

MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
AUGUST 13, 2020

Mayor Mills called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 321 Causeway Drive, Wrightsville Beach, NC. He noted that, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the meeting was being streamed as well as public participants were being socially distanced in other rooms and could join and speak when called upon.

Attendance: Mayor Darryl Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Hank Miller, Alderman Jeff DeGroot, Alderman Ken Dull, and Alderman Zeke Partin; together with Town Attorney Brian Edes, Town Manager Timothy W. Owens and Town Administrative Support Staff Amy Wolf.

Absent: Town Clerk Sylvia J. Holleman.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation by Pastor Doug Lane from Wrightsville United Methodist Church.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: SUE BULLUCK – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REQUEST FOR MEETING AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW GENERAL MANAGER OF THE HOLIDAY INN; STEVE VARIEUR – INTRODUCTION AS NEW MANAGER OF THE HOLIDAY INN; JIM SMITH – SALISBURY BEACH ACCESS AND THE PARKS AND RECREATION FORMER OFFICE BUILDING.

Ms. Sue Bulluck thanked the Board on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce for the continued meetings that have been available to watch from home. She then requested a meeting with the Chamber, the Town Manager, and a Board member. She also introduced Steve Varieur as the new General Manager of the Holiday Inn. Mr. Varieur introduced himself and said he was replacing Anne Marie Hartman who recently retired but would still act in an advisory capacity. He said he was happy to be back in Wrightsville Beach and he was looking forward to working with the Town.

Mr. Jim Smith, 54 Pelican Drive, offered his constructive criticism on the Salisbury Beach Access area. He expressed concern that some little details had been overlooked and he urged the Board to follow up with all of the contractors who were involved. His list of concerns included: yellow caution tape wrapped around fencing and railings, haphazard installation on signs, and things already looking messy. Mr. Smith also addressed Salisbury Street residents parking across sidewalks, the lack of handicap mats to access the beach, walkways on Banks Channel Bridge are not handicap accessible, and railings on other bridges are not available. He brought concerns from the Garden Club and the Wrightsville Beach Foundation regarding the Christmas decorations not being able to be installed on the new light poles in the Salisbury area. Mr. Smith then referenced the Parks and Recreation office building that was destroyed in Hurricane Florence in 2018 and said it is an eyesore in the park. He noted that sections of the building had even blown off recently in Hurricane Isaias. He described the current cramped offices that the staff works out of and said his opinion stands as asking the Board to reevaluate any plans and consider bringing the destroyed office building back up to code; and to make it handicap accessible, even if they had to borrow money to do it. Mr. Smith said visitors often see the Parks and Recreation Department as their first impression of our beach. He noted that the beach wheelchairs were also deteriorating. Lastly, he said bringing back the After School Program would greatly benefit residents. He said we should be ashamed of ourselves for letting the Town look and operate like this.

CONSENT AGENDA UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY MOTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM MILLER AND SECOND BY ALDERMAN PARTIN, WITH REMOVAL OF ITEMS B-2 HOLIDAY FLOTILLA BOAT PARADE AND FIREWORKS, AND B-3 YMCA TRIATHALON, AND TO SET A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON TEXT AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 155.9.1.6 AND 155.6.4 TO DEFINE OFF-SITE PARKING LOT.

- a. Approved Minutes of May 14, 2020.
- b. Acknowledged previously approved special events for September.
- c. Accepted ATV donation from Oak Grove Technologies to the Police Department. The cost of the ATV is \$34,299.
- d. Set a public hearing for August 27, 2020 at 5:00 P.M., for the Board of Adjustment to hear a request from the Town of Wrightsville Beach for a variance from the Wrightsville Beach Unified Development Ordinance, Article 155.11, Environmental Regulations, Part I. Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, Section 155.11.18 and more specifically the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation which is the Base Flood Elevation plus 2 feet of freeboard for a public restroom project located at 88 South Lumina Avenue.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION:

- a. NC Holiday Flotilla Boat Parade and Fireworks. The Flotilla has been cancelled for 2020. No further discussion needed.
- b. YMCA Triathlon. Mr. Edes referenced the Governor’s Order regarding public mass gatherings and said it could be interpreted two ways. He explained both interpretations and said this was “murky at best”. Program Supervisor Katie Ryan informed the Board of the safety precautions that the event organizers had in place. Alderman Dull suggested that the interpretation include the event in the interest of health. Alderman DeGroot noted that when the Wahine Classic was cancelled here, Carolina Beach “welcomed it with open arms” and it did not draw negative criticism of the outdoor event. Alderman Dull made the motion to allow the YMCA Triathlon, along with the Pier-to-Pier Swim and the Liam Strong Run to move forward. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Miller and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF TEXT AMENDMENTS TO TOWN OF WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH TITLE XV: LAND USAGE, CHAPTER 155: UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE, APPENDIX A, EXHIBIT A DEFINITIONS, SECTION A.3 DEFINITIONS – LOT FRONTAGE, AND SECTION 155.6.5 ZONING DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, 155.6.5.1 R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, D MINIMUM FRONT YARD SETBACK

CONSIDERATION OF FIRST TEXT AMENDMENT PROPOSAL:

Planning and Parks Director Tony Wilson gave the following overview of the proposed text amendment for ocean front corner lots. “The setback request is for a ten-foot setback in the R1 and R2 Residential Districts. The amendment was presented in January 2020 with a seven-and-a-half-foot setback and was not approved. An ad hoc committee was created to discuss it further.”

Mr. Wilson referenced the newest version of the amendment and clarified which lots it would affect. He said the proposed text amendment was consistent with the CAMA Land Use Plan and the Planning Board had voted 6-0 against this proposed amendment at their August 11, 2020 meeting. It was noted that Planning Board members had voted in favor of this amendment in the past but more recently had voted against it due to public comment.

Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 5:55 p.m.

Mrs. Susan Prickett, 9 and 11 Augusta Street, spoke on behalf of herself and her husband Carlton Prickett. She said she feels very strongly about the historical houses on the street, the sense of community, and the way Wrightsville Beach used to be. She noted that the homes on the street have had to adhere to the former fifteen-foot setbacks and one person should not be allowed to break that code. She read a statement from her husband stating that they are proud homeowners and visitors of the Town and the leadership of the Town keeps it from becoming like Myrtle Beach or other densely populated beach towns. Mrs. Prickett said they hope the lesser setbacks will not be established in good faith, as it will allow developers to build oversized buildings that will detract from the historic setting. She said there are feelings out there that this would just keep coming back again and again and she was asking the Board to keep it the way it is, because it is working.

Mr. Halbert Jones, 6 Augusta Street, spoke on behalf of the Jones Family LLC and the even numbered lots (4-16) on Augusta Street. He said his family has been there since 1949 and they have no plans of moving. He said he strongly opposes the proposed text amendment and feels it is unnecessary and harmful. Using 15 Raleigh Street as an example (because it was just one street over) he said, "The lot is fifty-three feet wide and it's a perfectly fine house. The owners paid a lot of money for the lot and the house, so there is no argument that 'nothing' can be done with these lots. Today's builders are enlarging the envelope and it's harmful to the neighbors by creating a 'Great Wall of China' along the beach." Mr. Jones said a cost consultant had told him the large new homes would negatively impact the value of the existing homes by a twelve percent value. He said, "The grandfathered, non-conforming homes will have to conform if a hurricane destroys the homes. Also, the modest homes that might be destroyed would be rebuilt much larger. This style of development is a zero-sum game."

Mr. Steve Sugg, 13 Augusta Street, said, "The house that had previously been at oceanfront Augusta was built in 1954. We had a wonderful view because the oceanfront home was a single story. When the owner raised his house a few years back, he spent maybe \$150,000 and followed the setback of fifteen feet. Soon after, a three-story house was built between 13 Augusta and the beach and now we can only see the ocean from down the road. We feel that everyone should follow the same rules as he has done."

Mr. Carlton Prickett said his main argument was that they knew what the setbacks were when they bought the properties and they could have made architectural plans that conformed to the current setback rules rather than continue to ask for special variances. He also said it's not right to open up the variance for oceanfront lots, because interior lots on every street will start asking for variances as well when hurricanes come and they are torn down. He said his problem was with them knowing what the rules are and wanting to change the rules to build a bigger house."

Mr. Henry Fonvielle, 18 Augusta Street, said he was fortunate to have grown up on Raleigh Street and his wife had grown up on Augusta Street. He said, “We oppose both amendments. We are ‘for’ development and for fixing up houses but we want it done in a way that is respectful to the community.” Mr. Fonvielle then listed all of the neighbors who had the same opinion. He said, “The measurements presented by the Conleys do not tell the whole story. The Conleys bought both lots at 15 and 17 Augusta Street in order to change the shape of the house by changing the setback, which would enable them to have a porch with an infinity pool and hot tub. We disagree with the Conley’s previous claims of hardship. The previously mentioned neighbors and I are just trying to keep Wrightsville Beach from becoming Myrtle Beach and Ocean City. We are at a critical point here with architects who are trying to press the rules and we want to press back on this. The current operations are to put gaps on second floors to move the volume up, making the home look like a big forty-foot box with a flat roof. We are concerned about the projects at 15 and 17 Augusta Street and where the pools and hot tubs will be located. Putting a pool on the third floor is pushing the rules every way they can and it will happen all over the beach.” Alderman Dull asked if the houses on Augusta Street had been repaired after Hurricane Fran. Mr. Fonvielle said his home and two others had been fixed up and modified within the fifty percent rule.

Mr. Haywood Newkirk, 1403 Airlie Road, gave an overview of his experience as an appraiser and said the proposed setbacks would reduce the view corridor by twelve-and-a-half percent. He reviewed long-term impacts of decreased view corridors on property values using MLS data on single family homes that are not oceanfront and not on Harbor Island. He said this could change the value from \$731/square foot to \$577/square foot for second or third row homes. Mr. Newkirk said according to his research, homes beyond the third row (interior) could be valued at \$498/square foot; a fourteen percent decrease in value. He said his appraisals were conducted between Mallard Street and Stone Street, as they have similar setbacks as Augusta Street, and he saw 77 homes that could be negatively impacted by the proposed text amendment. He said 44 properties would be directly impacted by the text amendment in the second and third row. Mr. Newkirk said his conclusion was that the effects could be far reaching on the housing market if this precedent is allowed. He said five feet doesn’t seem like a lot but it starts to narrow the view corridor as one goes further back on the street. He encouraged staff and the Board to stick to the rules and follow the setbacks because he is convinced that the high property values are attributed to the consistency and professionalism of the people who run the Town.

Ms. Carrie Simms, representing the Pope and Rawlings families at 5 Augusta Street, said she was a fourth generation co-property owner and she felt their long-term commitment to the Town had earned them the right to have their opinions heard. She then read from the following statement from her cousin Doug Dyer: “Our family is opposed to the text amendments because they are unfair to the other households on the street who have contributed to Wrightsville Beach for a long time. The amendments would negatively affect our property values. This is unfair treatment to the current property owners who enjoy the open streetscape. New buildings should have to adhere to the fifteen-foot setback just as the current homes have had to do. The integrity of the neighborhood will be negatively impacted because it will reduce the amount of natural landscaping (which sets a ‘not good’ precedent for the beach). The for-profit builders should be able to comply with the current regulations.”

Mr. Tom Conley, 716 South Lumina Avenue, said he started the project at 15 and 17 Augusta Street to make a profit but also to improve the structures at Wrightsville Beach. He said he had not made \$900,000 as previously mentioned but he had spent over \$4 million on these properties. He referenced a previous ruling on Columbia Street corner lots that he felt were parallel to his lots and should have similar setbacks according to the way he thought lots were plotted when the Town was planned. Mr. Conley said these original interior lots have been changed back to seven-and-a-half-feet but the corner lots have remained at fifteen-foot setbacks. He said his two oceanfront lots are also dealing with static lines and CAMA lines, which push around the buildable space. He questioned the past Columbia Street ruling and said the only explanation was that neighbors pushed it through because line of sight had never been and is not currently an ordinance or code, and a historic or architectural argument has not been brought up through a Historic Committee. Mr. Conley said, "The paved street ends ten feet before the lot begins, so the lot frontage should be on the western side of the 15 Augusta Street lot. There are forty plus properties that were built to code and conforming in the past ten-to-fifteen years that are now non-conforming because the setback went from seven-and-a-half-feet to fifteen feet and many of those homeowners may have no idea this has impacted their property." Mr. Conley referenced a seventeen-foot wide house on Mallard Street that would lose seven-and-a-half-feet if the house were to burn or get washed away thus only allowing a nine-and-a-half-foot wide house to be rebuilt according to the setbacks currently in place. He said he would like to accept the ten-foot setback that was offered previously to move on with building. Mr. Conley referenced street averaging setbacks of parallel and perpendicular lots and said he thought they were not meant to be handled differently. He noted that the ends of the streets on both the Lumina and Intracoastal side are handled the same. He said he did not know where the one hundred feet came from that goes back less than two lots in this situation, and whether it extended to the end of the street. He noted that he didn't know about the most recent Planning Board meeting or he would have been in attendance. He reminded the Board that the text amendment had passed unanimously in his favor by the Planning Board twice before.

Mr. Tim Conley, 727 South Lumina Avenue, said he and his brother own the properties 15 and 17 Augusta Street, as well as other properties on the oceanfront that could also be impacted by the text amendment. He said, "The lot at 15 Augusta Street is encumbered by the 1939 line, the CAMA line, and the Static line, and it also has to provide an easement to 17 Augusta Street. These limitations, along with where we feel the street ends are on the west side, are the reasons that the setbacks should be changed for building at 15 Augusta Street. Out of the eleven total lots covered in the proposed text amendment, only three are identified to have a fifteen-foot setback; 15 Augusta Street, 11 Columbia Street and one on Raleigh Street. The other eight have existing structures with nine-foot setbacks or less. This is a precedent already set by the Town that would put those eight structures into non-conforming status and they would not be able to be rebuilt if destroyed. We met with the people who live on Augusta Street and they are wonderful people who have lived there for generations but they have not had any new construction since 1994. The remaining six houses are all over 65 years old and pretty much non-conforming. The average width of a house on Augusta Street is thirty-eight feet and an oceanfront fifty-foot lot with a twenty-seven-and-a-half-foot structure would not be appealing and would not be in line with the standards of the new homes built in Wrightsville Beach. When people spend \$1.7 million on a lot, the expectation is that they would build a pretty big structure, and if the appraiser's estimate of \$734 per square foot is accurate, then we have lost money by not building on it for the year and a half it has been

empty. My brother and I are not builders; maybe quasi-developers and we plan to be residents here for a long time. We would be happy to accept the ten-foot setback if proposed. The house across the street is 3,500 square feet and thirty-nine feet wide on a fifty-foot lot and we are not even asking for thirty-nine feet in width. The beach is changing and Augusta Street has been fortunate not to have had a lot of development. But, line of sight is not in any building requirements other than around corners for automobile traffic. Architecture is an opinion and some people love the flat roof and some people hate it. The flat roof might be a trend due to the fire hydrant distance regulations. In summary, we can still build a sizeable house on the lot using all of the current regulations but it will not be architecturally in sync with the rest of the street. We are hoping to avoid another big box style that nobody will like to look at. There will always be issues when building anything, or even planting trees. The precedent was set with setbacks on the west side of the lot on eight of the eleven lots and that is where it should be.”

Mr. Sugg asked if other places on the beach had been built like this particular structure with 50% deck on the second floor to move more usable space up to the third floor. Mr. Wilson said not to this extent but elevated pools and hot tubs are starting to be seen in plans. Mr. Sugg asked if the hot tub and infinity pool counted as part of the deck. Mr. Wilson replied, “No. Elevated pools are not part of the equation.” Mayor Mills asked the speakers to keep the questions to the matter at hand. Mr. Tim Conley said he was trying to create value for the Town as well as value for himself as the homeowner. He said, “The tide lifts all boats, which means this would increase all surrounding property values. The design with the decking is meant to make it look appealing and not like a box while adhering to decking requirements. It will look modern compared to the rest of the street which has had no building in twenty-five years. If any of the other properties on Augusta Street were to sell, they would be razed and something new would go up, and one-hundred-foot lots would be split into two fifty-foot lots. When the original text amendment was drafted, the former Town Attorney John Wessel felt that the precedent had already been set in favor of approving it. This is dragging out; we have provided many reasons to approve the amendment. We just want to build a structure there that does not anger the neighbors.” Mr. Sugg said the Conleys were going to put a road between 13 Augusta Street and 15-17 Augusta Street which would create value for their lots at the expense of other people who live on the street. He said he thought it was unfair and he was very much against what was going on here. He also said he thought all of the neighbors were against it.

Mayor Mills closed this portion of the public hearing at 6:40 p.m. so the Board could ask questions and have discussion.

Alderman Partin asked when the setback was changed to fifteen feet. Mr. Wilson said in 2005, a situation with a house on Columbia Street had determined that the interpretation, not the wording, of the ordinance needed to be changed. Alderman DeGroot asked what the findings were from the ad hoc committee. Alderman Dull, who was on the committee, replied, “Although the Planning Board had voted 7-0 in favor of the change to a seven-and-a-half-foot setback, I pulled the item because I felt a deeper look needed to take place because a text amendment for one house could be dangerous (broad brush). The committee looked at every property that could be affected by the proposed text amendment, which became complicated due to the already existing non-conformity on the beach. I would like to try and create a win-win if possible. There is a lot of existing non-conformity and more of these situations will continue.”

Mayor Pro-Tem Miller said, “I remember that the Board of Aldermen was going to vote against the original proposed text amendment for 15 Augusta Street in January due to feedback from the neighbors, which is one of the reasons it was sent back to the Planning Board and to the ad hoc committee to be reworked. I have worked in the development business my whole career and I have never purchased property thinking I could do something other than what was allowed. I do not feel that the Conleys have been treated unfairly.” Alderman Dull said the property value comments made by Mr. Newkirk were compelling and he did not want to hurt any property values. Alderman Partin noted that the feedback presented tonight was not available to the Planning Board when the original vote occurred. Alderman DeGroot said that compromise was needed in this circumstance because this had been a tough one to deal with. He said it would be a hard compromise. The Board took no action on the proposed text amendment.

CONSIDERATION OF SECOND TEXT AMENDMENT PROPOSAL:

Mr. Wilson presented the Board with a second proposed text amendment that came from concerns brought up by the ad hoc committee. He said, “This amendment would provide front yard setback standardization for streets from Stone to Mallard, and it could apply to oceanfront because it extends from North Lumina to the 1939 property line. Staff has determined the average setback is 10.4 feet for context of the proposal.” Mr. Wilson displayed a map that showed where the current lots are and what the existing setbacks are. He showed how the proposed averaging would work, which would use the setbacks of the existing structures one hundred feet in each adjacent direction of the lot, and average the setbacks while still keeping a ten-foot setback minimum in R1 and R2 districts. He said the Planning Board voted 6-0 against the proposal. He then read the proposed text amendment for the benefit of the audience.

Alderman Dull said, “Some houses are five feet off the street while others are fifteen feet. These are more examples of non-conformity similar to the previous discussion. The intent is to assure that the existing houses will not be endangering their property values while providing conformity to the streets that are impacted. New houses could be built in line with the neighbors but not in front of their line of sight to the ocean. The ad hoc committee wanted this amendment to apply to second row and back houses, not oceanfront.” Mayor Pro-Tem Miller clarified the intention of the proposed amendment to omit the oceanfront lots. Mr. Wilson explained that the hundred feet adjacent measurements could be two houses on each side of the lot in question if the adjacent lots are fifty feet each. Alderman Dull said this should help people build while conforming to the aesthetics of their street and not invading line of sight for existing homes.

Mayor Mills opened the second portion of the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Henry Fonvielle, 18 Augusta Street, said, “Wouldn’t this averaging open up more questions? As it stands now, the code is fifteen feet which is easy. Averaging frontages would make things get difficult to interpret again, which should be avoided.” He then brought up unusable space on decks, pools on decks, infinity pools, and hot tubs, and expressed concern that this was shifting the volume of the new homes to the top floor. He asked the Board to look into these items further. Mayor Mills asked the speakers to stay on the topic of front yard setbacks.

Mayor Pro-Tem Miller said he liked the proposed text amendment as he sees it. With no further input from the public, Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Alderman Partin said she understood the amendment and thought it should apply to oceanfront lots as well. Alderman Dull said the amendment was written to be less cumbersome for a survey to use only one hundred feet on each side rather than the whole street when planning a new building. Alderman DeGroot asked where this proposed amendment originated from. Alderman Dull said that it came from ideas discussed by the ad hoc committee regarding the need for uniformity. Mr. Wilson noted that the Planning Board had voted 6-0 against the amendment as written because the boundary is the 1939 line which includes oceanfront lots. Mayor Mills said he agreed with the intent. He suggested rewording the proposed amendment to omit the oceanfront lots, then send it back to the Planning Board for another vote. The other Board members concurred. Mr. Wilson said he would try to get it on the Planning Board's agenda for September but it might not meet the advertising deadlines which would put it on their October agenda.

DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON EXTENDING THE PIER HEAD LINE AT ATLANTIC MARINE LOCATED AT 101 KEEL STREET. RESOLUTION (2020) 2208.

Mr. Owens stated that David Floyd of Atlantic Marine, 101 Keel Street, was requesting to extend the pier head line west approximately 39 feet and at the east side of the property approximately 24 feet as per the site plan from Bellingham Marine dated June 8, 2020. Following a brief discussion regarding other extensions that had previously been granted for other properties, Mayor Mills made the motion to adopt Resolution No. (2020) 2208 to allow the pier head line extension as requested. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Miller and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON AMENDING CHAPTER 97: NOISE AND PUBLIC NUISANCES.

Mr. Edes presented the Board with two noise ordinances from other municipalities as examples to review in order to make revisions to our current noise ordinance. He then asked for this item to be continued to the September Board of Aldermen meeting because the new Police Chief David Squires would be coming in next week and his input was needed as his department would be tasked with enforcing the new ordinance. The Board agreed.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. (2020) 1816 AMENDING CHAPTER 99, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE TOWN OF WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH.

Mr. Owens said the proposed ordinance amendment would require utilities such as small cell wireless towers to obtain an encroachment agreement from the Town. Following a brief discussion of the proposed ordinance, Mayor Pro Tem Miller made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. (2020) 1816 as written. The motion was seconded by Alderman Partin and unanimously approved.

MAYOR PRO TEM MILLER: OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS

- The MPO approved the final draft of the Cape Fear Moving Forward 2045 Plan.
- The NCDOT approved a grant application for autonomous vehicles (self-driving vehicles) in the Wilmington and Carolina Beach area.
- Congestion Management Process approved funding for various area projects.

ALDERMAN PARTIN: OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS

- Alderman Partin would like to start a conversation about additional bike trails on Waynick Blvd. Mr. Owens said the Town had several plans but they did not include Waynick Blvd.

ALDERMAN DULL: OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS

- The Ports, Waterway and Beach Commission has money funded through 2034.

MAYOR MILLS: OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS

- The Tourism Development Authority (TDA) approved a budget.
- Request for follow up to the issue presented by Mr. Smith regarding the finalization of the Salisbury Project and the Christmas Decorations. Mr. Owens said, "I've talked with Highland every day to get the punch list completed. The striping on the road will have to wait until the weather is cooler. I emailed Duke Energy about the lights and have not received a response yet regarding the decorations on the new light poles in the Salisbury parking area."
- A headcount is needed for the swearing in ceremony for Police Chief Squires.

MR. EDES: OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS

- Mr. Edes said, "There was a good turnout for the grand opening of the Blair Pavilion and the completed Salisbury Project. It looks great and I'm proud to be associated with it."

REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION FOR CONSULTATION WITH THE TOWN ATTORNEY REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO G.S. 143.318.11.

Mayor Pro Tem Miller made the motion at 7:49 P.M. to go into Closed Session for consultation with the Town Attorney regarding pending litigation pursuant to G.S. 143.318.11. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mills and unanimously approved.

MEETING RECONVEINED.

Mayor Mills reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:05 P.M. and asked the record to reflect that the Closed Session had been held for the reason so stated with no action taken.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:06 P.M. BY MOTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM MILLER AND SECOND BY MAYOR MILLS.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia J. Holleman
Town Clerk

(From notes submitted by Amy Wolf, Administrative Support Staff)