borrow right now. So, we would save about \$29,000 if we decided to pay that off now. I realize that either one has about \$29,000 savings but the fire truck isn’t quite built yet. We won’t have that until October. I would rather wait a year and see what happens and see what happens with COVID before we reach that decision, especially where it’s 1.69%.”

Mayor Mills asked what our payments are on the Public Safety Building. Mrs. Norton replied, “We pay about \$470,000 a year split between Fire and Police.” Mayor Pro Tem Miller asked what the savings would be if we pay it off. Mrs. Norton replied, “It’s about \$30,000.” Mayor Pro Tem Miller asked if that included the penalty. Mrs. Norton replied, “Yes.” Alderman Dull asked if there was any way we could negotiate with them not to penalize us. Mrs. Norton replied, “BB&T, which is now Truist, didn’t seem very negotiable on that.” Alderman Dull said, “We may as well ask. I would like to ask that question.” Following a brief discussion regarding how long we have had the loan with BB&T, Mayor Pro Tem Miller suggested that the Board could approve it subject to Mrs. Norton calling the bank about the release fee. Alderman Partin asked whether we might need that million dollars for something else. Mayor Mills said, “Well, it’s going to clear up some cash flow. Hank’s suggestion was to approve it subject to seeing what she can do with that release fee and leave the fire truck alone.” Mr. Owens said, “If we can’t get the fee gone, do you still want to do this?” Mayor Mills replied, “As far as I’m concerned, yes.” Mrs. Norton said “My recommendation would be to pay the building off. We’ve talked about it before but it’s probably an opportune time now.” Mr. Edes said, “I would suggest, so you’re not boxed in either way, a motion to approve on the condition that the Town Manager and the Town Attorney can negotiate the fee to their satisfaction.” Mayor Pro Tem Miller made the motion to approve paying off the Public Safety Building on the condition that the Town Manager and Town Attorney can negotiate the fee to their satisfaction and to adopt Budget Ordinance No. (2021) 537-B. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mills and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON ORDINANCE NO. (2021) 1823 TO CONSIDER ALLOWING BICYCLES ON THE BEACH.

Police Chief Squires said, “We’re getting ready for a great spring and summer season and just like it happens in every town, there’s confusion about some ordinances that may be outdated. The one that we’re going to talk about is the ordinance that currently prohibits bicycles on the beach. While riding bikes is a part of the enjoyment a lot of residents and tourists expect while they’re here at Wrightsville Beach, and it’s part of our tourism literature and advertising, it is in fact a violation. The ordinance says a bicycle is considered a vehicle and vehicles are prohibited. Also, no riding animals on the beach and no riding on rails. With a special event permit, we have had a lot of success with bike racing. The truth is, we really don’t have any experience with significant complaints, crashes or injuries with bicycles on the beach. Now a new trend emerges and that’s electrically-powered bicycles which are capable of travelling faster than a human-powered bicycle. With fat tires, they’re sometimes designed to have fun on the beach. Some of them are larger than you would expect. So, the question comes from some members of the public, will this present a risk to people on the beach, especially in crowds. There are different risks of e-bikes and there are various types of them. They are generally faster and generally heavier than a human-powered bike. When thinking about this and being cognizant of the fact that the Police really shouldn’t be writing ordinances, I come to you with what I would call a series of options to look at. In Option One, there is no change. That should be something we always consider but if we have no change, we have to recognize that riding a bike on the beach is against the ordinance. In Option Two, we modify the ordinance to allow only human-powered bicycles, continuing to prohibit anything else including e-bicycles. If we pursue Option Two, it might be as easy as

just changing the definition of a vehicle the way I describe it here. Option Three, we allow for all bikes at all times. No regulations on bicycles – human-powered, e-powered, throttle – whatever you want. So far, we haven't had any crashes or injuries. In Option Four, we'd put a little bit of time restriction on bicycles. So, we would change the ordinance to say, human-powered bicycles are okay on the beach; and we would define bicycles in such a way that we say 'excluding those equipped with a throttle.' So, if you don't know, there's three different classes of e-bikes. Class 1 and Class 3 are called pedal-assist; so they look like a bicycle. You pedal and it's just easier to pedal but there is no throttle. Class 2 bikes, you don't have to pedal at all, you can work the throttle. It's very similar to an electric moped. This Option Four says you cannot ever ride a vehicle equipped with a throttle. So that would be the e-bike, Class 2. It would also be the electric motor cycle which is also becoming pretty popular. But if it's a bicycle with pedal-assist or a human-powered bicycle, they're permitted on the beach at any time between October 1 and April 1 – what we'd call the off season. Between April 1 and October 1, they're prohibited between the hours of eight in the morning and six in the evening. So, that's where we would consider there would be heavier crowds. So, those residents and tourists that want to use their bicycle during the in-season, would have an opportunity to exercise before 8:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. If the Board wanted to change those dates or change those times to reflect what works best for the most people, that would be Option Four, which I think tries to balance the needs of the people that want to use bicycles for exercise while reducing the risk in crowded environments."

Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, "Which one do you recommend that you can enforce." Chief Squires replied, "With respect to all of them, we know that we can enforce them all. We really don't have a problem with that. For example, my people can be easily trained to see a throttle so that a throttled vehicle, whether it's a motorcycle or electric bicycle, would be prohibited at all times. Pedal-assist bicycles versus human-assist, we're not really distinguishing. Eight in the morning, we can figure out." Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, "That's what I'm asking – the times." Chief Squires replied, "It doesn't really matter to us whichever way you go with it. I'd stay away from trying to train my people how to distinguish a Class 1 versus a Class 3 e-bicycle or a human-powered versus an e-bicycle. I think that becomes a little too complex. It would be easier in some senses if I never have to worry about time or date. But I get that there is a real call to be able to use some of these devices on the beach, even in the summertime." Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, "The lifeguards are on the beach at what time during the summer?" Chief Squires replied, "Ten to five." And in April, some weekends are expected to be pretty busy. One way of thinking would be, if the guards are in the chairs, that it's prohibited. The problem with that is, if I'm north or south of where the chairs are, I might not see that the guards are in the chairs. If you try to write that on the sign, it's a lot of words to put on the sign." Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, "I understand. The only reason I ask is that the bicycle people that called said that would be something they could support. We could decide that the lifeguards are on the beach ten to six and call it ten to six." Chief Squires replied, "Like I said, in Option Four, if you change the time on the calendar or the time of the day, we'd be fine with it no matter what. The guards in the chair comes from a bike shop owner who was very helpful to me in understanding the community position. So, I'm okay with changing any element of Option Four."

Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, “My understanding from them was the guards in the chair was not literally the guards in the chair; it was the hours.” Mayor Mills said, “I heard from some people saying the same thing but I’ve got a little bit of an issue with it, particularly down at my end. In June, July or August, the beach could be crowded at eight o’clock. So, if you go ten to five, I don’t think that’s workable.” Chief Squires said, “So, eight to six because I still think people would try to avoid the hottest part of the day. But, enforcement-wise, we have the capacity to enforce any change in Option Four.” Mayor Mills said, “Another thing, when the tide is in, there is no beach.” Mr. Owens said, “What you have in your book now is basically the option where e-bikes are prohibited and regular bikes are allowed. If we wanted to modify that, we could bring that back to you.” Alderman Dull said, “I’m good with what the Chief has. I would be okay with nine o’clock in the morning but, I’m okay with eight o’clock.” Mayor Mills said, “Just to be clear, when you say you’re okay with what the Chief says, what are you saying?” Alderman Dull replied, “The type of bike would be any bike, including electric bikes, without a throttle – pedal assist. And then, you can ride your bike any time during the off-season. Then from April 1st to October 1st, the hours could be from nine o’clock to six o’clock.” Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, “Mr. Manager, if we change it to say nine to six, we can’t do that right now?” Mr. Owens replied, “You don’t have to have a public hearing. You could probably ask the Town Attorney to draft that language in and approve it as you’re explaining it and let him draft it and then have the Mayor sign it.” Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, “If you are so inclined to change that to nine, I would support it.” Alderman Dull made the motion to approve it as presented by Chief Squires and as amended to change the hours to nine o’clock in the morning to six o’clock in the evening (Ordinance No. (2021) 1823).” Chief Squires said, “There’s going to be a little bit of a challenge getting signage but there will be some public information; there will be a lot of warnings. But in the end, we’ll manage. Obviously, our attention will be directed to reckless behavior.” The motion was then seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Miller and unanimously approved.

MR. EDES: DANGEROUS DOG COMMITTEE UPDATE.

Mr. Edes said, “I have an update on the dangerous dog committee. It’s going to require a motion to suspend the rules and to add that item to the agenda because it’s going to require us to repeal two code sections where we take on that responsibility. The question is, we could do it next month and I can just tell you what’s going to happen, or you can do it tonight and we start that process of shifting to the new tomorrow morning.” Mayor Mills explained to the public that Wrightsville Beach decided some years back to go separate from the County on enforcing dangerous dogs. He said we rarely have this come up but it did recently and the Board felt having a more objective arbiter versus the Board make the decision would be a better way to go. He said the Board would have to rescind or repeal our ordinances that empower the Board to do it and then go through the process of getting back with the County.

Mr. Edes said, “Just for public information, I’d like to go over the parameters as Chief Squires has laid them out as to what will happen after this transfer occurs. We will still have some involvement with respect to dog bites, the actual dangerous dog component. Once their ASU gets on the scene, it’s their case at that point. First, we have to suspend the rules and add the item to the agenda.” Mayor Mills made the motion to suspend the rules and add the dangerous dog as per Town Counsel.”

Mr. Edes said, “I did the research and the County would have jurisdiction under the North Carolina General Statutes as well as their Code of Ordinances if we agree to allow them to have jurisdiction. So, we would have to agree, which we told them we want to agree, and then we would have to rescind Code Section 91.29 which is the person responsible for designating a potentially dangerous dog, and Code Section 91.30 entitled ‘Board Responsible for Appeals From a Decision Regarding A Potentially Dangerous Dog’. At that point, they would take over that component. Our involvement would be as follows: we would continue to respond to dogs in hot cars, injured wildlife, dogs off leash, dogs at large, etc. Where there’s a bite case, we will respond only to protect the public, bring the first aid, protect against additional bites until the County ASU (Animal Services Unit) is dispatched and arrives on the scene. When they arrive, they will assume the case; they will handle the reporting and any associated follow-up including enforcement actions to include assessing whether or how to pursue a dangerous dog adjudication. If the case is dispatched from a medical facility, ASU will take it and then Wrightsville Beach Police Department will likely never be dispatched. If ASU requests assistance from us at the scene of an investigation, we will provide it. So, we would still be involved to a certain degree.”

Chief Squires said, “What we’re talking about is all bite cases. So, if it’s a wildlife animal or domestic animal biting a human or another domestic animal, it’s a bite case. We will provide that immediate assistance; otherwise, they take the bite case. That’s the bite report, the bite investigation, the follow-up, the evaluation whether it’s a dangerous dog, follow-up with the dogs who have rabies, all of that. I think it’s a very good agreement. The County has been an extremely good partner to us. It’s a rare occurrence. This is a reasonable plan.” Following a brief discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Miller made the motion to rescind Code Section 91.29 and Section 91.30 and to acknowledge the County’s jurisdiction within the Town of Wrightsville Beach for the purposes as described by Mr. Edes (Ordinance No. (2021) 1824). The motion was seconded by Alderman Partin and unanimously approved.

MAYOR PRO TEM MILLER: OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS.

- The MPO had a presentation at their last meeting on street light data that the MPO has purchased and made available to our members. According to Mike Kozlosky, it is a powerful tool. It is data from cell phones and navigation systems and stuff like that that can be used to help understand traffic counts. It’s on a case-by-case basis. If we have anything we want them to look at, they have the tools to do it.

ALDERMAN PARTIN: OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS.

- Alderman Partin attended a virtual meeting of the Cape Fear Council of Government on February 25th. There will be a meeting on March 22nd at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the American Rescue Plan. Alderman Partin has been called to jury duty on that date but the Town Manager will attend by phone.

ALDERMAN DULL: OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS.

- We did not have a TDA meeting last month. The next meeting is scheduled for March 31st.

MAYOR MILLS: OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS.

- The Ports, Waterway and Beach Commission had a virtual meeting yesterday. The effort is ongoing to determine why we were not in the Corps of Engineers' Work Plan and what we can do to resolve that; as well as alternative sources for funding.

MR. OWENS: OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS.

- We had our fire inspection. They usually do this every ten years but they're going to start doing them a little sooner now. We went from a Class 4 to a Class 2 which could be big for commercial and some homeowners but we don't know to what extent. A press release will go out probably tomorrow.

MS. HOLLEMAN: OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS.

- Thanks to Nancy Faye Craig for her help with the earlier budget workshop.

MR. EDES: OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS.

- On February 22nd, the Circuit Court of Appeals dismissed Mr. Mangum's appeal. We filed a motion to dismiss. They granted the motion to dismiss as it being untimely.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia J. Holleman
Town Clerk