

Regular Meeting
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
held in
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Room
January 10, 2002
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor James "Buddy" Gwaltney, Commissioners Earl Purkerson, Wayne Barrett, Marion Clark, Stephon Mills and Bobby Brantley.

Also attending: Ken Ripley, Spring Hope Enterprise, Mark Edwards, Town Attorney.

The minutes of Regular Meeting of December 14, 2002 were approved with corrections by Commissioner Mills to change paragraph 4 to "Commissioner Mills asked permission from the board to chair the process to hire a town manager" and paragraph 3 to read "Commissioner Mills stated that the town should award the bid to the lowest bid as we always have in the past" by a 3 to 2 vote with one vote as affirmative vote (Commissioner Purkerson)

~~BRANTLEY~~ BRANTLEY

Arthur Kennedy, president of The Wooten Company, Stephen Player, head of Wooten's planning department, and Allen Rahab of the company's regulatory and funding section gave a presentation on the company and the services it offers. They stated that the Rural Center Capacity Building Grants can offer up to \$ 40,000 on a 50/50 matching funds. Commissioner Brantley made a motion to hire The Wooten Company to apply for a grant to study the town's needs in water and wastewater department. Commissioner Purkerson seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

After some discussion, Commissioner Brantley made a motion to hire The Wooten Company of Raleigh as the town's engineers for the Town of Spring Hope. Commissioner Purkerson seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

After discussion of the advertising of a town manager, Commissioner Clark made a motion to advertise for applicants for a town manager based on a short version of requirements that Commissioner Brantley had drafted rather than Commissioner Mills longer version. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Purkerson and passed unanimously. The position was to be advertised in the Spring Hope Enterprise, Rocky Mount Telegram, Nashville Graphic, Wilson Daily Times, News and Observer, North Carolina League Newsletter and the Southern City which is publish by the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

~~Barrett~~
Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to approved the following budget amendments:

General Fund-Estimated Revenue

Increase	
10-3320-8000	\$ 6,400.00
10-3390-0000.....	\$ 17,500.00
10-3250-0000.....	\$ 1,600.00
10-3310-0300.....	\$ 4,800.00
Total.....	\$ 30,300.00

Water & Sewer- Estimated Revenue

Increase	
30-3980-0000.....	\$ 65,546.49

Expenditure-Approp. Amount:

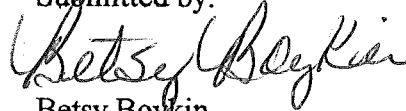
Increase:	
10-5800-7200.....	\$ 30,300.00
30-8100-7410.....	\$ 65,546.49

Commissioner Clark seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Purkerson was elected by the board as Mayor Pro Tem. The mayor nominated Commissioner Barrett, but Commissioner Barrett suggested Commissioner Purkerson because of the time he had served for several years as mayor and commissioner. Commissioner Clark made a motion for Commissioner Purkerson serve as Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Commissioner Barrett and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:



Betsy Boykin
Town Manager

Attest:



James "Buddy" Gwaltney
Mayor

Regular Meeting
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
held in the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting Room
February 12, 2002
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Buddy Gwaltney, Commissioners Earl Purkerson, Wayne Barrett, Marion Clark and Stephon Mills. Commissioner Bobby Brantley was absent.

Also attending: Ken Ripley, Spring Hope Enterprise; John Ross, Nashville Graphic; and Mark Edwards, Town Attorney

Mayor Gwaltney presided and Commissioner Purkerson open the meeting with a prayer.

Mayor Gwaltney welcome all guests present.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 10, 2002 were approved with correction to the third paragraph (Commissioner Brantley instead Commissioner Purkerson) by Commissioner Purkerson and seconded by Commissioner Barrett and passed unanimously.

A Public Hearing was held to consider a rezoning requested by James Finch to rezone more than 60 acres of property on Louisburg Road (NC 581) from R-A to R-15.

A Public Hearing was held to consider a request by Clay Strickland for a Special Use Permit for Thornberry Commons Subdivision off Branch Street.

After discussions the Public Hearings were closed.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approved the rezoning of the property of James Finch, seconded by Commissioner Purkerson and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to grant a Special Use Permit to Clay Strickland to develop the first phase of Thornberry Commons subdivision, 19 lots of single family and townhouse type homes off of West Branch Street. Commissioner Mills seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Carol Forsyth complained that residents on another street was placing mailboxes on her property at Walnut Street without her permission . The board asked the town attorney to investigate the postal regulations regarding home delivery of mail.

Police Chief Tim Denton, along with Lt. David Rose was asking the board for approval to apply for a grant from the Governor Highway Safety Program for police car, computer equipment, radar equipment. After information was given about the grant, Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to give the police chief permission to apply for the grant, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

Ryial Mills commended the Spring Hope Police Department for a good job they were doing for the Town of Spring Hope.

Tommy High, CPA presented the audit for fiscal year 2000-2001.

A Informal Workshop with The Wooten Company from Raleigh was scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2002 at 3:00 p.m.

The approval of posting and advertisement of unpaid real property will be advertise in the paper in April, 2002.

Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to approve the write offs of unpaid utility bills for the past years. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Barrett thanked the Spring Hope Planning Board for working with the developers James Finch and Clay Strickland. He also thanked the police department for the work they were doing.

Commissioner and Finance Officer Bobby Brantley had gave his resignation of finance officer of the town. Mayor Gwaltney asked other members if they were interesting in it and without a response, Commissioner Mills stated that he would talk with Bobby and see if he would continue in this capacity.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:
Betsy Boykin
Betsy Boykin
Interim Town Manager

James F. Gwaltney III, Mayor

Regular Meeting
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
held in
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Room
March 12, 2002
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor James Gwaltney, Commissioners Earl Purkerson, Bobby Brantley, Wayne Barrett, Marion Clark and Stephon Mills.

Also, present: Ken Ripley, Spring Hope Enterprise, Mark Edwards, Town Attorney.

Mayor Gwaltney presided and Commissioner Purkerson open with a prayer.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2002 was made by Commissioner Purkerson, seconded by Commissioner Barrett, *passed*

A Public Hearing was held regarding a consideration of a rezoning request by Southland Partners, LLC, Tom Honeycutt to rezone property at the corner of Second and Third Streets from R-8 to R-MF. This request has been approved by the Spring Hope Planning Board at their meeting of February 21, 2002. After some discussion, Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to closed the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Brantley and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to tabled the request to rezone the property after discovery the property owners had not been sent letters regarding this rezoning, seconded by Commissioner Mill and passed unanimously.

A Public Hearing was held regarding a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for extending the definition of permissible double wide manufactured homes within Spring Hope to include modular homes. After some discussion, Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to closed the Public Hearing , seconded by Commissioner Clark and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to amend the Spring Hope Zoning Ordinance extending the definition of permissible double wide manufactured homes within Spring Hope to include modular homes, seconded by Commissioner Clark and passed unanimously.

Arthur "Buck" Kennedy , president of The Wooten Company of Raleigh discuss the needs for the town that address the predominant water and wastewater needs. This listing is intended to form the basis of a Capacity Building Grant application. They are as follows:

1. Engineering Study of the water system.....	\$ 18,000
2. Wastewater System.....	22,000
3. Environmental Assessment-Water System Improvements.....	6,000
4. USDA Loan/Grant Application.....	2,500
5. Mapping of the Water and Sewer Systems.....	7,500
6. Capital Improvements Plan.....	2,000
Total Estimated Cost of Services.....	\$ 58,000

Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to apply for the Capacity Building Grant from the Wooten Company, seconded by Commissioner Brantley and passed unanimously.

Carol Forsyth, citizen who lives across the street from the post office had a complaint that citizens who live on Bunn Lane had placed mailboxes on her property without her permission. This complaint was handled by the town attorney.

Rocky Winstead, commissioner with the Town of Bailey was asking help with recreation in the countywide area.

Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to approve the budget amendments per attached, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to renew the lease agreement for JFG Electric for another year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barrett, passed, Commissioner Mills opposed.

Commissioner Purkerson stated that the parking spaces on the streets needed to be repainted. He was going to get a cost on it and bring it back to the board. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:
Betsy Boykin
Betsy Boykin
Interim Town Manager

Attest:

Mayor

Regular Meeting
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
held in the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting Room
April 9, 2002
at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Buddy Gwaltney, Commissioners Earl Purkerson, Wayne Barrett, Marion Clark, Bobby Brantley and Stephon Mills.

Also attending: Ken Ripley, Spring Hope Enterprise, Mark Edwards, Town Attorney.

There were approximately 36 citizens present.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2002 were approved by Commissioner Purkerson and seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mills made a motion to go into a Public Hearing for a request made by Tom Honeycutt with Southland Partners of Charlotte to rezone a site on the corner of Second and Third Streets from R-~~8~~ to R-MF . After some discussion from the citizens, Commissioner Barrett made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Mills, and passed unanimously.

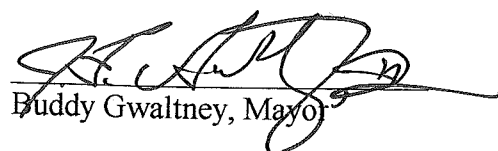
Commissioner Barrett made a motion to go back to the regular meeting , seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

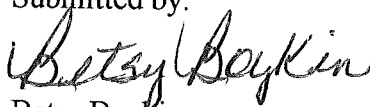
Commissioner Clark made a motion to rezone this property to R-MF. Motion died for lack of a second. It was tabled until further study.

Kimberly Aycock, who resides at 213 East Bunn Lane with some information about the problem that she and her neighbor was having about her mailbox.

Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to adopt a resolution in support of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

This regular meeting was recessed until April 11, 2002 at 4:00 p.m.


Buddy Gwaltney, Mayor

Submitted by:

Betsy Boykin
Interim Town Manager

Meeting Recessed from April 9, 2002

Members present: Commissioners Earl Purkerson, Marion Clark, Wayne Barrett and Bobby Brantley.

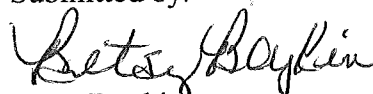
Mayor Buddy Gwaltney and Commissioner Stephon Mills was absent.


Barry Wilson, Fire Chief with the Town of Spring Hope was present to discuss the budget for the fire department. He was asking the support of the board in this years budget.

The board then starting working on the budget for fiscal year 2002-2003.

The meeting was recessed until 7:00 p.m. tonight.

Submitted by:


Betsy Boykin


Earl Purkerson, Mayor Pro Tem

An interview was held by the Spring Hope Board of Commissioners for town manager applicants.

**A RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL**

WHEREAS, the people of Nash County, North Carolina voted to permit the sale of spirituous liquor through the establishment of the Nash County ABC Board, which is a part of the State's control system for the sale of spirituous liquors; and

WHEREAS, the Nash County ABC Board makes spirituous liquor available to consumers through local ABC stores while curtailing the intemperate use of alcohol through control over the distribution, sale and advertisement of spirits; and

WHEREAS, the State's ABC system is self-sufficient in that consumers of spirits pay for the costs of operating the State ABC Commission and for the distribution and sale of spirits; and

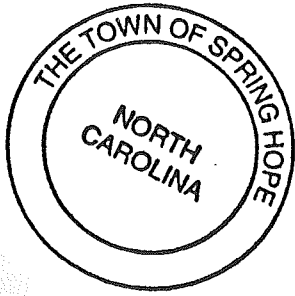
WHEREAS, the Nash County ABC Board generates substantial revenue for Nash County, North Carolina and contributed in the year July, 2000 to June 2001, \$191,125.97 to its general fund, \$19,889.09 for alcohol education and rehabilitation, and \$54,683.94 for alcohol law enforcement; and including your municipality that has a local Nash County ABC Stores and receives a portion of the profits; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Spring Hope, North Carolina supports the present control system for the sale and distribution of spirituous liquor and desires to retain the Nash County ABC Board.

By: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Attest: *[Handwritten Signature]* Date: *4-9-02*



Meeting
of the
Spring Hope Commissioners
April 22, 2002
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Buddy Gwaltney, Commissioners Earl Purkerson, Wayne Barrett, Marion Clark, and Stephon Mills.

Meeting was reopened from April 11, 2002.

A Public Hearing to rezone property at 417 East Branch Street from R-8- to R-MF was held. This request from Southland Partners had been approved by the Planning Board. After some discussion Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing and go back to the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to approved this project, seconded by Commissioner Clark and passed unanimously.

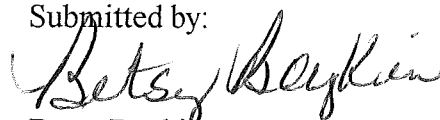
Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to closed the meeting and go into executive session to discuss town manager applicant, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

After some discussion, Commissioner Clark made a motion to closed the executive session ,and enter back to regular session, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.


Commissioner Clark made a motion to make a offer with Dia Huffman as the town manager pending the changes that the board made to the agreement that she had drawn up. Commissioner Purkerson seconded the motion , Commissioner Barrett and Mills opposed. Mayor Gwaltney voted aye,passed.

There being no further business, Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to adjourned, seconded by Commissioner Barrett and passed unanimously.

Submitted by:



Betsy Boykin
Interim Town Manager


Buddy Gwaltney, Mayor

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT MUNICIPAL REVENUE
SOURCES BE MADE SECURE**

WHEREAS, the Town of Spring Hope is required by North Carolina law to operate and maintain a balanced budget and comply with the provisions of the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act; and

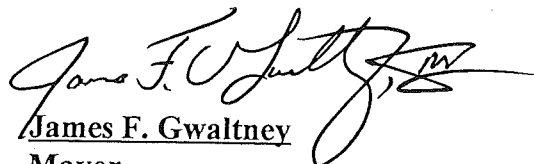
WHEREAS, the Town of Spring Hope is required to maintain a sufficient fund balance to operate in a fiscally sound manner and to have adequately reserves in case of emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the municipal officials of the Town of Spring Hope have a responsibility to provide for the health, safety and well being of the citizens of this community by providing necessary services; and

WHEREAS, the ability of municipal governments to borrow for capital infrastructure needs is dependent on reliable revenue sources for repayment; and

WHEREAS, adequate municipal revenue sources are required to carry out the above mentioned responsibilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Town of Spring Hope respectfully requests that General Assembly enact legislation that will secure the municipal revenue sources and ensure that these revenues are distributed to local governments on a timely basis as set forth by the state's General Statutes.


James F. Gwaltney
Mayor

Regular Meeting
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
May 14, 2002
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Buddy Gwaltney, Commissioner Wayne Barrett, Marion Clark, Stephon Mills and Earl Purkerson. Commissioner Bobby Brantley.

Mayor Gwaltney presided and Commissioner Purkerson opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the Regular Meetings of April 9th, 11th and 22th 2002 were approved by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Barrett and passed unanimously.

North Carolina League of Municipalities requested that all municipalities adopt a resolution requesting that municipal revenue sources be made secure. Commissioner Purkerson made a motion that the Town of Spring Hope adopts the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the Employment Agreement with the Town of Spring Hope for the Town Manager, Dia C. Huffman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Purkerson and passed unanimously.

Ken Ripley stated that the Board of Adjustments approved the Ridgeway Apartments for Southland Partners on 417 East Branch Street with five conditional uses: (1) a less dense landscape screen along Branch Street to obscure view of the buildings (2) Installation of curb and gutter along Branch Street as well as extension of the sidewalk from the western edge of the property to the Greentree Apartments. (3) a thick landscape buffer on the western edge of the property. (4) adequate lighting of the property based upon C P & L recommendations. (5) Closing the Community Building in the complex by 10:00 p.m.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to removed Commissioner Brantley as Finance Officer with Commissioner Purkerson and change signature cards to that effect. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barrett with Commissioner Mills opposed, passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Buddy Gwaltney
Mayor

Submitted by:
Betsy Boykin
Betsy Boykin
Town Clerk

Regular Meeting
of the
Board of Commissioners Meeting
held in
Board of Commissioners Meeting Room
June 11, 2002
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Buddy Gwaltney, Commissioners Earl Purkerson, Wayne Barrett, Marion Clark, Bobby Brantley and Stephon Mills.

Also attending: Mark Edwards, Town Attorney; Ken Ripley, Spring Hope Enterprise; Dia Huffman, Town Manager.

Mayor Gwaltney presided and Commissioner Purkerson opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2002 were approved by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Mills , and passed unanimously.

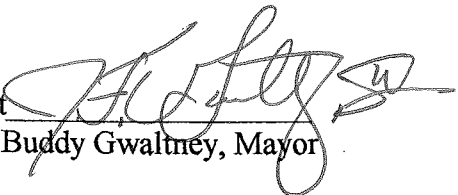
A Public Hearing for fiscal year 2002-2003 proposed budget was set for June 25, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

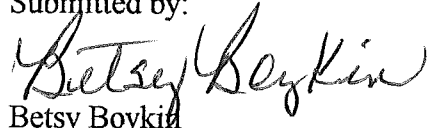
Commissioner Brantley made a motion to use the Town of Spring Hope address for absentee voting, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

James Denton, citizen of Spring Hope discussed the water discoloration he has been having at his residence.

Commissioner Brantley stated that traffic from Main Street going onto Pine Street was dangerous. The board ask the manager to get with George Meeks Jr, Public Work Director to put up "NO PARKING" signs up at that location.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest 
Buddy Gwaltney, Mayor

Submitted by:

Betsy Boykin
Town Clerk

Special Meeting
Of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
Budget Workshop
June 14, 2002
3:00 PM

Members present: Mayor Buddy Gwaltney, Commissioners Wayne Barrett, Bobby Brantley, Marion Clark, Stephon Mills, Earl Purkerson.

Others present: Dia Huffman, Town Manager, Ken Ripley, Spring Hope Enterprise, Deanna Boone, Nashville Graphic, Barry Wilson, Spring Hope Volunteer Fire Department.

Mayor Gwaltney presided and stated that this was a budget workshop.

Commissioner Mills made an opening statement, stating that his main goal for the workshop was to provide relief to the water customers.

Commissioner Brantley suggested that the Water and Sewer Clerk position be filled part-time. The position would be twenty hours per week with no benefits. The cost per year, including sporadic overtime hours would be about \$20,000 and would save the Town \$20,000. All commissioners agreed to fund the position part-time.

Commissioner Brantley stated that the Board needed to address Betsy Boykin's salary, from Interim Town Manager back to Town Clerk. He suggested that Ms. Boykin's salary be dropped back to what it was eighteen months ago, adding the raises for the past two years, which total 5 1/2%. Her salary now will be approximately \$30,000. The board agreed to make the change in the budget.

A \$15,000 contribution from the Water and Sewer Fund was moved over to the General Fund and added to the already existing contribution to the Fire Department.

Fire Chief Barry Wilson brought the Fire Department's budget to the meeting for the Commissioners' review.

There was a discussion over funds in the Water and Sewer Fund about whether to leave possible surplus money in the budget or to reduce the water rates while there is no specific purpose for the revenue. After discussion, the board agreed to reduce the water rates to \$15.00 for the first three thousand gallons of water used, down from \$17.00 for the first three thousand gallons used.

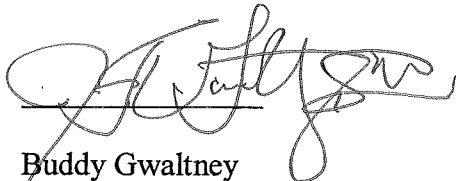
The decision was made to give an extra \$1000 to the library with the understanding that the gas and power bills which are now received by the Town will in the future go to the library.

Funds are being allocated in the budget for the Wooten Company to come up with temporary and permanent solutions for cleaner water for the Town. The Manager was instructed to call Wooten Engineering to begin the process immediately.

Discussion of the Mayor's and Commissioners' salaries led to the Mayor's pay going back to the original salary of \$1500 and all the commissioners' salaries were to be included in the budget. The total expenditures for the Governing Board will now be \$4500.

There being no further business the Mayor adjourned the meeting.

Attest:



Buddy Gwaltney
Mayor

Submitted by:



Dia Huffman
Town Manager

Public Hearing
Of the Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
Proposed Budget 2002-2003
June 25, 2002
7:00 PM

Members present: Commissioners Wayne Barrett, Bobby Brantley, Marion Clark, Stephon Mills, Earl Purkerson.

Members absent: Mayor Buddy Gwaltney.

Others present: Dia Huffman, Town Manager, John Sharpe, Spring Hope Enterprise, Deanna Boone, Nashville Graphic, Barry Wilson, Spring Hope Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Timothy Denton, Spring Hope Police Department.

Commissioner Purkerson resided in Mayor Gwaltney's absence.

Commissioners were allowed to ask questions of the proposed budget. Commissioner Clark needed clarification on funds for the retirement of the debt service.

Commissioner Clark stated that she would be no longer able to maintain the flowers at the Depot after this year. The Town Manager suggested that community service workers do the work with supervision. The Town is provided community service workers weekly and with supervision can water the plants and flowers and pull weeds. Chief Denton acknowledged that community service workers could perform the work with supervision.

Commissioner Mills had four questions. One was concerning contract services for computer software from the General Fund and the Water and Sewer Fund. The next question concerned funding for the library. Funding went from \$4500 to \$5500. The extra \$1000 is for utilities. The Town Manager informed the Board that \$1000 is not enough. The utilities for CP&L and LP Gas will be estimated at \$2700 for the year. Plus, the extra \$500 for the library was not included. To adjust the numbers, the funding for the library went from \$5500 to \$7700 to account for the payment of utilities and for the extra \$500. Commissioner Mills asked for a separate line item for the payment of utilities. To balance the budget, the money for the library was taken out of Building Utilities, leaving the total for Building Utilities at \$29,300 and the Library ends up with \$7700.

Commissioner Mills' third question regarded the Police Department. Capital Outlay for equipment went from \$500 to \$1000 because a new copier will be purchased for the Police Department.

Commissioner Mills' final question concerned the Mayor's salary. He wanted to know why the Mayor's salary went from \$600 to \$1500. Commissioner Mills wanted justification for why it was changed and that it actually should have originally been \$600 and that the \$1500 in the budget is a misprint. There was much discussion, after which it was agreed that the budgeted

salary was a misprint at \$1500, that it should have been \$600. Then it was agreed to go back to \$1500.

Commissioner Purkerson closed the public hearing for a vote on whether or not to accept the budget.

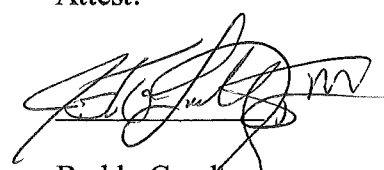
Commissioner Brantley made a motion to accept the budget as presented with the appropriate changes concerning the Library and Building Utilities and the changing of the Mayor's salary.

Commissioner Clark seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brantley made some line item changes to the 2001-2002 Budget to balance it for the auditors. Commissioner Mills made a motion to accept the adjustments as presented. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

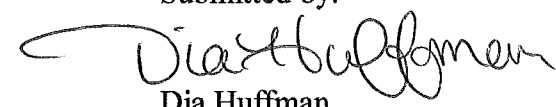
There being no further business, Commissioner Purkerson entertained a motion for adjournment. Commissioner Mills made the motion to adjourn and Commissioner Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:



Buddy Gwaltney
Mayor

Submitted by:



Dia Huffman
Town Manager

Regular Meeting
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
held in the
Board of Commissioners Meeting Room
July 9, 2002
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Buddy Gwaltney, Commissioners, Earl Purkerson, Marion Clark, Wayne Barrett and Bobby Brantley. Commissioner Stephon Mills was absent.

Also attending : Ken Ripley, Spring Hope Enterprise; Mark Edwards, Town Attorney; Dia Huffman , Town Manager.

Mayor Gwaltney presided and Commissioner Purkerson opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2002, Special Meeting of June 14, 2002 and the Public Hearing of June 25, 2002 were approved by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Purkerson and passed unanimously.

Dan Boone with the Wooten Company of Raleigh gave a presentation regarding a water study for the town. His recommendation was to add a new mix of phosphate chemicals into the supply while making sure the water lines were being flushed enough to remove particles. He also stated that he would also look at what kind of line replacement would be needed.

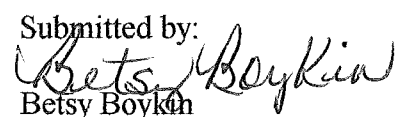
The Board accepted the guidelines for Internet Services to be use for the Town of Spring Hope for government- related activities.

The town manager informed the Board that the DEHC had submitted a joint agreement between the eleven entities of the DEHC. The town manager explained that this was a routine step in continuing relations with the DEHC. Commissioner Purkerson made the motion to adopt the agreement. Commissioner Clark seconded and it passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:


Mayor

Submitted by:

Betsy Boykin
Town Clerk

Regular Meeting
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
held in the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Room
August 13, 2002
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor James W. Gwaltney, Commissioners Earl Purkerson, Marion Clark, and Wayne Barrett. Commissioners Stephon Mills and Bobby Brantley were absent.

Also attending: Mark Edwards, Town Attorney; Dia Huffman, Town Manager and Ken Ripley, Spring Hope Enterprise.

Mayor Gwaltney presided and the opening prayer was given by Commissioner Purkerson.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of July 9, 2002, seconded by Commissioner Purkerson and passed unanimously.

The Board decided to change the date of the September Meeting to September 12, 2002 due to the conflict of the Primary Elections of September 10, 2002.

Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to open the Public Hearing to change the zoning ordinance regarding two-family dwellings. To change the zoning ordinance for two-family dwellings from a permitted use to a conditional use across all zones will give the town more oversight into the plans and general layout of two-family dwellings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clark and passed unanimously. After some discussion, the public hearing was closed by Commissioner Barrett and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Barrett made a motion to amend the zoning ordinance to change the location of duplexes in any residential zone from the current permitted use to a conditional use and also that he wanted the protections in place until the new ordinance is ready. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clark and passed unanimously.

Chester Cooper of 666 Hwy. 581 South was asking the town's permission to hook on to the town's water system from outside the town limits. George Meeks, Public Works Director said it would not be a problem if he wanted to hook on to the system. Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to approve Mr. Cooper hooking on to the town's system, seconded by Commissioner Barrett and passed unanimously.

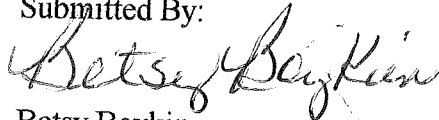
Commissioner Clark made a motion that we approved the releases and discoveries of the 2001 taxes , seconded by Commissioner Barrett and passed unanimously.(see attached)

Eric Britson as a concerned citizen made his recommendations concerning the duplexes on Second and Third Streets.

Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to designate September 21, 2002 as Litter Sweep Day for the Town of Spring Hope, seconded by Commissioner Clark and passed unanimously.


There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:



Betsy Boykin
Town Clerk

Attest:



Mayor

RELEASES FOR 2001 TAXES

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Betty Sipes	-12,543	\$96.58-
Rays Refrigeration	- 9,700	\$67.90-
Alfred Thomas & Betty R. May	- 3,915	\$27.41-
K & R Sportswear	-877,000	\$ 6,139.00-
General Electric Capital Corp.	-4,056	\$ 28.39-
TOTAL	-907,214	\$ 6,359.28-

DISCOVERIES FOR 2001 TAXES:

Name	Valuation	Amount
Spartan Computer sales & Leasing	2,200	\$ 15.40
CIT Communications Finance Corp	50,000	\$ 350.00
General Electric Capital Corp	4,056	28.39
Doctors Associates, Inc.	13,535	94.75
Ray Refrigeration	10,000	70.00
Robert Greco	1,000	7.00
Precision Reporting & Transcript	5,054	35.38
TOTAL	\$ 85,845	\$ 600.92

Regular Meeting
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
September 12, 2002
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor James "Buddy" Gwaltney, Commissioners Earl Purkerson, Marion Clark, Wayne Barrett, Bobby Brantley and Stephon Mills.

Mayor Gwaltney presided and Commissioner Purkerson opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 13, 2002 were approved by Commissioner Purkerson and seconded by Commissioner Clark and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to close the designated streets for the Pumpkin Festival, October 4th and 5th, 2002, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to adopt a Proclamation "September 11, A Day to Remember, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mills made a motion to adopt a Resolution to allow the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments to take the lead in protecting Spring Hope and other local governments in the Adelphia Bankruptcy case. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Purkerson and passed unanimously.

Mayor Gwaltney stated that the Rural Economic Development Center, Inc. has awarded a Capacity Building grant in the amount of \$40,000 to the Town of Spring Hope. The purpose of this grant program is to assist the Town of Spring Hope with the planning efforts that are necessary to support critically needed water and wastewater projects. Commissioner Brantley stated that the Wooten and Company, town engineers might come up with a plan to clear up the brown water but we don't know yet about the dirty water. It might be a simple solution and he thinks that the Wooten and Company are on the right track to help us.

Commissioner Clark stated that we need to go ahead and make another payment on the Bond Debt and also repair the roof at the Chamber of Commerce Building. Commissioner Brantley suggested that we pay \$50,000 on the bond debt in October.

Commissioner Brantley stated that the items for the sale of surplus assets should have been gotten together from the Police Department and the maintenance department.

Commissioner Brantley stated that the town received a rental agreement from Green Engineering, which the Nash County Railroad wanted \$ 2,000 per month for the new water line that has been installed on Railroad Street through Owens Construction Company. The

agreement was taken to Mark Edwards, town attorney for review. At any time was the town aware of any rental agreement.

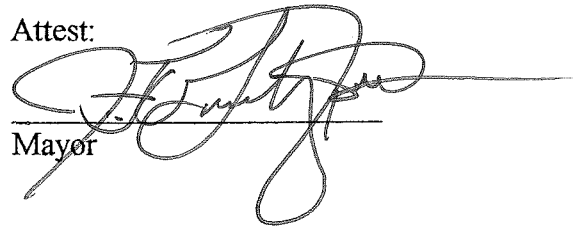
Commissioner Brantley stated that he was not aware of any contract that had been passed by the town board stating that the town had to fund a new roof for the Chamber of Commerce Building. He stated that he was not satisfied with it and should not have been approved. Also he thought the Chamber of Commerce should be paying a utility bill to the Town of Spring Hope.

Commissioner Purkerson stated that the parking spaces on the streets will be repainted.

Commissioner Mills made some recommendations to the board to have a coin made as the memento to present to those who contribute significantly to our town, to conduct an inventory of the town's assets, to conduct in house audits that measure the efficiency and productivity of our town departments and administration, and to continue to accept applications for a Town Manager until it is determined that the current Town Manager is the right fit for our town. No action was taken.

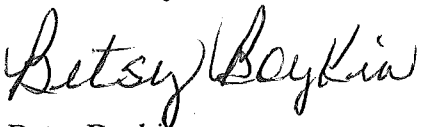
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:



Mayor

Submitted by:



Betsy Boykin
Town Clerk

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Regular Meeting
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room
October 8, 2002
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor James Gwaltney, Commissioners Earl Purkerson, Wayne Barrett, Marion Clark, Stephon Mills and Bobby Brantley.

Mayor Gwaltney presided and Commissioner Purkerson opened with a prayer.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting were not approved due to lack of information. The revise minutes will be provided at the next board meeting.

Buck Kennedy, president of the Wooten Company presented an agreement for engineering and planning services. The Town of Spring Hope received a Capacity Building Grant from the North Carolina Rural Center of \$ 40,000 for a water study. His basic services included a Preliminary Engineering Report which included several items: conduct a study of the sanitary sewer system that included several items, prepare an environment assessment, prepare a USDA -Rural development grant/loan application, develop current maps of the water and sewer utility system and prepare a Capital Improvement Plan in accordance with the Rural Center guidelines. The board will review this agreement and vote on it at the next board meeting.

Ann Whitley ,planner with the Upper Coastal Plain of Government, asked the town if they wanted to become a member of the Upper Coastal Plain Area Rural Planning Organization, which would allow the town to take part in transportation planning for our region. Commissioner Clark made a motion that we join the organization, seconded by Commissioner Purkerson and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to approve a tax exempt loan to the Volunteer Fire Department, seconded by Commissioner Barrett and passed unanimously. Nash County and First Citizens Bank had already approved the loan to buy a water truck.

Since three terms have expired of the Board of Adjustment members, William Williams, Bob Sutter and Bill Strickland, Commissioner Clark made a motion to reappoint the Board of Adjustments members, seconded by Commissioner Purkerson. Commissioner Mills stated that he thought some business people should be asked to serve on the board. After some discussion, Commissioner Clark recalled her motion until the next board meeting.

Tom Honeycutt with Oakhill at the Commons Duplexes, along with his attorneys needed final approval from the board. (The Planning Board has already given the final approval.) After discussion from citizens, Commissioner Clark made a motion to give final approval. Died for lack of second. This will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Commissioner Brantley stated that we would be receiving more monies since the state has released some of its funds. He stated that adjustments needed to be made to this years budget. Commissioner Brantley made a motion to adjust the General Fund from \$ 55,000 to \$ 34,600 and Water and Sewer Fund adjustments -add new line item in Revenue for \$ 40,000 Grant and add new line item for \$40,000 for Expenditures to accommodate the Rural Center Grant., seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

X Commissioner Mills asked the town manager to utilize the taxpayers monies.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion that we use the \$ 40,000 Capacity Building Grant from the Rural Center ~~for~~ ^{from} new lines, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

Commission Mills stated that he would like agenda packets seven days prior to the meeting. Commissioner Brantley stated that he would be picking up his packet. It was agree that all commissioners would pick them up with the exception of Commissioner Mills, which would be mailed to his address.

Commissioner Mills stated that he wanted a update on the four items from the town manager that he had mention in last months meeting which the town manager responded . After some discussion Commissioner Clark stated that she thought it was improper and insult to the town manager.

Commissioner Barrett asked about the situation on the fire hydrant on 581 south which did not have enough pressure. Town Manager stated that George Meeks Jr and the engineer was still looking at that situation. Commissioner Barrett stated that we need to put more pressure on the engineer to solve this problem.

Commissioner Purkerson stated that he was going to contact the person that was going to repaint the parking spaces on the street.

Commissioner Brantley stated the town need to look into the agreement that was drawn up between the town and the chamber. A date needed to be set and work out details to resolve any problems with the Chamber of Commerce Building and the Town. He stated that we need to continued this situation next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Brantley stated that we did not have to advertised surplus property under \$5,000. He asked for authorization to sell the garbage truck for \$ 4,975. Commissioner Clark stated that the Town Manager should handled this , seconded by Commissioner Barrett, passed 4 to 1, Commissioner Mills opposed. *In conjunction w/ Brantley & George*

Dia Huffman, Town Manager stated that she had sent letters to owners that had high weeds and grass on their property. She stated that if the owners would not cut their property, the town could and bill the owners. Due to lack of manpower or equipment , we could hire a contractor and access the cost to them.

Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Webb complain about the ditch at their residence at 206 Hopkins Ave. This problem will be looked into by the Public Works Director, George Meeks Jr.

Commissioner Clark stated the town will have to hire someone to plant flowers and care for them at the depot and the library first of the year because she was not able to care for it.

Dia Huffman, town manager stated that there has been some questions and confusion over the designation of the finance officer. She recommended that Betsy Boykin, town clerk be designated as finance officer and Sandra Morris, part time water and sewer clerk be made as tax collector. After Commissioner Mills made remarks about the town clerk, this recommendation was tabled.

town clerk not qualified to fill the position

Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to continued this meeting until next week, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mills made a motion to enter into closed session in compliance with North Carolina 143-318.11 (a) (3) to consult with the town attorney concerning a specific administrative procedure to preserve the attorney-client privilege, seconded by Commissioner Barrett and passed unanimously.

After discussion , Commissioner Mills made a motion to closed the session and enter back into the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Brantley and passed unanimously.

There being no further business tonight, Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to adjourned the meeting until next Tuesday Night at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.



*Betsy Boykin
Town Clerk*

Continued from October 8, 2002 Meeting
October 15, 2002
7:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order. Members present, Mayor James Gwaltney, Commissioners Earl Purkerson, Wayne Barrett and Marion Clark. Commissioner Bobby Brantley was absent , also Commissioner Stephon Mills due to the death of this stepfather.

Also attending, Mark Edwards, Town attorney, Ken Ripley, Spring Hope Enterprise

Mayor Gwaltney presided and Commissioner Purkerson opened with a prayer.

Commissioner Clark stated that Commissioner Mills was going to give us some names for the Board of Adjustments , but since Mr. Mills is not here we should wait until the next board meeting.

Commissioner Barrett stated that due to the absence of two commissioners we should not vote on anything tonight.

Tom Honeycutt and partner along with his attorney was present concerning the Oakhill Commons Duplexes. Commissioner Clark made a motion to approved the plans by the developers, seconded by Commissioner Purkerson , Commissioner Barrett opposed. Motion passed.

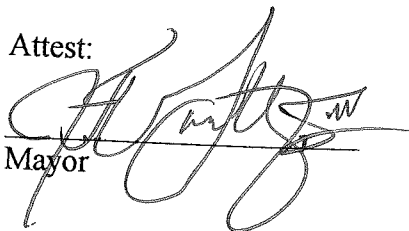
Commissioner Clark made a motion to approved the minutes of September 12, 2002 with 2 corrections as follow: (top of second page -At no time instead of at any time) and Commissioner Purkerson suggested to pay the Bond Debt, seconded by Commissioner Purkerson and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Clark stated that after looking at the agreement between the Town of Spring Hope and Chamber of Commerce she did not find anything that was illegal. All papers have been signed and attest by the clerk

Commissioner Purkerson stated condolence to Commissioner Mills for the death of his stepfather.

There being no further business, Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Barrett and passed unanimously.

Attest:


Mayor

Submitted by:

Betsy Boykin
Town Clerk

Regular Meeting
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
November 12, 2002
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor James Gwaltney, Commissioners Earl Purkerson, Wayne Barrett, Marion Clark, Stephon Mills and Bobby Brantley.

Mayor Gwaltney presided and Commissioner Purkerson opened with a prayer.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 8, 2002 were approved by Commissioner Mills with adjustments, seconded by Commissioner Brantley and passed unanimously. Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to approve the minutes of October 15, 2002, seconded by Commissioner Clark, passed, Commissioner Brantley opposed.

Mr. Buck Kennedy, president of The Wooten Company presented a revised engineering services proposal for the grant study. The revised proposal included the requested priorities and a time schedule. The issues of the agreement included water supply studies, rural development application, sewer study including smoke test and a capital improvement plan. Commissioner Barrett stated that it was important to do all the tasks as stated in the agreement. Commissioner Clark made a motion to accept the agreement as revised by The Wooten Company, seconded by Commissioner Purkerson and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mills stated that he had a name he would like to nominate for the Board of Adjustment. It was decided to wait until Commissioner Mills and Town Manager, Dia Huffman, talk with the applicant and come back with it at the next month meeting.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to approve the final plat for Thornberry Subdivision on West Branch Street owned by Clay Strickland, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

The issue of the Chamber of Commerce building was brought up by Commissioner Brantley. He stated that the agreement that was signed in January of 2002 was never brought before the board. He stated that he wanted to correct the problems that had gone wrong. He stated that the new roof on the building was unauthorized and was not budgeted for this year. He was asking that someone from the Chamber of Commerce be present.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to pay \$ 500.00 to the Historical Museum from last year budget and also for this year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously. Commissioner Brantley stated to contact Strickland Industries to pay the rental for the radio equipment on the water tank ~~to~~ ^{or} remove it.

Mayor Gwaltney stated that if any board members have any thoughts and ideas that they should be passed on to the town manager.

There being no further business, Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to adjourn , seconded by Commissioner Barrett and passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

Betsy Boykin
Town Clerk

Attest:

Mayor

Regular Meeting
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
December 10, 2002
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Buddy Gwaltney, Commissioners Earl Purkerson, Wayne Barrett, Marion Clark and Stephon Mills. Commissioner Bobby Brantley was absent.

Also present: Mark Edwards, Town Attorney ; Ken Ripley, Spring Hope Enterprise; Deanna Cooper, Nashville Graphic and Dia Huffman, Town Manager.

Mayor Gwaltney presided and Commissioner Purkerson gave the prayer.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 12, 2002 were presented. There was some discussion about the minutes by Commissioner Mills concerning statements that he made that were not in the minutes. He wanted to know how the board was going to handle this. He stated that he had not gotten any corrected copies but he would like copies of the minutes that had been corrected for the last few months. Commissioner Clark stated that just the action taken has to be reported in the minutes. Mark Edwards, town attorney stated that the board can determine its own policy how detailed you want them to be .

Tommy High, CPA with Pittard, Perry & Crone presented the 2001-2002 fiscal year audit for Gerrelene Walker who had another commitment. He went over the audit briefly.

Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to open the public hearing to consider a Special Use Permit for Chris and Tavonyia Thompson to open a recreation center "Its your Cue" at 116 East Bunn Lane, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously. They wanted to open a combination arcade and social center including weekend dances and pool tables for children ages 5 to 18 years. The planning board voted to approve the request with stipulations including no alcohol, no loitering and extra lighting in the parking lot. After several citizens gave their negative concerns, Commissioner Mills advised the couple to work with the planning board in revising their request and bring it back to the board. No further action was taken . The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Mills made a motion to go into a public hearing to consider text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Barrett and passed unanimously. The first one is to include the LI(light industrial) zone in with HI, IC and GB district to allow for billboards. After discussion, Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to close the Public Hearing . After more discussion he then withdraw his motion. The second part of the public hearing included the General Retail provision of text amendment to the zoning ordinance. Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to closed the public hearing and enter back into the regular session , seconded by Commissioner Barrett and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the planning board recommendations to amend the zoning ordinance to include LI to permit billboards along the major highways in the light industrial zone, seconded by Commissioner Purkerson and passed unanimously . Commissioner Mills made a motion to add a general retail category with controls to allow the town to authorize small businesses not included on a chart of permitted uses , seconded by Commissioner Clark and passed unanimously.

The Hope Mills Subdivision is ready for the final approval from the Board of Commissioners. This will be eight lots located on the property of James Finch on Highway 581 North. These houses will be stick built single family dwelling and has been approved by the Spring Hope Planning Board. Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to approve this subdivision, seconded by Commissioner Clark and passed unanimously.

Mark Edwards, town attorney stated that he gathered more information on the railroad agreement. He stated that the town could purchase an easement for the property we went onto and used or to renegotiate the agreement. Dia Huffman, town manager stated that she handed the information over to The Wooten Company so they can estimate the cost of purchasing an easement for that property.

Eugene Griffin, president of the Spring Hope Chamber of Commerce stated the chamber has made money, but also has given it back to the town

Commissioner Barrett stated that the same items on last year management letter from the CPA were also on this year letter. He stated that they need to be reconciled so they will not show up next year.

Commissioner Mills stated that we need to check on some microphones and cassettes for each commissioner so they can be heard at the meetings.

There being no further business, the regular session was closed. Commissioner Mills made a motion to go into a closed session pursuant to NC General Stature Section 143-318.11 (a) to consider a personnel matter, seconded by Commissioner Clark and passed unanimously

Commissioner Mills made a motion to closed the executive session ,and go back to the regular session seconded by Commissioner Purkerson and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting , seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

Attest:

Mayor

Submitted by:

Betsy Boykin
Town Clerk