

187

Minutes  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting  
January 7, 2013

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: Mayor Buddy Gwaltney, Commissioners Clyde Best, Drew Griffin, Nancy Walker, Bill Newkirk and Lee Bissett.

Also present were Town Manager John Holpe, Town Clerk Michele Collins, Town Attorney Mark Edwards, Town Engineer Kevin Varnell, Mike Meyers and Anthony Branch from Envirolink, David Harris from Harris Associates and Chief Tim Denton.

Newspapers present were Ken Ripley from the Spring Hope Enterprise and Amelia Harper from the Nashville Graphic.

Citizens present were Veronica Cooper, Ollie Shepard, Claris Bissette and Dickie Bass

Mayor Gwaltney called the meeting to order

Commissioner Bissett noted that he was present at the last meeting and not absent like the minutes stated.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to accept the minutes with the change making Commissioner Bissett present; Commissioner Bissett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Public Forum

Claris Bissette said that she was concerned about how the debris was being picked up in town. She said that she called the town office and that she was told they would be removed before Christmas. Ms. Bissette said that after a week she called again and was told that the crew was working on it. She said after another week she called back and was told that the truck broke down and was given the number to the Envirolink office in Bailey. She said that Envirolink told her that they would get in touch with the supervisors and that the street would be cleared. Finally she had to hire someone to pick up the debris because no one showed up to do it from Envirolink. She said that Mike Meyers came to see her and tried to take the blame for the entire thing. Ms. Bissette felt like someone had lied to her when she was told the same thing several times and believes that the town should have taken care of this. Mr. Holpe said that he thought that it seemed like there were many streets that had not been cleared of debris. He said that the staff in the office had reported the problem to the appropriate people from Envirolink and that it had also been mentioned to Mike Meyers at the Christmas party. Commissioner Bissett said that Mr. Holpe should be informed when there is a problem. Mike Meyers said he wasn't aware of anything until late

in the week. Commissioner Walker asked Mike Meyers if Spring Hope was more than they could handle since this was not the first complaint a citizen had voiced. Mike said no that they could handle the town. Commissioner Griffin asked why they had not picked up on the days that they were supposed to; Mike said that they must have just missed it. Commissioner Best said that he did not think it was necessary to ever hear something like this again if they were actually able to handle the demands of the town. Mr. Meyers said that he agreed and that they had a handle on things. The board made arrangements to have the \$25.00 reimbursed to Ms. Bisette. Commissioner Best said that he thought Envirolink was responsible because they had dropped the ball and should send the money.

David Harris from RSM Harris Associates told the board that the CDBG rehab bids needed to be revised. He explained that the original company that had won the bid on the asbestos removal had to pull out because of licensing issues. Therefore the next low bidder was AB Control Inc. and that was for both 302 and 312 West Franklin. He also said that Lyons Construction was the lowest at 302 W Franklin and Rick Bostic Construction was the lowest at 312 W Franklin for the demolition bids. Commissioner Best asked if all this fell within the funding of the project, Mr. Harris said it did. He also said that there was money to relocate the owner at 312 W Franklin while they were tearing down the home. Mr. Harris said that as long as the agreements were signed the work would begin and hopefully finished in January.

Commissioner Best made a motion to accept Mr. Harris's recommendation for the demolition and asbestos bids; Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Harris said that they also needed to make a motion to amend the budget for the Third St. paving. Kevin Varnell said that the price would be \$106,870.75 with about \$7,000.00 left in contingency. Commissioner Best asked if this would have to go out to bid, Kevin said no it would go to the original bid winner of the Montgomery St. project.

Commissioner Best made a motion to accept the budget amendment as stated; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to accept the change order as presented; Commissioner Best seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Harris said that his last item was scheduling a close out public hearing for February 4, 2013. The board agreed.

Commissioner Best asked Town Engineer Kevin Varnell for an update the Waste Water Treatment Plant reconstruction. Kevin said that the project had fallen behind some because of the weather and the paint on the building not being able to dry because of the cold. Commissioner Best asked him if he knew anything about survey stakes that were out by the land that was supposed have been given to the town by the old May Farm owners. Kevin said that he wasn't sure but would find out; Commissioner Best asked him if he knew about the town owning that land. Kevin said he wasn't sure and Commissioner Best said he

thought that someone should find out for sure. Mr. Holpe said that he and Mark had discussed the issue and were trying to get the paper work to prove the town owned it.

Mr. Holpe asked the board to reappoint Eugene Griffin, Ken Ripley and Dr. Weeks to the Planning Commission so that their terms would end in June 2015. Commissioner Bissett made a motion to reappoint Eugene, Ken and Dr. Weeks; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Holpe asked if anyone had any suggestions to replace Jennis Toney Carpenter on the board. Commissioner Bissett mention Daryl Emig and Mr. Holpe said that he would ask him.

Mr. Holpe also asked the board to reappoint Allen Barbee to Revitalization and replace Tommy and Spring Toney. He said that he didn't have any recommendations right now but would try to have some for the next meeting.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to reappoint Allen Barbee to the Revitalization Commission; Commissioner Newkirk seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hold told the board that he had received a resolution to update the ten year plan of the county's Solid Waste Plan. He said that this was just a three year update and actually did not change any of the prior information.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to accept the three year update to the Nash County Solid Waste Plan; Commissioner Bissett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mike Meyers with Envirolink was present to give their report. He said that the water loss had risen since last month but he didn't really know why but they were investigating. Commissioner Griffin said that there was some water bubbling up on Hwy. 581 and that he thought it should be checked out. Mr. Myers said that it was something that they would check out and that he did know there was a leak down at the treatment plant. He said that there had been some good discussions about the Poplar St. well but that they needed a copy of the approval letter from when the well was installed. He said maybe the original engineer would have the copy of the letter. Mr. Holpe said that the office staff had been searching for it but had not found anything. Commissioner Newkirk mentioned that there was a leak at Spaulding that he had reported but that no one had fixed. He said it had been leaking for some time and that might be part of the problem. Mr. Meyers said that he would check on that and see why it had not been done. Commissioner Best told Mr. Meyers that he hoped that there would not be any more problems with citizens and that he was very disappointed in the whole debris problem. Mr. Holpe said that as far as the office staff he knows that the communication flows very well and that they do all they can to get the word to the correct people. Mr. Meyers said that the communication on their side is what broke down.

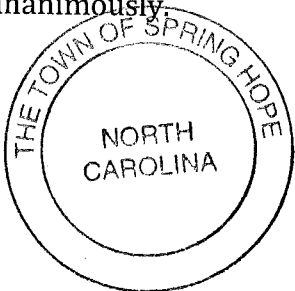
Town Attorney Mark Edwards had nothing new

Mr. Holpe told the board that the auditor would be giving his report next month and that a copy of the audit would go out with the packets for February. He said that one of the comments that he heard was that the audit looked good. Mr. Holpe told the board that the financial report looked really good at this point but that he knew there was still six months left. He said that he would be asking for budget requests in February and would be working on it with the staff in the office. Mayor Gwaltney told the Mr. Holpe that he knew of some playground equipment in RTP that may be available to the park committee for free. He also said that he felt like he would have the equipment to move the items but that they would need to get some volunteers to help. Mr. Holpe said he thought that was a great opportunity and that it would be a good idea to take a trip to see it.

Chief Denton told the board that he had handed out a complete report for the year's activities. He said that there had been some counterfeit money passed around and that they were working with Nash County Sheriff's Department to identify some suspects. He told the board that the 2008 Crown Vic that they had was losing paint but that Ford was going to honor a recall and cover 80% of the cost. He also said that the 2004 Crown Vic had been painted and that it came out really well.

Commissioner Walker had nothing new. Commissioner Newkirk said that he had calls about taking the Christmas decorations down so quickly. But he didn't think it was anything that needed action but just want to mention it. Commissioner Griffin asked if there was any update on the Biomass plant. Mr. Holpe said that a copy of the plan was dropped by the office but that it wasn't presented in the correct form. But that the owners and developer said that it was still a go for them. Commissioner Best asked about the cablevision and the fiber optic cable that they were putting in. Mr. Holpe said he usually gets something from Time Warner but he always puts them in the packet but doesn't have any updates. Commissioner Best said that they seemed to be doing a good job but want to know what exactly they were doing. Mr. Holpe said that he would find out what exactly was going on. Commissioner Best also said that he wanted to make sure that next year Envirolink checks the Christmas lights before they are put out. He also asked if the brick wall at Oakdale Cemetery had been addressed. Mr. Holpe said that he was aware and that they were getting prices on the work. Commissioner Best said that the stop sign that faces 581 on Mclean Street that needed replacing.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.



Submitted by:  
*Michele K. Collins*  
Michele K. Collins  
Town Clerk

Attest:

*James F. Gwaltney*  
Mayor James F Gwaltney

130

**THE TOWN OF SPRING HOPE  
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE  
A THREE-YEAR UPDATE TO THE  
NASH COUNTY 10-YEAR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, it is a priority of this community to protect human health and the environment through safe and effective management of municipal solid waste;

WHEREAS, the reduction of the amount and toxicity of the local waste stream is a goal of this community;

WHEREAS, equitable and efficient delivery of solid waste management services is an essential characteristic of the local solid waste management system;

WHEREAS, it is a goal of the community to maintain and improve its physical appearance and to reduce the adverse effects of illegal disposal and littering;

WHEREAS, The Town of Spring Hope recognizes its role in the encouragement of recycling markets by purchasing recycled products;

WHEREAS, involvement and education of the citizenry is critical to the establishment of an effective local solid waste program;

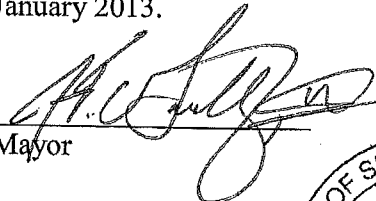
WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has placed planning responsibility on local government for the management of solid waste;


WHEREAS, NC General Statute 130A-309.09A(b) requires each unit of local government, either individually or in cooperation with other units of local government, to update the Ten Year Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan at least every three years;

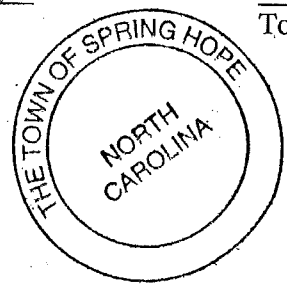
WHEREAS, the Nash County Health Department, Garrett & Moore, Inc., and Solid Waste Management Plan Update Committee have undertaken and completed a long-range planning effort to evaluate the appropriate technologies and strategies available to manage solid waste effectively;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The Town of Spring Hope hereby approves the three year update to the Nash County 10-year Solid Waste Management Plan.

Adopted by the Spring Hope Board of Commissioners during regular session on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 2013.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk



Minutes  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting  
February 4, 2013

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: Mayor Buddy Gwaltney, Commissioners Clyde Best, Drew Griffin, Nancy Walker, and Bill Newkirk. Commissioner Lee Bissett was absent

Also present were Town Manager John Holpe, Town Clerk Michele Collins, Town Attorney Mark Edwards, Dean Holmes and Anthony Branch from Envirolink, David Harris from Harris Associates, and John Pollard Town CPA.

Newspapers represented were Ken Ripley; the Spring Hope Enterprise and Amanda Clark; The Nashville Graphic.

Citizens present were: Ernest Pope, Veronica Cooper, Ollie Shepard and Phillip Mills.

Mayor Pro Tem Clyde Best called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes of January 7, 2013 as written; Commissioner Newkirk seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Newkirk made a motion to go into public hearing to discuss the closeout of the CDBG project; Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

David Harris told the board that the Montgomery/Franklin St. project would be closing out within the next two weeks. He said that the town had accomplished all its goals including the complete paving of Montgomery Street and new water and sewer on Franklin St, which would help to make them maintenance free. He also said they were in the process of bringing the duplex on Franklin up to standard as well as replacing the sub-standard home that Ms. Isadore Battle was living in. Mr. Harris said that the town would be eligible for other grants and that he would be happy to apply for them as soon as they were available.

Commissioner Newkirk made a motion to come out of public hearing since there were no questions; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

John Pollard the town CPA told the board that the audit was very good for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. He said that the paperwork was in the best shape it had ever been and that the finance officer and the town manager had done a great job. The Commissioners thanked him for his work.

Mr. Holpe asked the board to consider the nomination of Darryl Emig to the Planning Commission and Dawn Rae, Garfield Mills and Michael Glover to Revitalization.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to appoint Darryl Emig to the Planning Commission; Commissioner Best seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to appoint Dawn Rae, Garfield Mills and Michael Glover to the Revitalization Commission; Commissioner Newkirk seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Anthony Branch from Envirolink read the monthly report to the board. He told them that the progress at the Waste Water Treatment Plant had stalled because the wrong paint had been ordered but that Turner Murphy was working on the problem. He told the board that there were no major issues this month.

Mayor Gwaltney asked if Envirolink would help getting the playground equipment for the park. Dean said yes that they had a crane truck that could help put the holes in the ground. He said that they were willing to do whatever the town needed to help get the playground equipment even though it was in RTP.

Town Attorney Mark Edwards had nothing to report.

Mr. Holpe said that he was going to start giving monthly updates on the progress of the STEP grant. Mr. Holpe said he felt like the actual work would begin soon since there had already been about 7 meetings and that it seemed like the people who were going to be there had leveled out. He said that he had good feeling about the future of the program and that it would help with the economic development. He also said that he was so glad that the Mayor and Commissioners Newkirk and Walker make most if not all the meetings.

Mr. Holpe said that Chief Denton had a family emergency and would not be there to give his report.

Mayor Gwaltney asked the board if they had any new items. Commissioner Walker asked what if any responsibility did the town have for the Pumpkin Festival. Mayor Gwaltney said that it was handled by the Chamber and that they had decided to suspend it for the upcoming year due to lack of funding. Commissioner Best said that he felt that as a board they had always supported the Chamber and the festival and that they should continue to. Mayor Gwaltney said they were strapped for cash for many reasons but that one was because they now had to pay for the police overtime. Mr. Holpe said that was not true that the town has always paid and actually goes in the hole during the festival because of all the money that is spent by the town.

Commissioner Newkirk said that there was a tree down at Spaulding and wanted to know if it was the responsibility of Envirolink to clean it up. Mr. Holpe said that they would but that Nash County was the owner of the property and that it was a large tree. Commissioner Newkirk said he would call them to see if they would take care of it.

Commissioner Griffin said he wanted to know if the town would only be giving information over the Time Warner channels. He said a lot of people didn't have cable anymore and would need to know the information. Mr. Holpe said it was just another option and that the phone tree would still be used along with an information line that citizens could call.

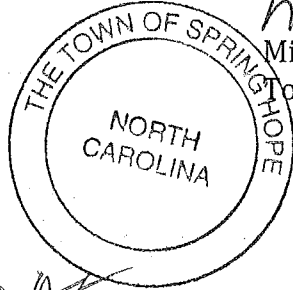
Commissioner Best asked if there was a schedule for state paving because there were some bad spots on old 64. Mr. Holpe said that he would check. He said he also wondered if the county had plans to come through Spring Hope with water lines. Mr. Holpe said he had no knowledge of this and that it wasn't something that would benefit the town at this time.

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

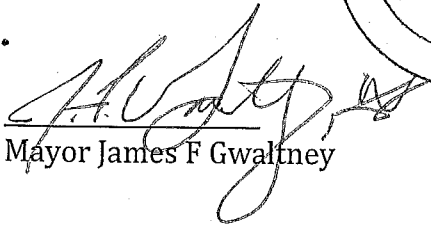
Submitted by:



Michele K. Collins  
Town Clerk



Attest:



Mayor James F Gwaltney



Minutes  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting  
March 4, 2013

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: Mayor Buddy Gwaltney, Commissioners Clyde Best, Drew Griffin, Nancy Walker and Bill Newkirk. Commissioner Lee Bissett was absent.

Also present were Town Manager John Holpe, Town Clerk Michele Collins, Town Attorney Mark Edwards, Anthony Branch and Dean Holmes from Envirolink, and Chief Tim Denton.

Newspapers present were Ken Ripley from the Spring Hope Enterprise and Amanda Clark from the Nashville Graphic.

Citizens present were Veronica Cooper, Ollie Shepard, Ernest Pope and Phillip Mills.

Mayor Gwaltney called the meeting to order

Commissioner Best made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Commissioner Newkirk seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to accept the tax discoveries and releases; Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Holpe said that the Chamber had recommended Ken Ripley or Mark Cloniger to fill the one vacancy that they had left for Revitalization Commission. Commissioner Best said that he thought that should be the decision of the Chamber. Mr. Holpe said that he would tell the members at the next Chamber meeting that they would need to select one.

Anthony Branch from Envirolink read the monthly report. He said that they recommend that the billing software be change to using the actual water usage for customers instead of the rounding method now used. Mr. Branch said that they felt it would help with the water loss report. Commissioner Best asked if Envirolink was going to hang some new town banners where the old ones had fallen. Mr. Holpe said that there weren't any left to be hung at this time. Commissioner Best said he thought that the town needed to see how much some new ones would cost; Mr. Holpe said he would.

Town Attorney Mark Edwards said he had nothing new.

Mr. Holpe said that he checked with the Department of Transportation and that West Nash was slated to be paved probably this summer but if not it would be next summer. He also said that West Branch would be repaired during the summer or spring of next year.

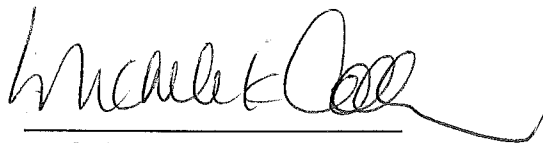
Mr. Holpe asked the board to begin to think about the end of the Equipment Lease with Envirolink that would expire in July. Commissioner Newkirk asked why the price for buying the equipment was so low; Mr. Holpe said that it was the agreed upon price because of the availability of all of Envirolink's other equipment that they did not charge the town for. Mr. Holpe reminded the board that right now the town is still paying for all of the repairs and that the cost of upkeep was expensive. Commissioner Walker said she thought that the town was not getting the best deal with the price especially of something was to happen with Envirolink and the town needed to have equipment. Mayor Gwaltney said that the value of the equipment was not much since a lot of the items were older. Commissioner Newkirk said the he was also concerned if Envirolink was no longer doing their job what the town would do without equipment. Mr. Holpe said that he thought that the last year was like a trial period to see if they could handle the job and that he was satisfied.

Chief Denton said that they have hired a part-time officer Scott Strickland and that he should be a good asset with his 15 years' experience. He also said that the department had decided to partner with retired officer Leonard Brantley and the county to come up with a better plan for school emergency response.

Commissioners Best, Griffin and Walker had nothing new. Commissioner Newkirk said that the school system did move the downed tree at Spaulding and just want to let everyone know.


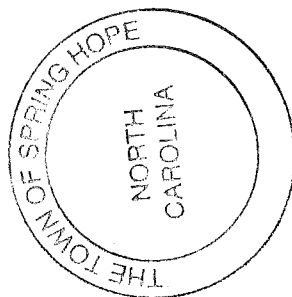
Commissioner Best made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Newkirk seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:



Michele K. Collins  
Town Clerk

Attest:

  
Mayor James F Gwaltney

Minutes  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting  
April 1, 2013

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 Walker, Newkirk, Griffin and Best. Commissioner Lee Bissett was absent.

Also present Town Manager John Holpe, Town Clerk Michele Collins, Town Attorney Mark Edwards, Dean Holmes from Envirolink and Chief Tim Denton.

Newspapers present: The Spring Hope Enterprise Mary Baines and The Nashville Graphic Amanda Clark

Citizens attending; James Long, Joyce Richardson and Scottie Phillips

Mayor Gwaltney called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence for former Commissioner Stanley Hawley.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Newkirk made a motion to go into public hearing to consider joining the National Flood Insurance Program and considering the ordinance that accompanies it; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Holpe told the board that he went to a meeting in Nashville that explained the flood program. He said that the town was not part of the program and no one in town or ETJ could purchase flood insurance. He said that there were only four parcels of land that were in the flood plain and that they were in the ETJ but no structures were currently on them. Mr. Holpe said that there would be no cost to the town but that it would potentially assist the owners in the ETJ. He said that the administrator would assist the owners with this program if it would become necessary. Commissioner Best asked what would be the benefit. Mr. Holpe said that it would help the people who owned these properties protect their land. Commissioner Best asked if it would affect the building code, Attorney Mark Edwards said it would only if you were in the flood zone. Commissioner Griffin said that he thought all of the maps were changed after Hurricane Floyd and thought that it probably would not affect the rest of the town. Mr. Edwards said the maps were changed after the hurricane and right now the town was not affected.

Commissioner Best made a motion to close the public hearing; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

143  
Commissioner Best made a motion to approve the Resolution of Intent and the ordinance to accept the National Flood Insurance Program; Commissioner Newkirk seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Holpe asked the board to renew the contract of John Pollard; CPA, to do the 2012-2013 audits. Mayor Gwaltney asked Mr. Holpe and the clerk if they were satisfied with the relationship between the town and the auditor. They both said yes that they were very comfortable with the working relationship and would have no objections to working with his company again.

Commissioner Best made a motion to renew the contract with John Pollard; Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Holpe asked the board to look at the 2013-2014 budget messages and the proposed budget. He told them that the General Fund budget was balanced at \$1,016,200.00 which is slightly lower than the previous year. He said that the town was doing well but that he felt like the revenues coming in from the state and the cemetery revenues would be lower. He said he was not proposing any new spending except for a 3% raise across the board and money for condemnation of several buildings in town. Mr. Holpe said that the only other change was the money that would be sent to the county for their services would be less. He said that this was the part of the deal that they made with the county to be able to help with the park renovations. Mr. Holpe reminded the board that the cost of FICA had gone up so that would account for some of the new expenditures. He said that the Water and Sewer budget was going to change some because of the new debt payment for the country inn lift station loan. He said that he thought the budget was conservative and he told the board that the finance officer and the tax collector were mainly responsible for the good numbers of the present budget and financial statements. Mayor Gwaltney asked if the money that was going to be used for condemning buildings would be recouped by the town. Mr. Edwards said that the town would have a lean on the property until it was sold but that it could be a lengthy process. The board decided that they did not need a separate budget meeting since it was so straight forward and if they had any questions they could ask during a regular meeting. Commissioner Best asked if there was a tax increase; Mr. Holpe said no.

Mr. Holpe told the board that the CDBG project was in its closing stage and that everything had been done to specifications.

The town attorney had no new business.

Dean Holmes from Envirolink read the monthly report.

Chief Denton told the board that the in service training for firearms and blood borne pathogens was complete. Mr. Denton said that they had a swearing in for new part-time officer Scott Strickland and that his family attended. Commissioner Newkirk asked if the police were still keeping a check on the building that had been burned at Spaulding. Chief Denton said that they were checking it and seemed like people were keeping away.

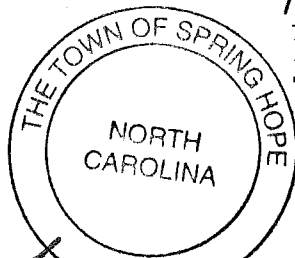
Mayor Gwaltney asked the commissioners if they had any new business, Commissioners Newkirk, Walker and Griffin had no new business. Commissioner Best asked if one of the buildings to be torn down was the old Toney Funeral Home; Mr. Holpe said yes and the other one was on Hopkins St. Mr. Best asked if it would be possible to perform a controlled burn on either one of these properties to save the town money. Mr. Edwards and Mr. Holpe said that they would check on that with the fire department. Commissioner Best asked about the loan for the country inn lift station. Mr. Holpe said that they were waiting for final approval from the DWQ and the state to start the project.

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

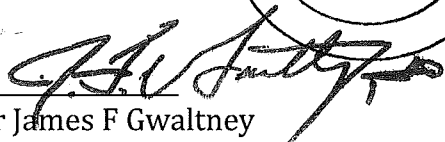
Submitted by:



Michele K. Collins  
Town Clerk



Attest:



Mayor James F Gwaltney

## The Town of Spring Hope Resolution of Intent

WHEREAS, certain areas of the Town of Spring Hope are subject to periodic flooding or flood-related erosion, causing serious damages to properties within these areas; and

WHEREAS, relief is available in the form of Federally guaranteed flood insurance as authorized by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has in Part 6, Article 21 of Chapter 143; Parts 3, 5, and 8 of Article 19 of Chapter 160A; and Article 8 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes, delegated to local governmental units the responsibility to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this BOARD to require the recognition and evaluation of flood or flood-related erosion hazards in all official actions relating to the land use, building construction repair and remodeling in areas having these hazards;

NOW, therefore, be it resolved, that this BOARD hereby:

Assures the Federal Insurance Administration (FIA) that it will enact as necessary and maintain in force in those areas having flood or flood-related erosion hazards adequate land use and control measures with effective enforcement provisions consistent with the criteria set forth in Parts 59, 60 and 65 of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations (44 CFR); and

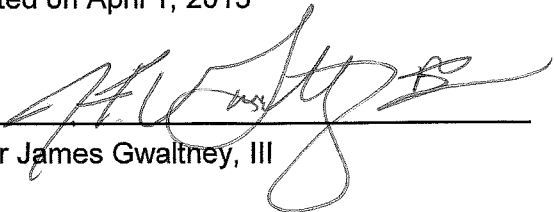
Vests the Town Manager or designee with the responsibility, authority, and the means to:

- (a) Assist the FIA Administrator, as requested, in delineation of the limits of the area having special flood or flood-related erosion hazards.
- (b) Provide such information as the FIA Administrator may request concerning present uses and occupancy of the floodplain or flood-related erosion areas.
- (c) Cooperate with Federal, State and local agencies and private firms which undertake to study, survey, map, and identify floodplain or flood-related erosion areas, and cooperate with neighboring communities with respect to management of adjoining floodplain and/or flood-related erosion areas in order to prevent aggravation of existing hazards.
- (d) Upon occurrence, notify the FIA Administrator in writing whenever the boundaries of the community have been modified by annexation or the community has otherwise assumed or no longer has authority to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations for a particular area. In order that all Flood Hazard Boundary Maps (FHBMs) and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) accurately represent the community's boundaries, include within such notification a copy of a map of the community suitable for reproduction, clearly delineating the new corporate limits or new area for which the community has assumed or relinquished floodplain management regulatory authority.

Appoints the Town Manager or designee to maintain for public inspection and to furnish upon request, for the determination of applicable flood insurance risk premium rates within all areas having special flood hazards identified on a FHBM or FIRMs, any certificates of flood-proofing, and information on the elevation (in relation to mean sea level) of the level of the lowest floor (including basement) of all new or substantially improved structures, and include whether or not such structures contain a basement, and if the structure has been floodproofed.

Agrees to take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objective of the program.

Adopted on April 1, 2013

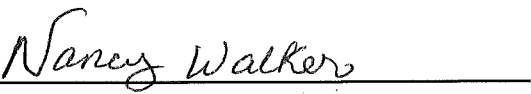
By:   
Mayor James Gwaltney, III

(Signatures of Governing Board)


By:   
Commissioner Clyde Best

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Lee Bissett

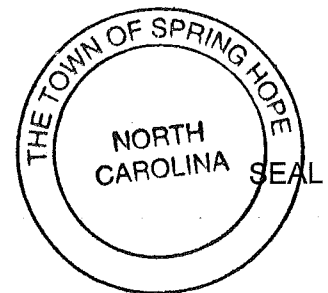
By:   
Commissioner Drew Griffin

By:   
Commissioner Nancy Walker

By:   
Commissioner Bill Newkirk

Certified by:   
Town Clerk, Michele Collins

Date: April 1, 2013



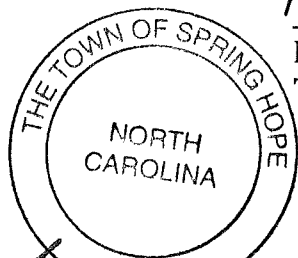
Mayor Gwaltney asked the commissioners if they had any new business, Commissioners Newkirk, Walker and Griffin had no new business. Commissioner Best asked if one of the buildings to be torn down was the old Toney Funeral Home; Mr. Holpe said yes and the other one was on Hopkins St. Mr. Best asked if it would be possible to perform a controlled burn on either one of these properties to save the town money. Mr. Edwards and Mr. Holpe said that they would check on that with the fire department. Commissioner Best asked about the loan for the country inn lift station. Mr. Holpe said that they were waiting for final approval from the DWQ and the state to start the project.

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

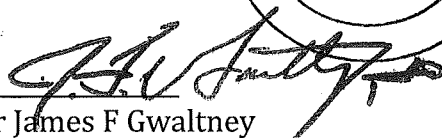
Submitted by:



Michele K. Collins  
Town Clerk



Attest:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor James F Gwaltney



Phillip Mills addressed the fact that the Ash Street Recreation had been shut down by the State of North Carolina. He said that he felt like the town had not given the owner Mr. Ryal Mills the kind of support that he should have received. He said that Mr. Mills was a lifelong resident of the town as well as a business owner for 50 years. He also said that it was not Mr. Mills' responsibility to regulate the alleged drug dealing in the street and felt like that was a failure of law enforcement and the town. He said he thought it was terrible to have to shut down a business in the town and make it look like Mr. Mills was condoning drug activity. He said that there were a lot of good citizens that supported Mr. Mills and knew that he was a good person. He also said that he had been at many town meetings and never heard of constant reports about problems. Mr. Phillip Mills said that if there was such a problem then everyone would have known about it. He also said that he felt like it would not solve the drug problem since it was being sold in many areas.

Mr. Holpe told the board that he thought it might be a good idea to charge to use the picnic shelter at the park. He said that the money would be used to keep up the equipment and for maintenance of the park. Mr. Holpe said that right now reservations were made to use the area of the picnic shelter but that no fee was being charged. Commissioner Walker said that she didn't think it was a good idea to charge since it was a community park. Commissioner Newkirk said that he thought a charge was a good idea since more than just Spring Hope residents will be using the picnic area. He said that the money should be kept aside for the park only. Commissioner Griffin said that some of the residents in town have a problem that their tax money is being used to keep it up and anyone can use it. The board decided to wait and let the people of the town have an opinion on the subject.

Mr. Holpe asked the board to approve the continuation of the town participation in the Small Main Street Program. He told them that the program would give the town more availability to grants and that there was no cost to the town.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to continue in the Small Main Street Program; Commissioner Newkirk seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Holpe asked the board to allow the streets to be closed for the annual Fireman's Day celebration. Commissioner Griffin made a motion to allow the streets to be closed; Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mike Myers from Envirolink passed out a new brochure that would provide residents information about the services that the town provides. He said that they had prepared the brochure and wanted to know what the board thought about it and if they wanted changes. Mr. Holpe asked about the fact that the brochure said for people to put yard waste in carts but that the town does not provide those, Mr. Meyers said that would be deleted. Mr. Myers was proposing that even if a contractor cleaned a yard that they would pick it up as long as it was not a large load. Commissioner Griffin asked when these changes would go into effect. Mr. Myers said that it would start as soon as the board came to a consensus about what they wanted. Mr. Holpe asked if this would be handed out to customers and Mr. Myers said it would be left at each citizens home. Mr. Myers said that there was a typo on the cemetery page and that the fees were paid directly to the town and not Envirolink. The board decided that they would study the brochure and take action on it at the next meeting

Anthony Branch from Envirolink gave the monthly report.

147

Mr. Holpe asked the board to look at the budget message and remarked that it was not much different from the previous year. He said that the major change would be the debt payment in Water and Sewer and that it was included in the proposed budget. He said that he was hoping to have the park project finished by the fall and was proposing a new police car and that would be the major changes in General Fund. Commissioner Griffin said that he appreciated all the good work that the manager, the finance officer and the tax collector had done to not only get the budget ready but also the excellent audit report they had received.

Mr. Holpe mentioned that he checked on the banners and that presently there were 61 hanging around town and that more could be ordered. Commissioner Griffin asked if Image Designs did those and Mr. Holpe said no that they were done out of town. Commissioner Griffin said that he thought it would be a good idea to check and see if they would do them so that the business would be kept in town.

Mr. Holpe told the board that a copy of the March report for the CDBG grant was in the packet and that it was being closed out.

Mr. Holpe said that the town was now an official member of the flood plain program and that any citizen that wanted to purchase flood insurance could do so.

Town Attorney Mark Edwards had no new business.

Chief Denton said that there was an attempted armed robbery at the Subway. He said that the perpetrator had left a mask and jacket in the alley and that they were being checked for clues.

Commissioner Walker had no new business. Commissioner Newkirk said that he thought there was a resident in town that was having a yard sale every week and that he knew there was an ordinance that limited the number allowed. He also said that he was very disappointed in the fact that the town and the police department did not do enough to help Mr. Mills to keep his business open. He said that he remembered an article in the paper about Spring Hope being the drug capital of Eastern North Carolina about 7 years ago and no one helped then. He said that the action by the state now would not make the drug problem go away and that chickens in the town got more attention than a business closing. He said that it was everyone's fault that the business was closing including the town board. Commissioner Griffin said that there was a dead tree in Meeks Cemetery that should be looked at and that the storm drains needed some attention. Mayor Pro Tem Best said that he wanted to talk about a personal matter in closed session.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to go into closed session; Commissioner Newkirk seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Closed session.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to come out of closed session; Commissioner Newkirk seconded and the motion passed.

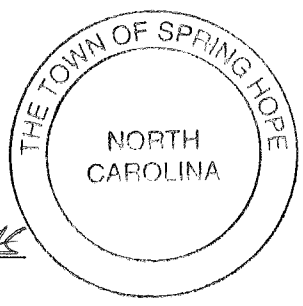
Commissioner Newkirk made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:



Michele K. Collins  
Town Clerk

Attest:

  
Mayor James Gwaltney

149

Minutes  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting  
June 3, 2013

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

Members present: Mayor James Gwaltney, Commissioners Clyde Best, William Newkirk, Nancy Walker, Drew Griffin and Lee Bissett.

Also present were Town Manager John Holpe, Town Clerk Michele Collins, Town Attorney Mark Edwards, Chief Tim Denton and Mike Meyers and Dean Holmes from Envirolink.

Newspapers present were Ken Ripley from the Spring Hope Enterprise and Amanda Clark from the Nashville Graphic.

Residents present were James Long, Joyce Richardson, Ernest Pope, Ollie Shepard, Veronica Cooper, Scottie Phillips, Phillip Mills and Gertrude Mitchell.

Mayor Gwaltney called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gwaltney opened the Public Forum.

Gertrude Mitchell asked the board if they would support her in a venture to begin a gang awareness group in town. She said that she would get private funding and that all she wanted was the support of town officials. Ms. Mitchell told the board that gang activity was growing in Spring Hope and that she wanted to form a group to help begin to curtail activities of gangs. She said that she and some other church members were going to head up the group and invited any commissioners to join. Commissioner Newkirk said that he would provide a room at Spaulding for them to meet. Mayor Gwaltney told her that she had the support of the board and Commissioner Bissett asked her to keep in touch with the manager so that they could be informed of her progress and needs.

Commissioner Best made a motion to go into public hearing to discuss the 2013-2014 fiscal year budgets; Commissioner Bissett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Holpe explained the budget fiscal year ordinance to the board and reminded them that there will be budget amendments at the end of this fiscal year. He said that there may be a need for a short meeting to approve those amendments during the week of the 24<sup>th</sup> of June. He also said that there weren't any changes from last year but that he would be glad to answer any questions Commissioner Griffin commended the manager and the finance officer along with the tax collector for keeping the budget steady without a tax increase.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to adjourn the public hearing and return to open session; Commissioner Bissett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the budget as presented; Commissioner Best seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to accept the contract with Fields and Cooper as presented; Commissioner Newkirk seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Holpe asked the board for a one word change on the flood control and prevention ordinance to reflect the correct date of June 18.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to amend the insurance ordinance to reflect the correct date of June 18<sup>th</sup>; Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to make a \$5,000.00 payment to Fund Balance from the Powell Bill Fund as part of the \$58000.00 owed; Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Edwards said that he checked on the ordinance about residents leaving animal waste in town. He said that there was an ordinance that would cover the animal waste left around town but that unless the board decides to change it won't say animal waste.

Mr. Holpe mentioned to the board that some of the local scouts did a lot of work at the playground area and wanted to say thank you. He said that the next step was to put in the mulch. He also thanked Cindy Brantley and Mrs. Emig for their work in the depot area. Mr. Holpe reminded everyone about the business forum that was being held at the town hall on June 13<sup>th</sup> by the Revitalization Commission and invited the commissioners to attend. Mr. Holpe also told the board that the STEP program was starting to wind down as far as monthly meetings and would start working on projects for the town. He said that Chilton Rogers from the Rural Center would be at the August meeting to present a plan to the board.

Mr. Holpe reminded the board that he would need to have a short meeting during the week of June 24<sup>th</sup> to approve end of the year budget amendments. The board agreed and decided to meet at noon on June 24,2013.

Chief Denton told the board that there were two break-ins including one at Strickland's and the other one was at one of the mobile units at the school. He said that had sent some evidence to the lab in Raleigh. Chief Denton also said that there was an attempted fraud at PNC Bank and that the suspect had been arrested. He also said that the department had completed training on several issues including safety of police officers as it pertains to car accidents. Commissioner Newkirk asked about the reporting of missing persons on his report. Chief Denton said that they had been found safe.

Commissioner Walker asked if the people that had already reserved the park before the \$25.00 fee would now be expected to pay, Mr. Holpe said no. Commissioner Newkirk had no new business. Commissioner Griffin asked about the dead tree at Meeks; the clerk told him that quotes were being gathered for the removal. Commissioner Griffin asked about the house on Hopkins Street that looked like it needed to be torn down. Chief Denton said that he talked to someone at that location and that the process of taking away some of the wood on the property had begun. Mr. Holpe said that the fire department would be in agreement to do a controlled burn on that home. He said that they would need inspections first. Commissioner Emig had nothing new. Commissioner Bissett thanked Mr. Best again and welcomed Commissioner Emig. He also said that he wanted to personally support Gertrude Mitchell

and the project that she was working on with gang violence. Mayor Gwaltney thanked Commissioner Best for his service.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to recess the meeting until June 24, 2013 at noon; Commissioner Bissett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

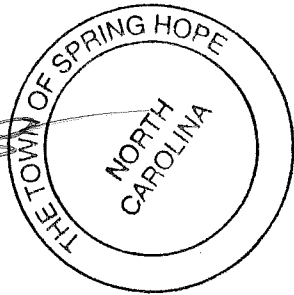


Michele K. Collins  
Town Clerk

Attest:



Mayor



**TOWN OF SPRING HOPE  
BUDGET ORDINANCE  
FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the Town of Spring Hope, North Carolina:

Section 1: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the operation of the town government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this Town:

Governing Body	\$ 6,997
Administration	210,039
Buildings	129,500
Public Safety	377,661
Streets	73,000
Powell Bill	41,000
Sanitation	154,500
Recreation	12,000
Library	8,500
Cemetery	2,500
Museum	503
Total	\$ 1,016,200

Section 2: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014:

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 397,100
Other Taxes and Licenses	8,600
Motor Vehicles Taxes	36,000
Penalties & Interest	1,800
Permits and Fees	2,050
Powell Bill Funds	41,000
Franchise Fees	62,000
Local Option Sales Taxes	190,000
Hold Harmless Funds	42,000
Beer & Wine Tax	5,800
Rental on Buildings	16,400
Sales Tax/Video Program	4,000
Cable TV Franchise	600

Cemetery Revenues	8,500
Sales/Telecommunications	18,500
Garbage Fees	152,000
Other Revenues	<u>29,850</u>
Total	\$ 1,016,200

Section 3: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Water and Sewer Fund for the operation of the water and sewer utilities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore approved for the Town:

Water and Sewer operations department	\$ 257,521
Water and Sewer maintenance department	<u>208,831</u>
Total	\$ 466,352

Section 4: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Water and Sewer Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014:

Water usage charges	\$ 199,500
Sewer usage charges	245,602
Taps and connection fees	3,750
Other Revenues	<u>17,500</u>
Total	\$ 466,352

Section 5: There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of fifty seven (\$.57) per one hundred Dollars (\$100) valuation of property as listed for taxes as of March 1, 2013, for raising the revenue listed "Ad Valorem Taxes" in the General Fund in Section 2 of this ordinance.

This rate is based on an estimated valuation of property for the purposes of taxation of \$77,057,000.

Section 6: The Budget Officer is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations as Contained herein under the following conditions:

- a. He/She may transfer amounts between line item expenditures within a department without limitation and without a report being required. These changes should not result in increased in recurring obligations such as salaries.
- b. He/She may transfer amounts up to \$ 1,000 between departments within the same fund. He must make an official report on such transfers at the next regular meeting of the Governing Board.

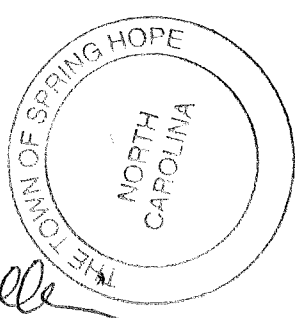


c. He/She may not transfer any amounts between funds, except as approved by the Governing Board in the Budget Ordinance as amended.

Section 7: The Budget Officer may make cash advances between funds for periods not to exceed 60 days without reporting to the Governing Board. Any advances that extend beyond 60 days must be approved by the Board. All advances that will be outstanding at the end of the fiscal year must be approved by the Board.

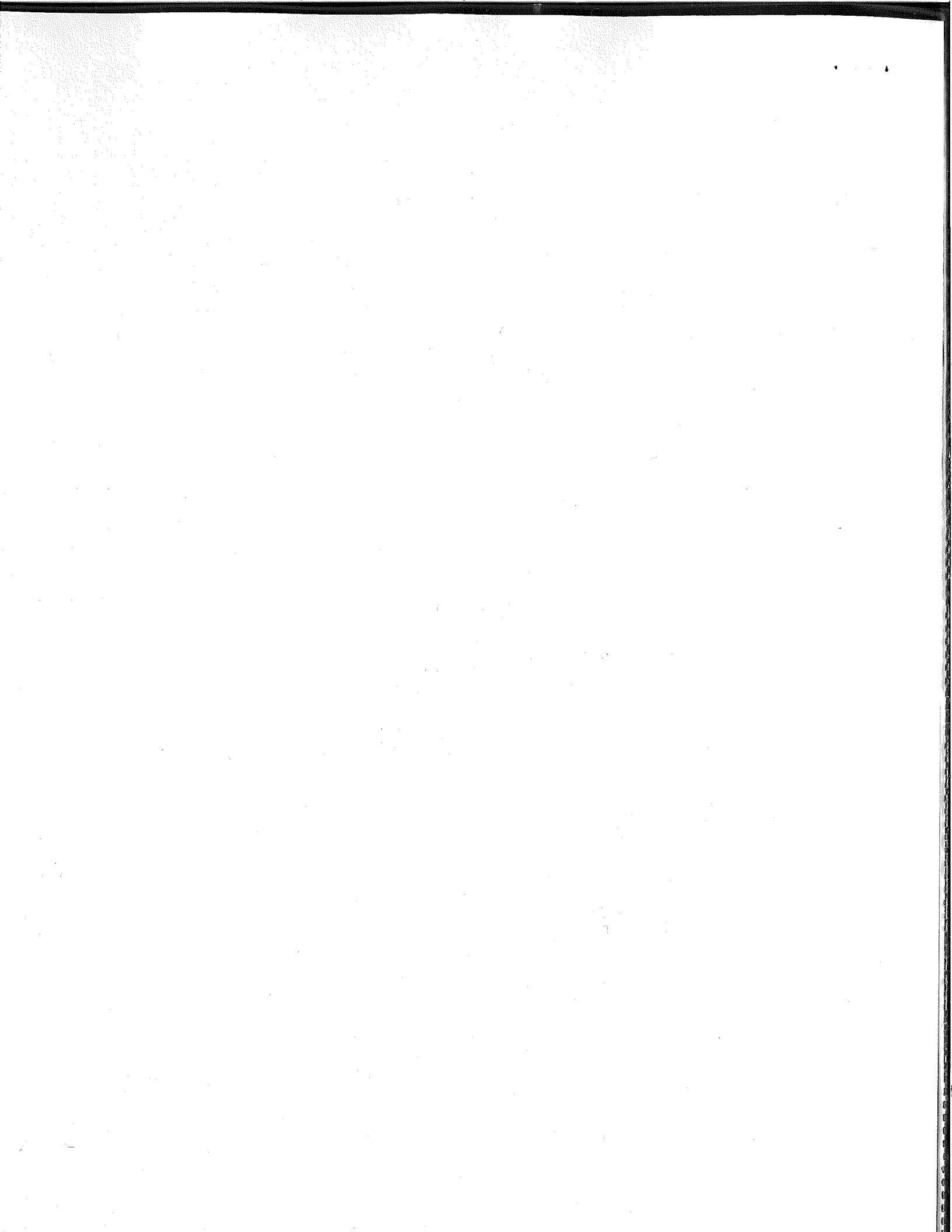
Section 14: Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Governing Board and to the Budget Officer to be kept on file by them for their Direction in the disbursement of funds.

Adopted this 3<sup>RD</sup> day of June, 2013



[Handwritten Signature]  
Mayor

Attest:  
[Handwritten Signature]  
Town Clerk



**A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners  
of the Town of Spring Hope  
Adopting an Amendment to the Code of Ordinances**

**Whereas**, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Spring Hope desires to amend the Code of Ordinances, Town of Spring Hope, North Carolina; and

**Whereas**, the Ordinance the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Spring Hope desires to amend was entitled Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance; and

**Whereas**, the Ordinance the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Spring Hope desires to amend was passed by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Spring Hope at its meeting on April 3, 2013; and

**Whereas**, the Ordinance the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Spring Hope desires to amend has not yet been codified in the Code of Ordinances.

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved** by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Spring Hope that the Code of Ordinances, Town of Spring Hope, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows:

1. Chapter [To Be Determined], Article 3, Section B shall be amended by deleting the stricken words and adding the underlined words:

**SECTION B. BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING THE SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS.**

The Special Flood Hazard Areas are those identified under the Cooperating Technical State (CTS) agreement between the State of North Carolina and FEMA in its Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for Nash County, dated ~~April~~ June 16, 2013, and its accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Map Panels (2748L, 2768K, 2840L, & 2860J), including any digital data developed as part of the FIS, which are adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this ordinance. Future revisions to the FIS or FIRM panels that do not change flood hazard data within the jurisdictional authority of the Town of Spring Hope are also adopted by reference and declared to be part of this ordinance. Subsequent revisions to the FIRM should be adopted within 12 months.

The initial Flood Insurance Rate Map for Nash County, dated June 1, 1978.

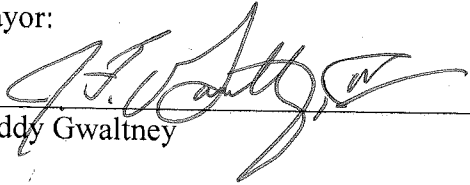
The initial Flood Insurance Rate Map for the Town of Spring Hope, dated November 3, 2004.

**Further, Be It Resolved**, that this Resolution shall apply to that Ordinance, entitled Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, which was passed by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Spring Hope at its meeting on April 3, 2013.

**Further, Be It Resolved,** that this amendment to the Code of Ordinances shall become effective upon passage by the Board of Commissioners.

Adopted this the 3<sup>RD</sup> day of June, 2013.

Mayor:

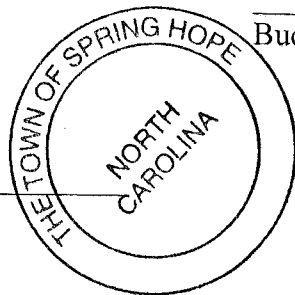


Buddy Gwaltney

Attest:



Michelle Collins, Town Clerk



Minutes  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting  
Recessed from June 3, 2013  
June 24, 2013

A reconvened meeting of the Town of Spring Hope Board of Commissioners was held at 12 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Spring Hope Municipal Building.

Members present: Commissioners Newkirk, Walker, Bissett and Griffin. Mayor James Gwaltney and Commissioner Daryl Emig were absent.

Town Manager John Holpe and Town Clerk Michele Collins were also present.

Mr. Holpe asked the board to elect a temporary Mayor Pro Tem.

Commissioner Griffin nominated Commissioner Newkirk and the board voted unanimously to elect him temporary Mayor Pro Tem for the purpose of the reconvened meeting.

Commissioner Newkirk called the meeting to order.

Mr. Holpe read the proposed budget amendment that would balance general fund.

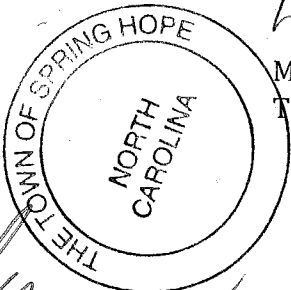
Commissioner Griffin made a motion to accept the budget amendment; Commissioner Newkirk seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

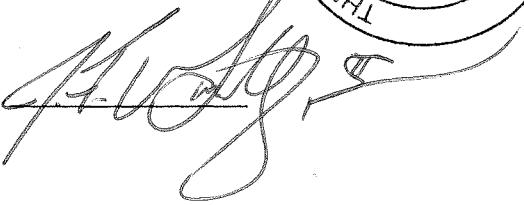
Submitted by:



Michele K. Collins  
Town Clerk



Attest:



## BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the Town of Spring Hope, North Carolina, that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013:

Section 1. To amend the General Fund, the appropriations are to be changed as follows:

Account No.	Increase	Decrease
10-5000-8210 CDBG Match	\$10,000.00	
10-4200-5400 Comp. Vehicles & Bldgs. Ins.		\$5,000.00
10-5100-7400 Capital Outlay Equipment		\$5,000.00

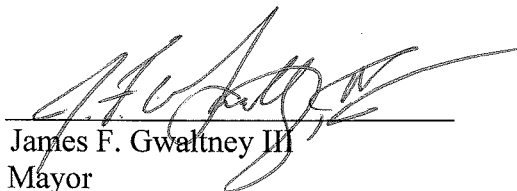
Section 3. Copies of this budget amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk to The Governing Board, and to the Budget Officer for their direction.

Adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.

Attest:



Michele K Collins  
Town Clerk



James F. Gwaltney III  
Mayor

**A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners  
of the Town of Spring Hope  
Adopting an Amendment to the Code of Ordinances**

**Whereas**, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Spring Hope desires to amend the Code of Ordinances, Town of Spring Hope, North Carolina; and

**Whereas**, the Ordinance the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Spring Hope desires to amend was entitled Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance; and

**Whereas**, the Ordinance the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Spring Hope desires to amend was passed by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Spring Hope at its meeting on April 3, 2013; and

Whereas, the Ordinance the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Spring Hope passed at its meeting on April 3, 2013, was amended by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Spring Hope at its meeting on June 3, 2013; and

**Whereas**, the amended Ordinance the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Spring Hope desires to amend has not yet been codified in the Code of Ordinances.

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved** by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Spring Hope that the Code of Ordinances, Town of Spring Hope, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows:

1. Chapter [To Be Determined], Article 3, Section B shall be amended by deleting the stricken words and adding the underlined words:

**SECTION B. BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING THE SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS.**

The Special Flood Hazard Areas are those identified under the Cooperating Technical State (CTS) agreement between the State of North Carolina and FEMA in its Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for Nash County, dated June 4618, 2013, and its accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Map Panels (2748L, 2768K, 2840L, & 2860J), including any digital data developed as part of the FIS, which are adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this ordinance. Future revisions to the FIS or FIRM panels that do not change flood hazard data within the jurisdictional authority of the Town of Spring Hope are also adopted by reference and declared to be part of this ordinance. Subsequent revisions to the FIRM should be adopted within 12 months.

The initial Flood Insurance Rate Map for Nash County, dated June 1, 1978.

The initial Flood Insurance Rate Map for the Town of Spring Hope, dated November 3, 2004.

61

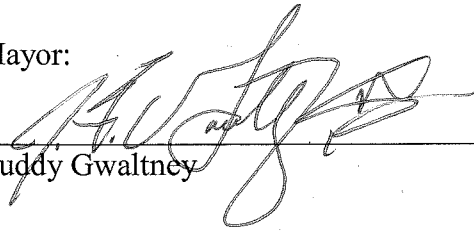
16

**Further, Be It Resolved**, that this Resolution shall apply to that Ordinance, entitled Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, which was passed by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Spring Hope at its meeting on April 3, 2013, and amended at its meeting on July 3, 2013.

**Further, Be It Resolved**, that this amendment to the Code of Ordinances shall become effective upon passage by the Board of Commissioners.

Adopted this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2013.

Mayor:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Buddy Gwaltney

Attest:

  
\_\_\_\_\_

Michelle Collins, Town Clerk



Minutes  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting  
July 1, 2013

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

Members present: Mayor James Gwaltney, Commissioners William Newkirk, Nancy Walker, Drew Griffin, Lee Bissett and Daryl Emig were all present.

Also present were Town Manager John Holpe, Town Clerk Michele Collins, Town Attorney Mark Edwards, Chief Tim Denton and Mike Meyers and Anthony Branch from Envirolink.

Newspapers present were Ken Ripley from the Spring Hope Enterprise and Amanda Clark from the Nashville Graphic.

Residents present were James Long, Joyce Richardson, Richard Lucas, Payne Lucas, Veronica Cooper, and Dr. Weeks. Drew Israel and Pete Curtis representing ALP Generation were also present.

Mayor Gwaltney called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Holpe told the board that the Planning Commission had met the previous week with ALP Generation who had requested a special use permit. He said that the permit was to open a Biomass plant at the old American Rockwool location. Mr. Holpe reminded everyone that the preceding's would need to be quasi-judicial which would require anyone speaking on the plant to be sworn in. He said that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the special use permit with five condition which included; the condition that all trucks come in on old 64 and not through town, ALP must enter into a water supply contract with the town, all federal, state and local permits must be obtained, no wood chipping would be done on site and there must be a systematic management plan to rotate wood on site.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to go into public hearing to discuss the special use permit for ALP Generation; Commissioner Newkirk seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gwaltney swore in Drew Israel and Pete Curtis for the purpose of testimony regarding the biomass plant.

Mr. Israel told the board that he had no problem with any of the conditions and reminded the board that all the permits would have to be granted by the state and they would be regulating their activities. Mr. Holpe reminded him that the town must have the issue with the trucks coming into town on old 64 written into the contract. Mr. Israel said that there was no problem with that and he had already made that clear to the trucking company. He said that as far as the question of utilities was concerned they would be generating their own electricity and they wouldn't be using any wells on their property. He said that they would be providing the financing to the town to build the wells in return for a reduction in water bill costs for a period long enough to recoup the investment. Commissioner Newkirk asked if the

Waste Water Treatment Plant would be able to handle the increase in production. Mr. Holpe said that the plant would be able to handle it. Commissioner Bissett asked if the town presently had the easements that would allow the water from the new wells to reach the plant. Mike Meyers from Envirolink said that the town was set with any easements that they needed but that new piping would be necessary and would be paid for by ALP Generation. Mr. Israel said that the smoke from the stack would not be harmful or disruptive to the town. Commissioner Emig asked if the noise would be bothersome. Mr. Israel said that the only noise is the generator but that it shouldn't be loud or problematic. Commissioner Griffin said that he wanted to make sure that the town would not be fronting any money to dig the wells and that it would be part of the contract. Mr. Israel said yes that they would be fronting the money to the town to build the wells as long as they were given a reduced rate on their water bill. Mr. Holpe said he thought that it would be a two or three year deal as far as the reduced rate for their bill. Commissioner Griffin said he just wanted to make sure that none of the other wells would be affected and that the town's water source would not be reduced. Mike Meyers said that many tests would be done before anything would be started and that the town should not be affected. Commissioner Newkirk said he that the town's needs were first and that the board would always have the resident's interest as top priority.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucas asked Mr. Israel if he would be complying with all EPA and OSHA regulations. He said that they were compelled to and that if they didn't the state would shut them down. Mrs. Lucas also asked if there would be particles in the air and if there was would it be harmful to residents. Mr. Israel said that there would not be problems with the air quality and that was one of the issues that the state would be regulating.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to come out of public hearing; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to grant ALP Generation a special use permit with the five conditions discussed; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mike Meyers asked if the leaf and limb brochure discussion could be pushed back until August. Mayor Gwaltney asked if the brochure would be available to the public to view and comment on it. Mike Meyers said that they would put an ad in paper letting people know that they could view it at the reception desk at the town hall. Commissioner Newkirk said he would be happy to have a copy of one at Spaulding for viewing.

Anthony Branch read the Envirolink report. He told the board that there was approximately \$25,000.00 left from the Waste Water Treatment Plant grant and that there were a few things that were still needed for the plant and could be funded from those monies left. Commissioner Griffin asked if that amount would cover everything and he said it should. Anthony added that he personally cleaned the storm drains in town and that they would be keeping up with them especially with all the recent rain. Mayor Gwaltney asked about the quarterly average for the water loss and why it was so high. Mike Meyers said that it was due to the draining and cleaning of the tank and other flushing.

Mark Edwards said that he had been working with Chris Harris to close out the CDBG project. He also needed the board to change the date on the flood plain ordinance.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to change the date to the 18<sup>th</sup> of June for the approval of the Flood Ordinance; Commissioner Bissett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Holpe told the board that they needed to nominate a new Mayor Pro Tem since Commissioner Best resigned. He said that he would bring it up at the August meeting after they had a chance to think about it.

Mr. Holpe said that he had two inquires since the last meeting for permission to open up solar farms in the town's ETJ. He said that there wasn't really any revenue for the town but that he wanted to add solar farms to the zoning ordinance. He also mentioned that a residence that was just right out of town in the ETJ had an unsightly yard and that people were complaining about it. He said that he was working with the county and the town's attorney to see if they were able to do something to fix the problem.

Mr. Holpe said that he was still trying to get several buildings in town condemned. Mark Edwards said that letters need to be sent to the property owner's and the county inspector has to go out and check before anything can happen.

Chief Denton asked the board to refer to their monthly report. He said that a gun had been found in the garbage at Northside Apartments but that they could not identify an owner. He also told the board that there had been a break-in on Mclean St. and that they were working on information to charge a suspect. He told them that there had been an altercation on Ash St. involving a male and a female. He said that the female was arrested for stabbing the male who was then transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

There was no new business from the Commissioners.

Mayor Gwaltney said he would like to have the dirt in the Oakdale Cemetery moved so that it would not run off onto graves. The clerk said that she would contact the grave digger Clinton Hedgepeth to take care of the issue.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:



Michele K. Collins  
Town Clerk

Attest:

  
Mayor James F. Gwaltney III

Minutes  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting  
August 5, 2013

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

Members present: Commissioners Daryl Emig, William Newkirk, Nancy Walker, and Drew Griffin. Mayor Gwaltney and Commissioner Lee Bissett were absent.

Also present were Town Manager John Holpe, Town Clerk Michele Collins, Town Attorney Mark Edwards and Chief Tim Denton. Mike Meyers and Anthony Branch from Envirolink were also in attendance.

Newspapers present were Ken Ripley from the Spring Hope Enterprise and Amanda Clark from the Nashville Graphic.

Residents present were James Long, Scottie Phillips and Phillip Mills.

Commissioner Newkirk called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Newkirk opened the public forum

Johnny Kennedy from Azalea Lane asked to address the board, he said that he did not live in the town limits but was in the ETJ (Extra Territorial Jurisdiction) of the town. He said that his complaint was concerning his neighbor's yard and the mess he felt that it was in. Mr. Kennedy said that there were chemicals housed improperly, junked items and chicken running loose in the yard. He also stated that his neighbored parked his trucks partially in the road and made it difficult for anyone to get to their homes further down the street. Mr. Holpe reminded Mr. Kennedy that he and the other residents on that road were not held to the same rules like Spring Hope citizens. He told him that the town only had power over the zoning in that area and that the county would have to be contacted for further action. Mr. Kennedy said that he had tried but that he would attend their next board meeting. Mr. Holpe told him that it might be possible to change some of the zoning standards to help him but that his best chance for help was with the county.

Mr. Holpe told the board that he had two separate phone calls about having solar farms in Spring Hope. He said that they were mainly in the ETJ but that part of one was in the town limits. He told them that he had spoken with Betsy Kane at Division of Community Assistance on the issue and that she could attend the next meeting if they wanted her to. He asked them what they thought and if they wanted to send the discussion to the Planning Board. They all agreed that it should go to the planning board before they began to consider the proposals.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to send the issue of Solar Farms to the Planning Board; Commissioner Emig seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Holpe reminded the board that the next board of commissioners meeting was scheduled for September 2<sup>nd</sup> which was Labor Day. He asked the board if they would like to change the date to September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Emig made a motion to move the meeting to September 9<sup>th</sup>; Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mike Meyers from Envirolink told the board that the pick-up brochures were ready and asked if they had any other questions. The board was in agreement that the brochures were fine and should be distributed to the residents.

Commissioner Emig made a motion to accept the brochures and to have them distributed after all typos were corrected by Envirolink; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

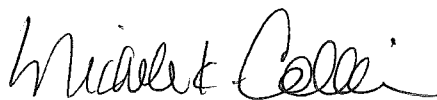
Chief Denton told the board that there had been a couple of break-ins including one at Godwin's Auction. He said that several firearms were stolen but that several had been found with help from Nash County and ATF. He also said that a suspect was now in custody. Chief Denton told the board that there had also been a couple of embezzlement cases in town. He said that they had occurred at L & L and that the store clerk had been arrested. He told the board that Officer Hess had resigned and was taking a position at another agency but would still work part-time. Chief Denton said that he was looking for the replacement for Officer Hess. Commissioner Griffin asked when the break-ins occurred. Chief Denton said that it varied and that the residential ones were during the day but the auction house was broke in at night. Commissioner Newkirk said he thought that the town should look at some kind of ordinance requiring a business that houses firearms be required to have an alarm. Chief Denton said he thought fire alarms and cameras were the best form of protection.

There were no new items from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Walker nominated Commissioner Newkirk to serve as Mayor Pro Tem; Commissioner Emig seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

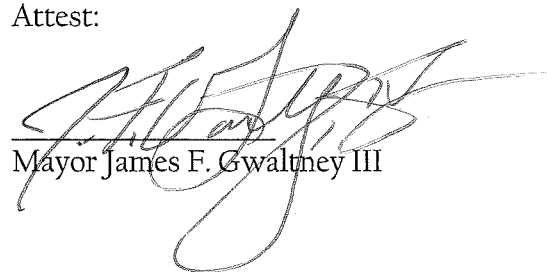
Commissioner Griffin made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Emig seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:



Michele K. Collins  
Town Clerk

Attest:

  
Mayor James F. Gwaltney III

Minutes  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting  
September 9, 2013

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

Members present: Mayor James Gwaltney, Commissioners Daryl Emig, William Newkirk, Nancy Walker, Lee Bissett and Drew Griffin.

Also present were Town Manager John Holpe, Town Clerk Michele Collins, Town Attorney Mark Edwards and Chief Tim Denton. Dean Holmes from EnviroLink was also in attendance.

Newspapers present were Ken Ripley from the Spring Hope Enterprise and Amanda Clark from the Nashville Graphic.

Residents present were Veronica Cooper and James Long. Residents from Azalea Lane were also in attendance.

Mayor Gwaltney called the meeting to order.

Reverend Eugene Whitehouse from Peachtree Baptist Church gave a special prayer in memory of the victims of the September 11, 2001 tragedy.

Public Forum

Antonio Toney Jr. addressed the board about the situation on Azalea Lane between the home owners and the request for one of them to clean up his property. He said that he was told it wasn't the responsibility of the town since the street was considered outside of the town limits. Mr. Toney said he had seen the town manager looking at the property in question as well as the fact that the town police were known to give tickets there where they lived. He said he thought that these facts should mean that the board could take action. Town Attorney Mark Edwards explained that the town had limited power because of the fact that the people living there were not considered residents of Spring Hope. Mayor Gwaltney told the group from Azalea Lane that he had also seen the property and knew that the manager had talked to the owner but that there was nothing in the town's ordinance that would cover the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). Commissioner Bissett told them they needed to stay on the county and maybe even get one of the County Commissioners to listen; Commissioner Griffin agreed. Mr. Holpe said that he would get in touch with Matthew Richardson who worked with the county again.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to open the public hearing to discuss allowing solar farms in RA, HI and LI zones; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Holpe said explained that the board needed to amend the zoning ordinances to allow solar farms in Spring Hope and the ETJ. He said that the companies would then be allowed to get a special use permit and go ahead with their plans for solar farms. Mr. Holpe told the board that the Planning Commission was in favor of the change and that there had been no comment from adjoining property owners. He told the board that Betsy Kane from the Division of Community Assistance had reviewed the recommendations and saw no problem with the proposal. The representative from Stratus Solar said that he thought the subject had been thoroughly discussed and that there were still many steps to take before the farms would be operational.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to go back into public session; Commissioner Newkirk seconded and the motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to allow solar farms in HI, RA and LI zones as a special use; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Holpe told the board that the park renovations were starting to wind down. He said that there was only three projects left; fixing the walking trail, putting down the mulch and building the new picnic shelter. He said that estimates were submitted and that the total cost of the projects would be approximately \$29,000.00. He told the board that it looked like the committee would come up about \$2,000.00 short from that goal. Mr. Holpe told the board that he would like to complete the project before the end of the year even though the deadline was June 2014 because of the threat of bad weather. Mayor Gwaltney asked if it would be possible to just do the trail and mulch and get the committee to raise some money so that there would not have to be more money taken from the town. The park chairman Ken Ripley said he thought that the committee had exhausted all its fund raising efforts. Commissioner Bissett said that he thought that Alfonzo Hinton should be given an opportunity to put in a bid on the walking trail. Mr. Holpe said that he would talk to him. Commissioner Griffin said he thought that the price for the walking trail was too much and that they needed to look at some alternatives.. Mayor Gwaltney said that he thought that the mulch price was also too much and that he was sure that volunteers like the boy scouts could be found to spread the mulch.. The board decided to wait on making a decision until next month to give the manager and park committee time to get other bids.

Mr. Holpe said that a resident on East Nash Street wanted the town to install a street light in front of their house on the existing pole. He said that he contacted Gerald Proctor from Duke Energy and that he discouraged the practice of granting personal requests from residents. Mr. Proctor told him that the street was properly lit and that once the town begins to honor these requests then anyone who wants one will have to be given one. He said that this will put a financial burden on the town. The board agreed and decided not to grant these kinds of requests.

Mayor Gwaltney asked that the closed session be held early. Ken Ripley made a comment that the subject of closed session could not contain the information about the Azalea Street or any general issue. Mayor Gwaltney told him that he was requesting closed session to discuss personal matters.

Commissioner Emig made a motion to go into closed session; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Closed Session

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to return to public session; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Emig made a motion to appoint Commissioner Griffin to the Fireman's Relief Fund Board; Commissioner Bissett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Dean Holmes from Envirolink read the August report. Commissioner Bissett asked why there was such a difference in the numbers of pumped water and sold water. Dean told him that there had been hydrant flushing conducted during the month and also they had to account for the water in the tanks. Mayor Gwaltney told Dean that he thought Envirolink should make some extra limb and leaf brochures that had large lettering. He said that he would pass that along and was sure that they would do it.

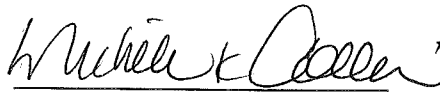
Town Attorney Mark Edwards said he only had one item. He said that the town was moving forward in transferring the public works equipment to Envirolink and that as soon as all the paperwork was signed and notarized it would be finished.

Mr. Holpe said that he had authorized sidewalk repair work to be done in town and that Powell Bill funds were covering it. Mr. Holpe also told the board that the demolition of the old Toney Funeral had been deemed unsafe and could not be burned. He said that asbestos had been found and the structure was condemned. Commissioner Bissett asked if the property owner was responsible for the cost. Mr. Holpe said yes but if they couldn't pay the town would have to do it and then put a lien on the owner's property.

Commissioners Walker, Griffin and Emig had no new business. Commissioner Bissett asked how the search for new police officers was progressing. Mr. Holpe said that they had made a conditional offer to one and were hoping to make another very soon.

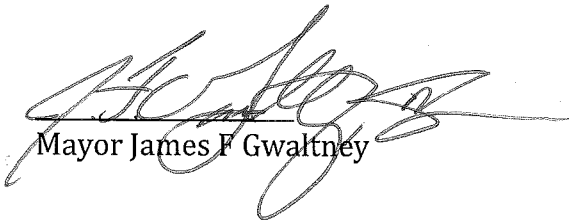
Commissioner Bissett made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:



Michele K. Collins  
Town Clerk

Attest:

  
Mayor James F Gwaltney



Minutes  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting  
October 7, 2013

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

Members present: Mayor James Gwaltney, Commissioners Nancy Walker, Drew Griffin and Lee Bissett. Commissioners William Newkirk and Daryl Emig were absent.

Also present were Town Manager John Holpe, Town Clerk Michele Collins, Chief Tim Denton and Dean Holmes from Envirolink. Town Attorney Mark Edwards was absent. Chilton Rogers from the Rural Center was also in attendance.

Newspapers present were Ken Ripley from the Spring Hope Enterprise and Amanda Clark from the Nashville Graphic.

Residents present were Larry and Deborah Oxendine, Scottie Phillips, Beth Baines, Jan Bryant, James Long, Fred Brooks from Nash Community College, Roger and Vivian Warren.

Mayor Gwaltney called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to accept the September minutes as written; Commissioner Griffin seconded motion passed unanimously.

Public Forum

Debbie Oxendine addressed the board with her concerns over the recent break-ins throughout town including her home on Second Street. Mrs. Oxendine said that she no longer felt safe in her home and wanted to know why there had not been any progress on her case. She commented that she felt like she and her husband were being punished because their life had been stolen along with their things. She also commented that she often sees people walking up and down her street at all hours of the night and that she didn't feel like that was right. Larry Oxendine told the board that on a few occasions he saw people slow down in front of his house almost like they were studying it and him. He said that he felt uncomfortable and wanted to know if the police could do something about this kind of activity. Roger Warren said that he felt like the lighting in the town was bad and that there needed to be more lights put up.

Chief Denton asked the board to move his report because he wanted to address the concerns of the residents. He said that anytime a resident felt uncomfortable they should call the police. He also said that as a lifelong resident of Spring Hope the recent criminal activity in town had affected him on a personal level. He told the board that the Nash County Sheriff's Department was helping with the investigations and that they had also had a recent surge in home invasions out in the county. Commissioner Griffin asked Chief Denton if the deputies can come over and help with patrolling since the town is still short in the amount of officers they have. He said that they usually help out with proactive work and have been a great asset.

Chilton Rogers from the N.C. Rural Center told the board that she had been meeting monthly with the Spring Hope Leadership Team to decide how to best spend the grant monies the town had been awarded. She reminded the board that the grant was meant to help the town recover from hard economic times by making it possible to fund several projects. Ms. Rogers told the board that the team had until June 2015 to complete the plans. She said that it had been a pleasure to work with the people from Spring Hope and

that she would only be facilitating two more meetings. She made it clear though that she would always be available to help.

Mr. Holpe asked the board if they had any ideas for a new member to appoint to the Planning Board. He said they didn't have to take action at that time but he wanted them to think about it.

Mr. Holpe told the board that he wanted to have the park finished up as soon as possible before the weather got bad. He said he thought everything could be done by the end of November therefore they would be done before the June deadline. Mayor Gwaltney said he didn't think it was a good idea to rush and that he felt like they should take all the time until June to finish and maybe raise some more money. He also said that he thought that Envirolink or volunteers could spread the mulch and do as much of the labor as possible to save money. Mr. Holpe and the rest of the board agreed.

Mr. Holpe asked the board to sign the resolution for the loan to get rid of the Country Inn lift station. He reminded the board that this particular lift station is in bad shape and that a lot of repairs are needed. He told them that he had already budgeted for the repayment of the loan and that he felt like it was in the town's best interest to go ahead with the project.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to accept the resolution and contract from DWQ to fund the abatement of the country inn lift station; Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Dean Holmes from Envirolink read the monthly report. He also said that they felt like the Pumpkin Festival had gone well and did not receive any complaints from the work done.

Mr. Holpe told the board that Jan Bryant had done a great job so far cleaning up his yard and that the county had decided to give him some extra time to finish.

Mr. Holpe said that the old Toney Funeral Home demolish was being worked on by the lawyers and that it still had to be inspected for asbestos.

Lastly Mr. Holpe reminded the board about the business forum

The Commissioners had no new business.


Commissioner Bissett made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:



Michele K. Collins  
Town Clerk

Attest:



Mayor

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Water Revolving Loan and Grant Act of 1987 has authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of wastewater treatment works, wastewater collection systems and water supply systems, water conservation projects, and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources has offered a State Revolving Loan in the amount of \$265,000.00 for the elimination of the Country Inn Lift Station, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Spring Hope intends to construct said project in accordance with the approved plans and specifications,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Spring Hope, North Carolina;

That the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the State Revolving Loan offer of \$265,000.00.

That the Town of Spring Hope does hereby give assurance to the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources that all items specified in the loan offer, Section II Assurances will be adhered to.

That John M. Holpe Jr., Town Manager, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the Town of Spring Hope has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 7<sup>th</sup> of October 2013 at Spring Hope, North Carolina

Attest:

Michael K. Collins  
Clerk

[Signature]  
Mayor

Minutes  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting  
November 4, 2013

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

Members present: Mayor James Gwaltney, Commissioners Nancy Walker, Drew Griffin, Lee Bissett, William Newkirk and Daryl Emig.

Also present were Town Manager John Holpe, Town Clerk Michele Collins, Town Attorney Mark Edwards, Chief Tim Denton and Anthony Branch from Envirolink.

Newspapers present were Ken Ripley from the Spring Hope Enterprise and Amanda Clark from the Nashville Graphic.

Citizens present were: Edna Denton, Beth Baines, James Long, Joyce Richardson, Jeff Mills, Scottie Phillips, Nancy Perry, Jason Himmelright, Claris Bissette, Dickie Bass, Jan Bryant, Jean Brown Phillip Mills, Dianne Tucker, Greg Bartholomew, Debbie and Larry Oxendine, Roger and Vivian Warren.

Mayor Gwaltney called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Commissioner Bissett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Public Forum

Edna Denton addressed the board about her concerns. She commented that she felt that the town board, police department, town staff and the town manager were derelict in their duties. Ms. Denton said that it took too long to arrest someone in the series of break-ins that the town had been experiencing. She said she didn't think that there were enough officers on the job and that the town continued to hire incompetent people to fill the officer positions. She asked the board for their support as she and other residents were going to start a community watch program. She said she and the other citizens would be holding meetings every month and expected the commissioners, town manager, police and staff to attend. She thanked the board and said she was grateful that they were not disrespectful to her as they had been in the past to other speakers.

Mr. Holpe told the board that the public hearings scheduled for tonight was to consider a request for special use permits to operate solar farms. He said that a small portion of the property for the farms were in the ETJ so therefore fell under the town's zoning. Mr. Holpe told the board that the Planning Board had already approved both plans. He told the board that both hearings would be considered Quasi-Judicial proceedings.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to go into public hearing to discuss the request for a special use permit by Julian Upchurch and Ecoplexus to operate a solar farm on the Upchurch property at 913 E Nash; Commissioner Newkirk seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Nathan Rogers from Ecoplexus gave a short PowerPoint presentation outlining the capabilities and eco-friendly use of solar farms. Mr. Rogers told the board that 12.5 percent of energy that comes from utility companies must come from renewable energy which the solar farm would produce. He told the board that no water and sewer would be needed at the site and would be virtually unseen by most people. He said that the farm would not affect the wetlands and would not be producing and kind of waste or odor.

He also said that when and if the solar farm was no longer wanted the land could easily be restored. He mentioned that there would be a short term economic benefit to the town since there would be workers using town amenities.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to come out of public hearing; Commissioner Emig seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to go into public hearing to discuss granting a special use permit for Ava Honeycutt and Strata Solar across from the old Rockwool Plant; Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Harry Campen the attorney representing Strata Solar assured the board that the solar farm would create no problem for the Town of Spring Hope. He said that he had two witnesses that would give sworn testimony regarding the safety and use of the proposed solar farm. He also said that he had a third witness that could not attend but had given a written statement that was included in the materials that he handed out.

Colin Morris the development manager for Strata Solar was the first witness and said that he works to develop sites for the solar farms. He said his company is the six largest solar farm developers in the country. Mr. Morris said he had toured the site and inspected it and saw no problems. He said that 20 acres of the property would be developed for the project. He said that this site would not require any utilities from the town and that it was actually also in the ETJ. He also stated that the project construction would take approximately three months and he hoped to use local companies to complete the work. Aston Smith the engineer for the project was the second witness and told the board Strata Solar would follow all state and local rules. He said that they would be in compliance with NCDENR and would be monitored by them on a steady basis. He said that in his opinion the solar farm would not interfere with any of the adjoining properties and would not cause the town any problems. Mr. Campen said the third witness gave an affidavit that the solar farm would not harm any of the adjoining properties in anyway including property values. Commissioner Newkirk asked Mr. Smith if the solar farms attracted lightning strikes. Mr. Smith said that they do not draw lightning since the panels were low to the ground.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to go back into open session; Commissioner Newkirk seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to grant the Special Use Permit for Ecoplexus and Julian Upchurch basing the decision on the sworn testimony from Nathan Rogers and waving Section A; Commissioner Newkirk seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to grant the Special Use Permit for Strata Solar and Ava Honeycutt based on the sworn testimony from Colin Morris, Aston Smith and the written information from Strata Solar; Commissioner Emig seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Holpe told the board that he had a meeting with the police department and that they were interested in having some kind of incentives for officers to stay with the town. He said one of the suggestions were to have a program to recognize officers that went beyond normal parameters of their job. He also said that they were interested in a higher education incentive. He said according to the personal policy this would be if the town required the additional education for job retention. Mayor Gwaltney said that he had been approached by an officer regarding the mileage limitation to be able to take home a police car. He said the officer told him this would help with the cost of fuel for the employee. Commissioner Walker

asked what the liability would be as far as insurance. The town clerk told the board that would be something they needed to look into with their insurance company.

Mr. Holpe said that he would like permission to apply for a free Construction Professional Network Institute grant to assist with the town with vacant buildings and rehabilitation. He said that this is all part of the STEP program and affiliated with the UNC School of Government and that this is the last year the program will be available. He said that there was no local match and that the only requirement was to host a few meetings.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to give the town manager permission to apply for the CPNI grant since there was no cost to the town; Commissioner Bissett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Anthony Branch from Envirolink gave their monthly report.

Town Attorney Mark Edwards had nothing new.

Mr. Holpe told the board that the building on South Pine Street that was slated for demolition had been given to November 8<sup>th</sup> to complete the condemnation. He said that the biggest problem was the fear that the building had an asbestos issue. He said that if the property owner does not take care of the demolition that the town would have to proceed at a cost of approximately \$10,000.00 and would have to put a lean on the property to eventually recoup the cost. He also mentioned that the town would have to follow all state guidelines.

Mr. Holpe said that Clyde Best had been mentioned to take the place of resigning member Bob Sutter. Commissioner Griffin made a motion to appoint Clyde Best to the Board of Adjustments; Commissioner Emig seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Holpe mentioned that the town was participating in a toy drive with Faith Christian Ministries and that the toys will be collected at the town hall.

Chief Denton said that there was an arrest in the break-ins and said that everyone had worked hard on this case. He said that he was able to confirm information he had been given and got some help from Wilson Police Department in the case. He introduced Officer John Hillis as the newest addition to the police force.

There was no new business by the board members.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

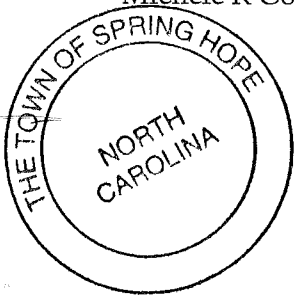
Submitted:

*Michele K Collins*

Michele K Collins Town Clerk

Attest:

*James F Gwaltney III*  
James F Gwaltney III  
Mayor



Minutes  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting  
December 2, 2013

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

Members present: Mayor James Gwaltney, Commissioners Daryl Emig, Nancy Walker and Lee Bissett. Commissioners Drew Griffin and William Newkirk were absent.

Also present were Town Manager John Holpe, Town Clerk Michele Collins, Town Attorney Mark Edwards, Town Project Manager David Harris and Chief Tim Denton. Anthony Branch from Envirolink was also in attendance.

Newspapers present were Ken Ripley from the Spring Hope Enterprise and Amanda Clark from the Nashville Graphic.

Residents present were Veronica Cooper, Patricia Dunn, Phillip Mills, Warren Boone, Pamela Brantley, Ollie Shepard, Claris Bissette, Ricky Tucker, Roger Warren, Vivian Warren, Edna Denton, Jan Bryant Mary Emig, Joyce Richardson, James Long, Tracy Jackson and Allen Barbee.

Mayor Gwaltney called the meeting to order.

North Carolina Superior Court Judge Quentin Sumner swore in Commissioners Daryl Emig, Lee Bissett and Mayor James Gwaltney to their new terms.

The board appointed Drew Griffin as mayor pro-tem.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Holpe laid out the plans for the NC STEP program and how the leadership team intended to spend the grant monies that had been awarded to the town. Mr. Holpe told that board that the proposed projects that were presented at the October meeting had not changed. He told them that there would be a contract for the board to sign at the January meeting and that the projects had to be done by June 2015. Mr. Holpe also told the board that the Revitalization Committee was sponsoring a dinner in January to kick start the implementation plan for the projects. He said that they were inviting all of the town boards, the chamber and anyone who want to help. Mr. Holpe recognized members of the step team. Roger Warren the appointed facilitator for the team told the board that he would be overseeing the projects and making sure that everything was done in the correct manner.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to approve the proposed plan for the use of the STEP grant monies; Commissioner Emig seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Anthony Branch from Envirolink gave the monthly activity report.

Mr. Holpe recognized the members from the Chamber and told the board that they had checked all the bulbs in the Christmas decorations. He told the board that Duke Progress would be getting a list of any decorations that weren't working so that they could check the poles.

Mr. Holpe told the board that the police department wanted to change the loud noise ordinance back to a state violation so that the people getting tickets will be prosecuted. He said that the police had been diligent giving out the tickets but collecting the fines was difficult because it was too expensive for the

town to go to court. Town Attorney Mark Edwards said that this way it would be up to the District Attorney and that the people that are ticketed would have to appear in court. He said that they would have to pay fines or face jail time.

Commissioner Emig made a motion to change the loud noise ordinance to a state violation; Commissioner Bissett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Holpe asked the board to consider the recommendation of the Revitalization Committee to appoint Clay Perry to fill the open position. He also asked them to consider the appointments of Brenda Lucas and Rosita Richardson to the open positions on the Planning Board per their recommendations.

Commissioner Emig made a motion to accept the recommendations of Ms. Lucas and Ms. Richardson to the Planning Board; Commissioner Bissett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Emig made a motion to accept the recommendation of Mr. Perry to the Revitalization Committee; Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Town Attorney Mark Edwards had no new business.

Mr. Holpe told the board that the picnic shelter and mulch work was completed at the park. He told them that the only other project was left was completing the walking trail and that they had until June to finish. He mentioned that the property owners of the condemned building on South Pine Street had removed the building. Mr. Holpe also said that he met with Mr. Wiggins who owns the property on Ash and Branch known as J's Place and that he wanted the town to enforce the no loitering ordinance as it pertains to his business.

Chief Denton said that the department had completed the mandated state training. He said that they also participated in the click it or ticket it campaign and that there had been several charges including arrests for outstanding warrants. Chief Denton also said that they were involved in a DWI checkpoint with the town of Middlesex which had resulted in several charges. He told the board that a new officer named Jamie Cummings had been sworn in to fill one of the vacant positions in town.

Edna Denton who is in charge of the Community Watch Program told the board that they had a very productive meeting. She said that there was a great turnout and that she felt very encouraged. She asked for the continued support of the board, town staff and the police department. Ms. Denton asked if it would be possible to find a way to get to know the police officers better such as having a story on each of the officers in the paper as well as putting any offender's names in the paper. She said that she wanted to ask anyone in the room who had not attended the first meeting to please come to the next one. Ms. Denton mentioned that Ricky and Diane Tucker would be giving a presentation at the meeting. She commended the police department for their quick response to some of the concerns that had been voiced.

There were no new items by the board.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to go into closed session; Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to go back into open session; Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

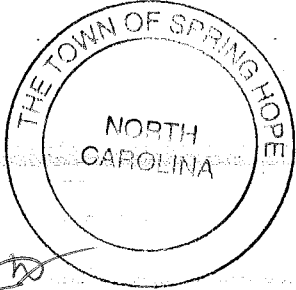
Commissioner Walker made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Bissett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.



Submitted:

*Michele K Collins*

Michele K Collins  
Town Clerk



Attest:

*James F Gwaltney III*  
James F Gwaltney III  
Mayor

**A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners  
of the Town of Spring Hope  
Adopting an Amendment to the Code of Ordinances**

**Whereas**, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Spring Hope desires to amend the Code of Ordinances, Town of Spring Hope, North Carolina;

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved** by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Spring Hope that the Code of Ordinances, Town of Spring Hope, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows:

1. Chapter 10, Article IV, Section 10-86 shall be deleted in its entirety from the Code of Ordinances.


2. In the Code of Ordinances in Chapter 10 under Article IV, the reserved sections shall be listed as follows:

**“Sec. 10-86 – 10-115. Reserved.”**

**Further, Be It Resolved**, that this amendment to the Code of Ordinances shall become effective upon passage by the Board of Commissioners.

Adopted this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2013.

Mayor:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Buddy Gwaltney

Attest:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Collins, Town Clerk