

Minutes  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting  
April 12, 2011

A regular meeting of the Spring Hope Board of Commissioners was held at 7 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Spring Hope Municipal Building.

Members present were Mayor Buddy Gwaltney, Commissioners Bill Newkirk, Clyde Best, Lee Bissett and Drew Griffin. Commissioner Stanley Hawley was absent.

Also present were Town Manager John Holpe, Town Clerk Michele Collins, Town Attorney Mark Edwards and Police Chief Tim Denton. Newspapers represented were Amanda Clark Nashville Graphic and Ken Murchison Spring Hope Enterprise.

Citizens present were Phillip Mills, Michael Wheless, Jeff Breedlove and Robyn Perkerson.

Mayor Gwaltney called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Best gave the invocation.

Commissioner Best made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 14, 2011 as written, Commissioner Newkirk seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gwaltney opened the public forum. Robyn Perkerson asked to speak on the activities on Ash St. She said her mother in law that lives on Branch St is close to this area and that some illegal activity has been witnessed by them. She said she thought that the citizens of Spring Hope had turned a blind eye to the activity for too long and thought it needed to be addressed. She said that she was afraid that this activity could spread to other areas of the town. Mrs. Perkerson said she thought this was hurting the town as far as growth. She thinks that police officers should be visible to the people in this area.

Mr. Holpe began the next item which was in reference to the easement requested by John Tate and Glen Tellefsen. Mr. Holpe explained that there had been discussion about granting an easement to Mr. Tate and Mr. Tellefsen through the park to be able to access their land. He said that they had also talked about Mr. Tate and Mr. Tellefsen donating land and the town using it as part of the local match for the park grant. Mr. Holpe said that they had hoped to get an exemption for the conversion process. However, he said that the exemption would not apply because the requested easement was not for utilities and that the road would not benefit the park. He also said that there was a question with the Scout Hut and whether it was actually on park property. Mr. Holpe said that Town Attorney Mark Edwards and State park official Steve Mohler

both said it was the same parcel and the hut was on the park property. Mr. Holpe said that Mr. Tate and Mr. Tellefsen had offered to pay for the surveying, appraisals and half of the legal costs. Mayor Gwaltney asked what the land was presently zoned as, Mr. Holpe said Residential. Commissioner Best asked if the 2.1 acreage shown on the map was right or the 3.5. Mr. Holpe said the 3.5 was right. Commissioner Best and Bissett asked if the scout hut was going to be able to stay, Mr. Holpe said probably not. Mr. Tate said there maybe a way to keep it but it would be difficult. Mr. Holpe told the board that the full conversion process would have to take place because the park was given a federal grant years ago and that there was not any way around it. Mayor Gwaltney asked Town Attorney Mark Edwards what would be an estimated cost for the legal fees. Mr. Edwards said it could cost \$5000.0 to \$7000.00.

Commissioner Best made a motion to consider granting an easement pending the completion of the conversion process and giving permission to begin the process; Commissioner Bissett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mark Meyers thanked the board for the business the town had given Waste Industries. He said that the leaf and limb pick up was a little more then they thought it was going to be. Mr. Meyers said that they were looking to extend the contract to a 3year deal or terminate the contract at the end of July. He said to maintain the current level of service including picking up yard waste the price would have to go up \$3.00 a cart. He also told the board that if the town would take the yard waste back they would reduce the rate \$2.25. Mr. Holpe asked if there could be some assurance that after the rise in diesel fuel costs this year they would not be coming back for another increase next year. Mr. Meyers said only a act of god could make the prices go up. He said they are renegotiating contracts with many towns. Commissioner Best asked if it would be possible to sign a one-year agreement. Mr. Meyers said that they are starting to have to replace carts so they would like to have a three year since they are spending capital now. Commissioner Best asked if they could go to a vacuum type pick up for the leaves, Mr. Meyers said that was not a option. Commissioner Best also said that the bagging of the leaves was the biggest complaint. Mr. Holpe said that there would be a savings of \$18,000.00 if the town were to pick up the leaves and limbs. The board decoded to table this decision until the meeting of April 18, 2011.

Wyatt McGee from Nash County presented the 10yr. plan made by the county for solid waste disposal.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to accept the plan; Commissioner Best seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Holpe told the board that Michael Ward; owner of the Showside Grill and Bakery was appointed by the Chamber to replace Dawn Ray on the Revitalization Committee. He said that it was necessary for the board to make a motion on the appointment. Commissioner Bissett made a motion to accept the appointment; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to accept the increase in the vendor fees for the Pumpkin Festival; Commissioner Best seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Police Chief Tim Denton told the board that they were considering a few new applicants for the final open positions in the Police Department.

There was no new business by the Commissioners.

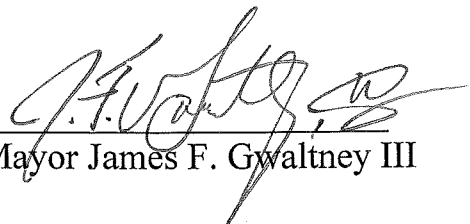
Commissioner Bissett made a motion to recess the meeting until Monday April 18, 2011 at 6:30pm; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:



Michele K. Collins  
Town Clerk

Attest:

  
Mayor James F. Gwaltney III

Minutes of  
Recessed  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting  
Of April 12, 2011

April 18, 2011

The Spring Hope Board of Commissioners held a reconvened meeting of the recessed meeting of April 12, 2011 on April 18, 2011 at 6:30pm in the Commissioners Room in the Spring Hope Town Hall.

Members present: Mayor Buddy Gwaltney, Commissioners Drew Griffin, Bill Newkirk, and Clyde Best. Commissioners Stanley Hawley and Lee Bissett were absent.

Also, present Town Manager John Holpe, and Town Clerk Michele Collins. Newspapers present were Amanda Clark with the Nashville Graphic and Ken Murchison with the Spring Hope Enterprise.

Mark Meyers with Waste Industries was also present.

Mayor Gwaltney determined there was a quorum and called the meeting to order.

Mr. Meyers gave an update on the services provided by Waste Industries. He said that there was a 25%-30% participation in recycling, which is picked up weekly. Commissioner Best asked if it would be feasible to go back to every other week pick up to cut costs. Mr. Holpe said that if they decided to do that it would save an extra \$7000.00. He said that would make the total saving \$25000.00 with the \$18000.00 the town would save by picking up the leaves and limbs. Mr. Holpe said that the phone tree could be used to remind people that recycling would be every other week. Commissioner Newkirk asked if the people who complain would be allowed extra bins, Mr. Meyers said yes at no extra cost. Commissioner Best asked if there would be any problem with the town picking up the limbs and leaves. Mr. Holpe said no that the Public Works crew could use the two dump trucks. Commissioner Griffin asked if the recycling pick up could be amended later if the new schedule did not work, Mr. Meyers said yes that it could be arranged.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to renew the contract with Waste Industries for 3 years with the town picking up the leaves and limbs and recycling being picked up every other week; Commissioner Best seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best asked if this would begin on August 1. Mr. Meyers said yes and thanked the board for continuing to use Waste Industries.

The board decided to schedule the next meeting for Tuesday May 17, 2011 at 6 pm.

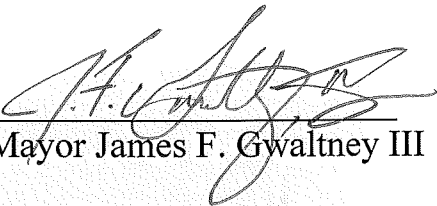
Commissioner Best made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:



Michele K. Collins  
Town Clerk

Attest:

  
Mayor James F. Gwaltney III

*Government of the Town of Spring Hope  
North Carolina*

# *Mayoral Proclamation*

*Proclaiming the Week of May 15-21, 2011 as  
National Police Week and Sunday, May 15, 2011  
as Peace Officers Memorial Day*

**WHEREAS**, The Congress and President of the United States have designated the week of May 15-21, 2011 as National Police Week and Sunday, May 15, 2011 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and

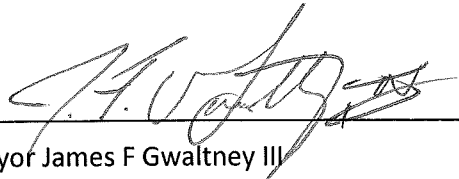
**WHEREAS**, the members of the law enforcement play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of the Town of Town Spring Hope, and

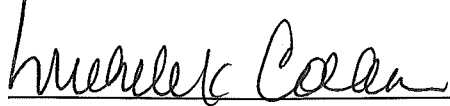
**WHEREAS**, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards and sacrifices of their law enforcement officers, and

**WHEREAS**, the men and women of the law enforcement agency of the Town of Spring Hope serve the people by safeguarding life and property, protecting them against violence and disorder and providing a vital public service.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Town of Spring Hope Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim the week of May 15-21, 2011 as National Police Week and May 15, 2011 as Peace Officers Memorial Day for the Town of Spring Hope and urges all citizens to recognize these officers' faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities and directs all flags on Municipal property to be flown at half-staff on this day.

This the 17th day of May 2011.

  
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Mayor James F Gwaltney III

Attest:  
  
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Michele K Collins  
Town Clerk

*Office of the Mayor  
Town of Spring Hope  
North Carolina*

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** public works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizen's everyday lives; and

**WHEREAS,** the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient provision of public works systems and programs such as drinking water, sanitary and storm sewers, streets and highways, public buildings, and solid waste collection and disposal; and

**WHEREAS,** the health, safety and comfort of this community greatly depends on these Services; and

**WHEREAS,** such facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, engineers, and administrators, representing all levels of government, who are responsible for and must plan, design, construct, operate and maintain the public works facilities essential to serve our citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff public works functions is materially influenced by the people's attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform; and


**WHEREAS,** these public works functions are performed by multiple departments with the Town of Spring Hope

**NOW, THEREFORE,** The Spring Hope Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of May 15-21, 2011 as

**" NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK"**

in the Town of Spring Hope, North Carolina, and I call upon all citizens and civic leaders in the community to gain knowledge of , and maintain a progressive interest in, the public works needs and programs vital to our everyday lives. And to recognize the daily contributions which public works officials make to ensure our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011

  
James "Buddy" Gwaltney, Mayor