

Regular Meeting
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
held in the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting Room
January 9, 2001
at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Clyde Best, Commissioners Dan Bissett, Earl Purkerson, Marion Clark, Stephon Mill and Bobby Brantley.

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

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

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2000 were approved as submitted with two corrections(8th paragraph, passed unanimously instead of seconded unanimously)(last paragraph, did not pass unanimously)

Tommy High, CPA gave a report of the audit for fiscal year 1999-2000. He stated that the condition of the town was in better shape and had made a substantial amount of improvement from the last year.

Otto Bass had presented a letter stating that he was raising the opening and closing of cemetery graves from \$300.00 to \$ 350.00 effective January 1, 2001. After some discussion, Commissioner Clark made a motion to accept the bid from Otto Bass Enterprises, seconded by Commissioner Bissett, passed 3 to 1.

Gelacio Cesneros requested a Special Use Permit to operate a game room. This permit has to go to the Town of Spring Hope Planning Board for approval, then back to the town board for final approval.

Phillip Manning with Spring Hill Subdivision had named a road in the subdivision as Spring Hill Road and since there is already a road by that name, Nash County had asked the board to change the road name from Spring Hill Road to Nicole Road. Commissioner Brantley made a motion to change the name, seconded by Commissioner Clark and passed unanimously.

There were two(2) vacant positions for the Town of Spring Hope Board Appointment. Commissioner Clark made a motion to appoint Don Stall for the Tree Board and Joe Wilkerson for the Revitalization Board. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mayor Best stated that the town needed to have a Water Supply Plan to go along with the Water System Management Plan Commissioner made a motion to proceed to get the plan approved and if we did not have one to contact Green Engineering to get one drawn up. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

After some discussion, the board agreed not to have any more fuel oil put in the tank at the Spaulding Gym. They agreed to lower the thermostat to 50 degrees and lock the thermostat.

Commissioner Clark stated that the community building was in need of repairs. George Meeks Jr., was asked to contact Shelton Mills to see if he could do the repairs.

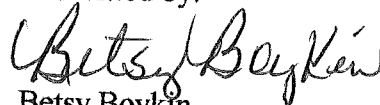
Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to close the regular meeting and enter into a closed session pursuant to NC G.S. Sections 143.318(9) (3) & 6 to consult with our attorney in order to preserve the attorney client privilege between our attorney and this body, which is privilege hereby acknowledged and to consider a personnel matter. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

After discussion, the closed session was closed and entered back to the regular session.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to appoint interim town manager, Betsy Boykin as a permanent town manager. After a few minutes, Commissioner Mills seconded the motion. Commissioner Bissett and Commissioner Clark opposed. Commissioner Purkerson did not vote which counts as a yes vote. The motion was approved.


There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:



Betsy Boykin
Interim Town Manager

Attest:


Clyde Best, Mayor

Special Meeting
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
held in the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting Room
January 30, 2001
at 6:00 p.m.

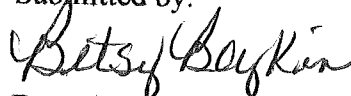
Members present: Mayor Clyde Best, Commissioners Earl Purkerson, Marion Clark , and Bobby Brantley . Commissioner Stephon Mills and Commissioner Bissett was absent.

The purpose of this meeting is to pass a resolution to tie onto the Town of Nashville water lines.

Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to accept this resolution that affirms its commitment to pursuing financing options related to the future construction of a permanent open water line with a minimum purchase of at a cost to be determined by future negotiation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brantley and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:



Betsy Boykin
Town Manager

Attest:

Clyde Best, Mayor

Regular Meeting
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
held in
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Room
February 13, 2001
at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Clyde Best, Commissioner Earl Purkerson, Dan Bissett, Bobby Brantley, Stephon Mills and Marion Clark.

Also attending; Ken Ripley, Spring Hope Enterprise; Mark Edwards, Town Attorney; Betsy Boykin, Town Manager.

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

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2001 and Special Meeting of January 30, 2001 were approved with two corrections.

A Public Hearing was held to consider a request by Gelacio Cesneros for a Special Use Permit for a Game Room on West Nash Street, Tax Parcel # 276905197282. This has already been approved by the Spring Hope Planning Board . With no opposition, the public hearing was closed and the board reentered back to the regular meeting. Commissioner Bissett made a motion to approved the Special Use Permit for a Game Room with operating hours being from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m .everyday. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

Leo Green III presented the bids that were opened on February 6, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. for the Ash Street Revitalization CDBG Project. Bids were as following:

- 1. Barnhill Construction Company-\$ 271,212.90
- 2. Billy D. Johnson Contractor- \$ 303,105.45
- 3. Hosack Enterprises- \$ 221,420.50
- 4. Owens Construction Co.- \$ 217,800.00

Commissioner Clark made a motion to award the contract to Owens Construction Company (lowest bidder). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bissett and passed unanimously.

A request was presented by Commissioner Mills for grave digging for the Town of Spring Hope Cemeteries. Commissioner Mills made a motion to advertise by seal bids for the opening and closing of graves. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brantley and passed unanimously.

A request came from James Gwaltney III , President of J F G Electric, Inc. at 212 Elm Street to rent the old fire station. Commissioner Clark stated that we ask Commissioner Brantley or maybe two others to get together for a reasonable figure and then have the attorney draw up a lease or rental agreement to the terms. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bissett and passed

Board would like to use the vacant railroad office as a conference room. Commissioner Bissett made a motion to let the library board use the office space for a conference room until the time the roof is repaired. Commissioner Purkerson seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to give the town attorney permission to draft a letter for unpaid real estate property taxes and signed by him as town attorney. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Attorney Mark Edwards stated that the town had not received any money from the invoice that was sent to the railroad company. After some discussion, Commissioner Brantley made a motion that we notify them by letter of the past due invoice and that if they did not respond in time, the next step is to sue the railroad company. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clark and passed unanimously.

Bobby Browder and Bobby Williams, residents of the Kenliworth Subdivision wanted to know why the town gave a zoning permit to Clay Strickland to build a house in that subdivision when the lot was not large enough to build a house in proportion to the other houses. Mayor Best stated that he issue him a permit with the town set backs and the developer was responsible for the size of the house.

Commissioner Clark stated that she would like to have a retreat at her home. Mayor Best stated that it will have to be postponed until a later date.

Commissioner Clark stated that the condition of the Community Building was in terrible shape. She contacted Shelton Mills about replacing two windows at the community building at a cost of \$ 650.00. Commissioner Clark made a motion to hire Shelton Mills to install two (2) windows for a cost of \$ 650.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bissett and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Clark asked the board if she could have at least \$ 100.00 to get some cleaning supplies for the community building. Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to give \$ 200.00 instead. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Betsy Boykin was appointed town manager at the meeting of January 9, 2001. She had submitted her resignation by letter a few days later because she felt like she did not have the full support of the board. After some discussion, the board declined to accept her resignation and urged her to continue as town manager.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Clyde Best, Mayor

Submitted by:
Betsy Boykin
Betsy Boykin
Town Manager

Special Meeting
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
held in
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Room
February 21, 2001
8:00 a.m.

Members present: Mayor Clyde Best, Commissioners Dan Bissett, Earl Purkerson, Bobby Brantley and Commissioner Marion Clark. Commissioner Stephon Mills was absent.

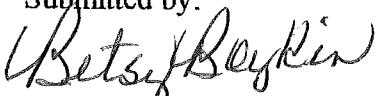
Also, attending: Ken Ripley, Spring Hope Enterprise; Betsy Boykin, Town Manager; and Patsy King with the Upper Coastal Plain of Governments.

The purpose of this meeting was to decide if the town would proceed with a grant application to run a water line to Nashville and purchase water from Rocky Mount. After hearing from some citizens complaining about the discoloration of water they thought the town needed to start replacing some water lines to make the water quality the first priority, Commissioner Bissett made a motion not to proceed with the project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clark and passed 3 to 1, with Commissioner Brantley opposed.

Meeting adjourned.

Attest

Clyde Best, Mayor

Submitted by:

Betsy Boykin
Town Manager

Regular Meeting
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
held in the
Board of Commissioners Meeting Room
March 13, 2001
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Pro Tem Dan Bissett, Commissioners Bobby Brantley, Earl Purkerson, Marion Clark and Stephon Mills. Mayor Clyde Best was absent.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Bissett presided and Commissioner Purkerson opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2001 and the Special Meeting of February 21, 2001 were approved as submitted.

Eric Britson, citizen on 328 East Branch Street was complaining of loud noise of music and stating that the police department was not responding to his call. Commissioner Mills stated that he wanted a written statement why they did not respond to the call. It was stated that we need to look at the ordinance and see what we have concerning that matter.

Delores Burnette was present to discuss the fence that is down at her car wash on West Nash Street. She wanted to know if she had to put a fence back up or could she plant some shrubbery. Ken Ripley stated that a permit was issue with fencing and that we needed to comply with the permit. Mayor Pro Tem Bissett stated that we needed to talk to the people next door and work out something and get back with the board. Mark Edwards stated that you could through the process of changing through a Special Use Permit.

Sealed bids of grave fees were opened by Mayor Pro Tem Bissett. They were as follows:

Clint Hedgepeth for \$ 300.00

Otto Bass for \$ 350.00

Commissioner Clark stated that she had been told that if he could not dig graves he would not do any other backhoe work for the town. James Gwaltney stated that he would furnish a backhoe and operator day or night at \$ 45.00 per hour. Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to study further to find somebody and make sure graves are laid off right. This was tabled until the next meeting. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion, with Commissioner Mills opposed, and Commissioner Brantley, no vote(yes vote).

Commissioner Mills made a motion to pass a Resolution Authorizing Establishment of an Ordinance, Levying Tax on Gross Receipts Derived From Retail Short-Term Lease or Rental of Motor Vehicles. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Purkerson and passed unanimously.

A Budget Workshop was scheduled to be held on Thursday, March 22, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. in the Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Room.

Commissioner Brantley stated that we needed to resolve some rental fees for the town property by the Adelphia Cablevision Company, Strickland Industries and the Spring Hope Cleaners and Laundry. Commissioner Brantley requested that the town attorney draft a rental agreement and make the owner aware that rent would be charged for this service. Commissioner Mills seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mark Edwards, Town Attorney had draft a rental agreement for James Gwaltney III, President of J F G Electric, Inc. at 212 Elm Street for the old fire station. Commissioner Clark made a motion to rent the building to him based on the terms of the agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Purkerson and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to contract Fields and Cooper law firm to write and send out tax letters to all unpaid real estate taxpayers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to send a letter to the Nash County Railroad from the town attorney, requesting removal of the cars under the zoning ordinance. Commissioner Mills seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

George Meeks Jr. stated that he had asked Skeet Joyner with Appian Engineering to get a cost estimates for the proposed 4" water line starting at Pine Street.

Commissioner Purkerson stated that the American Legion wanted to install an American Flag and Flagpole at the cemetery. They were asked if they would do it for both cemeteries.

Commissioner Clark stated that the Lions Club had gave her some money to get some material for the Community Building. She stated that she had contact Commissioner Bissett and Mayor Best for their permission for the painter to finish painting for \$ 400.00. She stated that the Senior Citizens had donated \$ 400.00 earmarked to paint the woodwork in the meeting room and kitchen if the town furnishes the paint. Commissioner Clark stated that she order three windows instead of the two windows she previously had stated.

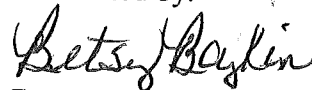
Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into closed session pursuant to NC General Statues, Section 143-318.11 (a) to consult with our attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege to discuss legal matter between the Town and Nash County Railroad, seconded by Commissioner Clark and passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to give the railroad two weeks to pay the back rent and if the town does not receive the payment by then, proceed with the lawsuit against the Nash County Railroad. Commissioner Purkerson seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:



Betsy Boykin
Town Manager

Attest:

Dan Bissett
Mayor Pro Tem

Regular Meeting
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
held in the
Board of Commissioners Meeting Room
April 10, 2001
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Clyde Best, Commissioners Dan Bissett, Bobby Brantley, Earl Purkerson, Marion Clark and Stephon Mills.

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

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

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 13, 2001 were approved as submitted.

As previously discussed at the last meeting , Mayor Best stated that Delores Burnette could make a request for a Special Use Permit to plant shrubbery at her car wash instead of installing another six (6) foot fence.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to continue with Otto Bass with laying off and opening graves at the Oakdale and Meeks Cemetery, and also other backhoe work as needed by the town. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion, passed 3 to 2 vote, Commissioner Mills and Commissioner Brantley opposed. Dwight Joyner stated he would help in anyway if the need arise.

There was correction to the minutes to the last month meeting to add \$ 400.00 in the rental agreement for JFG Electric Inc. Commissioner Bissett made a motion to add the amount to the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Purkerson and passed unanimously.

A Budget Workshop was set for Thursday, April 19, 2001 at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to approved some budget adjustments for fiscal year 2000-2001: Appropriate \$ 5,475.00 to offset expense 10-5000-1600 Disaster Floyd and \$ 3,000.00 to adjust excess expense 10-5000-1300-Utilities To offset the increase in the Building Account Budget- decrease the Sanitation appropriation 10-5800-4500-Contracted Services-\$ 8,475.00 Recreation Account 10-6200-1500 appropriated amount increased \$ 500.00 to offset excess expenditures. Street Account-10-5600-5700-Misc. Christmas-decreased \$ 500.00- Recreation expense

	Increase	Decrease
10-5000-1300	\$ 3,000.00	
10-5000-1600	\$ 5,475.00	
10-5800-4500		\$ 8,475.00
10-6200-1500	\$ 500.00	
10-5600-5700		\$ 500.00
	\$ 8,975.00	\$ 8,975.00

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bissett and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to adopt a proclamation as May 3, 2001 as "A DAY OF PRAYER IN SPRING HOPE". The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

On March 27, 2001, a meeting was held between the Town of Spring Hope officials and Tim Newcombe regarding the paving of Rosin Hill Lane. Present were Mayor Clyde Best, Betsy Boykin, Town Manager, Leo Green, town engineer, David Harris, CDBG Project Manager and Jenny Alford, representing Dwight Joyner and Tim Newcombe. After discussion of an agreement reached between Mr. Newcombe and the Town several years ago regarding Rosin Hill Lane, Mr. Newcombe dedicated a 40 foot right of way to the Town of Spring Hope. He also stated that he will provide a utility easement to the Town for the 12.5' strip identified as a drive way due to existing sewer and water lines that are owned and maintained by the town. The town will construct a .12 foot wide paved strip within the right of way from Poplar Street to the end, remove the existing stone from the driveway, fill, level and seed the area with grass. Curbing would be installed at the existing driveway entrance. The town would perform the work as part of the street construction work on the Ash Street CDBG project. Mayor Best stated that if Dwight Joyner wanted anything else done that he would have to get an estimate from a firm and bring back to the board to get the board approval. Commissioner Purkerson made a motion that we accept and approve the right of way dedication and change order for the construction work regarding Rosin Hill Lane. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Purkerson made a motion that the town authorize payments for relocation of Olga Williams at 309 South Ash Street for the 1999 CDBG-CN program at no cost to the town. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clark and passed unanimously.

After some discussion about replacing water and sewer lines, Commissioner Bissett made a motion authorizing Commissioner Brantley to proceed with getting a loan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clark and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion that Skeet Joyner with Appian Engineering proceed with the plan for the sewer line from Pine Street to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Purkerson and passed unanimously.


The Spring Hope Volunteer Fire Department needed the approval from the Town of Spring Hope to approve a tax exempt loan of \$ 50,000 to purchase a fire truck. It had already been approved by the Nash County Commissioners. Commissioner Brantley made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Commissioner Bissett and passed unanimously.

Mayor Best received a letter from David Harris, project manager with RSM Harris Associates, Inc. stating that he had been notified by the City of Rocky Mount that the Work write-ups that he prepared for the HOME Program must be re-written to be identical to the City of Rocky Mount Housing Rehabilitation Specifications. To "reinvent" a system that he had been using he felt like it would be almost impossible for him at this point, therefore he thought it would be appropriate for the town to request that Rocky Mount perform all the rehabilitation work .

Commissioner Mills made a motion to advertise the 2000 unpaid real estate taxes, seconded by Commissioner Bissett and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Submitted by:

Betsy Boykin
Town Manager

Clyde Best
Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SPRING HOPE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD IN
SPRING HOPE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
MAY 8, 2001
7:00 P.M.

Members present: Mayor Clyde Best, Commissioners Bobby Brantley, Stephon Mills and Marion Clark. Commissioners Earl Purkerson and Commissioner Dan Bissett was absent.

Also present: Ken Ripley, Spring Hope Enterprise, and Betsy Boykin, Town Manager.

Mayor Best presided and opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 10, 2001 were approved with corrections.

A Public Hearing was held on the closeout on 1998 Community Development Block grant Program known as the Urgent Needs Water Improvements Project. David Harris was present to discuss the closeout of the project. He stated that all funds have been expended out of the grant, any repairs that needed to be done would come out of The Rural Center Grant. Mr. Harris stated that the Contractor, and the Engineer could get with the Public Works Director, George Meeks Jr. to determine if anything could be done to get more G.P.M. from that well on Old Spring Hope Road. The Public Hearing was closed.

A Public Hearing on a Rezoning Request for 2.46 Acres Identified As Outparcel 5 on Plat Book 24, Page 375, Tax ID# 2860184220369 From General Business(GB) To Residential Multi-Family (R-MF). A rezoning request came from Southland Partners to rezone 2.46 acres on Dodd Street from GB to R-MF. The Spring Hope Planning Board had recommended this parcel of land be rezoned. Tom Honeycutt, manager of Southland Partners stated that his company had gotten a federal grant for low income elderly housing. He stated his company wanted to change the project from low income housing to apartments suitable for the low income people 62 years or older or handicap similar to those in the Greentree Village. He stated that plans would have to be changed and an application resubmitted. With Commissioner Purkerson and Bissett, being absent the request was delay until further applications and plans were submitted and brought back to the Town Manager before the deadline of June 30, 2001. Mr. Honeycutt stated that it would be September 2002 before the ground breaking. The Public Hearing was closed.

A Budget Workshop was scheduled for May 22, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Best stated that he had talked to George Meeks Jr. about the well at Montgomery Street. He had talked with Peirson Pump Company from Goldsboro about a study at that well. He stated that the pump was only pumping 50 gallons per minutes, and the filter was not functioning. He could repair it by capping it off or pull the pump out. This would be funded from the Rural Center.

The approval of demolition of 309 Ash Street was tabled until next month because the information was not submitted in time for the agenda. David Harris was not aware of the time limit and stated that it could be taken care of at the next month meeting.

Commissioner Mills stated that he thought all bids were based on the lowest proposal received. (Referring back to another situation) Mayor Best stated that they generally accept the low bid unless there was a good reason.

Attorney Mark Edwards stated that the street which the Newcomb Family Limited Partnership has dedicated and the town is accepting, which is named Rosin Hill Lane had not been recorded yet. He also stated that the railroad company would move the rail cars from the downtown area. Mayor Best stated that Betsy had received a call from Ronnie McKenzie in the behalf of the Gulf & Ohio Railways that they were willing to pay two(2) years back rent which was not acceptable. The town attorney was instructed to proceed with a letter and go back with a offer, amount to be discuss at the executive session.

Commissioner Mills requested that the town manager get with Chief Lamm to specify each call what happen and what had been done and report that on the log sheet. Also he wanted George Meeks to state how he maintain the hours of his men.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to approved a Resolution by The Governing Body of Applicant to construct a wastewater collection system project by replacing a sewer line from North Carolina Clean Water Revolving Loan and Grant act of 1987. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

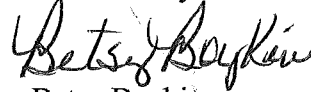
Commissioner Brantley made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NC G.S. Section 143-318.11(a) to consult with our attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between our attorney and this body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

After a decision was made, Commissioner Brantley made a motion to close the executive session and enter back to the regular meeting.

After discussion , Commissioner Mills made a motion to let the town attorney handle the unpaid rent on the depot by sending a letter first, back up with a phone call to the Nash County Railroad.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:



Betsy Boykin

Town Manager

Attest:

Clyde Best, Mayor

Regular Meeting
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
held in the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Room
June 12, 2001
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Clyde Best, Commissioners Earl Purkerson, Marion Clark, Bobby Brantley, Stephon Mills and Dan Bissett.

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

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

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2001 were approved after corrections.

A Public Hearing on the fiscal Year 2001-2002 Proposed Budget was held. There were approximately 40 to 45 citizens present with approximately 12 citizens who spoke out about the concerns of the police department. Mayor Best stated that the board would take into consideration what has been said before the budget is adopted by July 1, 2001. After no more discussion, the Public Hearing was closed.

Ron Barnes with RSM Harris Associates, Inc. was present to get the board approval of some work that was part of the 1999 CDBG-UN Program.

1. Approval of Asbestos Abatement of 301 Ash Street/Thurman Crudup -D. L. Restoration-\$ 850.00
2. Demolition of 301 Ash Street-B. Crudup- Joyner's Outdoor Maintenance-\$ 6,500.00
3. Asbestos Abatement of 309 Ash Street-Olga Williams-D. L. Restoration-\$1,650.00
4. Demolition of 309 Ash Street-Olga Williams-H. B. Bradshaw, Inc.- \$ 7,500.00

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to accept the low bids as presented, seconded by Commissioner Purkerson and passed unanimously.

There were several expired terms for the Town of Spring Hope Boards appointments. Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to reappoint all members with the exception of Rudy Gurule who has moved out of town. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bissett and passed unanimously.

Since Sergeant Jerome Howard was retiring, Commissioner Bissett made a motion to let Jerome buy his gun that he had been using for \$ 1.00 after all permits are issue. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Purkerson and passed unanimously.

Special Meeting
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
June 26, 2001
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Clyde Best, Commissioners Dan Bissett, Bobby Brantley, Marion Clark , Stephon Mills and Earl Purkerson.

There were approximately 40 to 45 citizens present.

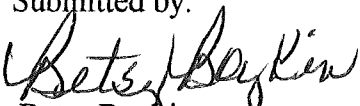
The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Rules of the Manager-Council Form of Government, Public Concerns about the Police Department and the Adoption of the 2001-2001 Budget.

John Phelps , attorney with the North Carolina League of Municipalities was present to discuss the Rules of the Manager-Council Form of Government.

Ivy Gawlik , a citizen of Spring Hope spoke on the Public Concerns of the Police Department.

Commissioner Mills made a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Budget with the tax rate of \$.70 per \$ 100 per valuation , seconded by Commissioner Brantley and passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Betsy Boykin
Town Manager

Attest:

Clyde Best, Mayor

Special Meeting
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
June 14, 2001
6:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Clyde Best, Commissioners Earl Purkerson, Bobby Brantley, Marion Clark and Stephon Mills. Commissioner Dan Bissett was absent.

There was several citizens present and Mayor Best presided over the meeting.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to adopt the Budget for Fiscal Year 2001-2002, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Betsy Boykin

Betsy Boykin
Town Manager

Attest :

Clyde Best, Mayor

Budget Workshop
held in the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting Room
June 13, 2001
6:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Pro-tem Dan Bissett, Commissioners Earl Purkerson, Marion Clark, Bobby Brantley, Stephon Mills. Mayor Clyde Best was absent.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bissett presided over the meeting.

Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to enter into a closed session pursuant to NC G.S. Sections 143.318(9)(3) & 6 to consider a personnel matter, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

After discussion, Commissioner Mills made a motion to closed the session and go back to the workshop, seconded by Commissioner Purkerson and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to accept the salary rates that he had proposed, based on performance, seconded by Commissioner Mills, passed 3 to 1 with Commissioner Clark opposed.

Commissioner Mills made a motion to close the meeting and enter back into a closed session pursuant to NC G.S. Sections 143.318(9)(3) & 6 to consider a personnel matter, seconded by Commissioner Purkerson and passed unanimously.

After some discussion, Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to close the execution session and enter back into the special meeting, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mills made a motion to give the town manager, Betsy Boykin a 2.5% raise, seconded by Commissioner Purkerson and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned until Thursday, June 14, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by:
Betsy Boykin
Betsy Boykin
Town Manager

Attest:

Dan Bissett, Mayor Pro-Tem

Mark Edward, Town Attorney stated that an amount of \$ 4,850.00 from the Nash County Railroad for rental had been settle and agreed upon by the town. (half of the amount that the town asked for)

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Commissioner Bissett made a motion to authorize the town attorney to draft a resolution to add to the ordinance to eliminate box cars, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to give Communities in Schools permission to apply for a grant to hired 2 VISTA employees with no cost to the town, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

The Board appointed the town manager to attend the Tar Pamilco Basin Association meetings.

George Meeks Jr. stated that the town will be flushing hydrants on June 15 and June 16, 2001 from 12:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.

There will be a public auction for the sale of surplus property on June 22, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Public Works Building.

In a letter dated May 25, 2001, Jerome Howard stated that he will be retiring from the Town of Spring Hope Police Department as of June 30, 2001. Also, Aaron J. Denton resigned as of June 8, 2001 and Eddie Moore resigned as of June 30, 2001

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Betsy Boykin

Betsy Boykin
Town Manager

Attest:

Clyde Best, Mayor

**TOWN OF SPRING HOPE
BUDGET ORDINANCE
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002**

Be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Spring Hope, North Carolina meeting in a Special Meeting this 26th day of June, 2001, that the following expenditures together with certain restrictions and authorizations are adopted.

SECTION I. SUMMARY

Revenues

General Fund	\$ 913,257
Water and Sewer Fund	402,285
Total Revenues	\$ 1,315,542

Expenditures

General Fund

Governing Board	\$ 3,900
Administration	172,795
Building	40,300
Police Department	260,665
Fire Department	24,250
Streets	86,035
Powell Bill	48,000
Sanitation	143,937
Recreation	8,600
Library	4,500
Cemetery	37,775
Historical Museum	500
Contingency	30,000
Total General Fund	861,257
 Water and Sewer Fund	 \$ 402,285
 CDBG	 \$ 52,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,315,542

TOWN OF SPRING HOPE
OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCE
FISCAL YEAR

Pursuant to G.S. 159-17, be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Spring Hope that: (1) Departmental expenditures for the Fiscal Year shall not exceed the estimated departmental totals depicted on the attached Budget Summary, the total being \$ 1,315,542 and (2) Revenues for the 2001-2002 Fiscal Year shall equal total expenditures; and (3) Revenues from the Ad Valorem property tax shall be levied in the amount of \$.70 per \$100 evaluation.

Adopted this the 26th day of June, 2001.

Regular Meeting
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
held in the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Room
July 10, 2001
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Clyde Best, Commissioners Earl Purkerson, Bobby Brantley, Stephon Mills and Marion Clark. Commissioner Dan Bissett was absent.

Before the meeting, a retirement reception was held in the Spring Hope Community Building at 6:00 p.m. in honor of Sergeant Jerome Howard who retired June 30, 2001.

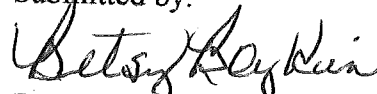
There were several citizens present. Mayor Best presided and Commissioner Purkerson opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2001 were approved with one correction and the Budget Meeting of June 13, 2001, June 14, 2001 and June 26, 2001 were approved as submitted.

Mayor Best presented a plaque to Jerome Howard for the years of service and dedication to the Town of Spring Hope and also to Wayne Lamm who will be resigning as Police Chief for the Town of Spring Hope for the years of service and dedication to the town.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:


Betsy Boykin
Town Manager

Attest:

Clyde Best, Mayor

Regular Meeting
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
held in
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Room
August 14, 2001
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Pro Tem Dan Bissett, Commissioner Bobby Brantley, Marion Clark, Stephon Mills and Earl Purkerson. Mayor Clyde Best was absent.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Bissett presided in the absent of the mayor.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 10, 2001 were approved by Commissioner Purkerson and seconded by Commissioner Clark and passed unanimously.

David Harris with RSM Harris Associates, Inc. gave an update on the 1999 CDBG project. The State had granted the town request for a five-month extension to complete the grant activities. He stated that the town did not receive the total funding at the time of the initial award of the grant and that full funding did not occur until five months after the initial award. He stated that there was \$ 220,000 unexpended that we can use for water and sewer needs, street drainage and houses. He stated a Public Hearing will need to be held at the next regular meeting

Ricky Tucker was requesting the town to closed a proposed street, known as Gray Street which is beside of his house he owns. He wanted to know what procedure he would have to go through with to have the street close. Mark Edwards, town attorney stated that a Public Hearing would have to be held.

Pat Cooper that resides on Branch Street requested to have a tree topped or cut down. It was requested to contact someone with a bucket truck to remove those limbs or trees.

Ivy Gawlik asks the board to amend the town charter to permit recall elections. She stated a recall procedure should be available to remove a commissioner who continues to break the rules. Mayor Pro Tem Bissett asked Commissioner Clark to study the request and present a proposed charter amendment to the board in September for consideration

Commissioner Brantley had a proposal from Lodal South, Inc. in Rockingham NC on a 28-yd side-loader demo. The regular price listed is \$ 159,518, but our price less the demo discount of \$8,000 will be \$ 151,518, with one year warranty and equipped with a 275-HP Caterpillar engine and Allimon MD-3560 transmission. No action was taken on the proposal, pending more information on the cost of financing a new truck.

Stephon Mills stated that he wanted a statement about putting up bids, taking lowest bid instead of who bid.

Tim Denton, Chief of Police as of August 1, 2001 stated that he had hired David Rose from the Nash County Sheriff Department, Terry Greene, officer from Barton College in Wilson. Also, he was doing a back ground check on another candidate.

Mark Edwards, Attorney stated that Mr. Newcombe had sign the documents to go ahead with paving Rosin Hill Street.

Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to give American Legion permission to install a flagpole in the Oakdale Cemetery, seconded by Commissioner Clark and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Clark stated that the old church on Ash Street needed to be condemned. It was stated that research needed to be done to see who owns the property.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into an executive session to discuss personnel, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

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

Betsy Boykin, town manager presented her letter of resignation as town manager. She stated she wanted to keep her position of town clerk. She agrees to stay as interim manager until someone is hired. Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to accept her resignation as town manager, seconded by Commissioner Mills, and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mills made a motion to have a five-officer police department instead of six officers, seconded by Commissioner Brantley, passed, with Commissioner Clark opposed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Betsy Boykin

Betsy Boykin
Town Manager

Attest:

Dan Bissett, Mayor Pro-Tem

Special Meeting
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
September 4, 2001
6:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Clyde Best, Commissioners Earl Purkerson, Bobby Brantley, Stephon Mills, Earl Purkerson and Marion Clark.

A Special Emergency Meeting was called by Mayor Clyde Best to discuss purchasing a garbage truck. The deadline for purchasing this truck from Lodal South would not be available after Thursday.


Commissioner Bissett stated that he had talked with someone from Lodal South about a used garbage truck @ a price of \$ 45,000.00.

Commissioner Mills stated that he had looked into purchasing a truck from Raleigh, 28 cubic yd with 25 cubic compact, with rear loader for \$ 116,504.00.

Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to purchase the garbage truck with a financial plan that Commissioner Brantley could come up with from Southern Truck Services, seconded by Commissioner Brantley and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to adjourned, seconded by Commissioner Purkerson and passed unanimously.

Submitted by:



Betsy Boykin
Town Manager

Attest:

Clyde Best, Mayor

Regular Meeting
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
held in
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Room
September 11, 2001
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Clyde Best, Commissioners Earl Purkerson, Marion Clark, Bobby Brantley and Stephon Mills. Commissioner Dan Bissett was absent.

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

Mayor Best presided and opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 14, 2001 were approved as submitted with an added statement by Commissioner Mills stating that we need to consider the lower bids on contract work.

A Public Hearing was held to discuss a Program Amendment and Closeout of the 1999 CDBG Project. David Harris with RSM Harris Associates stated that he recommend the following water and sewer improvements be included in the Amendment:

- (1) Replace large collector sewer line between Pine Street and NC 581 with 1,250 linear feet of 15' sanitary sewer line.
- (2) Replace substandard water line on Wilkins Street between Gum Avenue and West Branch Street with 1,200 linear feet of 6" water line.
- (3) Replace substandard water line on Third Street between Second Street and Wilders Drive with 1,600 linear feet of 6" water line.

The total cost of the improvements is over \$ 240,000, but funds are available within the CDBG Project Budget. The Project Budget will need to be amended as follows: the CDBG remains at \$ 718,000 and the local contribution remains at \$ 52,000.

After discussion, the public hearing was closed and enter back to the regular meeting.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to authorize the submittal of the Program Amendment and approve the amended budget subject to approval by the Division of Community Assistance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Purkerson and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to adopt a resolution of intent to close a proposed street known as Gray Street. Commissioner Purkerson seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Clark stated that she had contact the town attorney about the procedures of a recall elected official. The attorney stated in his letter that if the board wants to adopt a recall procedure it will have to ask the town's local delegation to sponsor a bill before the North Carolina Legislature, following other procedures. No action was taken, and was tabled until further study.

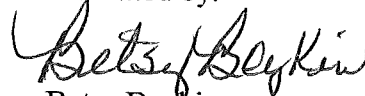
Commissioner Clark stated that we needed more tables and chairs in the Community Building and asked if there was money in the budget to purchase some.

There being no further business, Commissioner Brantley made a motion to closed the regular meeting and go into executive session to discuss personnel matter, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

After some discussion, the executive session was closed and re-enter into regular session.

Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to adjourned, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

Submitted by:



Betsy Boykin
Town Manager

Attest:

Clyde Best, Mayor

Regular Meeting
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
held in
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting Room
October 30, 2001
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Clyde Best, Commissioners Dan Bissett, Marion Clark, Earl Purkerson Stephon Mills. Commissioner Bobby Brantley was absent.

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

Mayor Best presided and Commissioner Purkerson opened with a prayer.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2001 and the Special Meeting of September 4, 2001 were approved as submitted.

The Regular Meeting of October 9, 2001 and October 16, 2001 was cancel due to a lack of a quorum.

An agreement drawn up by Terry Alford, attorney on behalf of William and Deborah Brantley concerning rental of land adjoining 101 South Pine Street formerly owned as Spring Hope Cleaners. A portion of the building was owned by the Town of Spring Hope. Mr. Brantley has remove the building that was adjoining the Spring Hope Cleaners. Mayor Best ask the town attorney to check into the agreement.

The recommendation of the bids for Ed Braswell and Sons Inc. concerning the Pine Street Sewer Project for approval was postponed until the next board meeting, waiting final award of funding on November 15, 2001. The Regular Meeting was postponed until November 15, 2001 waiting for final information.

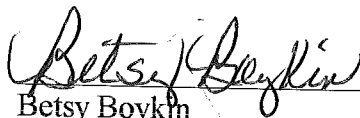
Commissioner Clark suggested that we ask the state legislative for recall elected official for the right to add provision to the town charter allowing recall elections of town officials. She suggested the recall be taken off the table and put on for discussion. Commissioner Purkerson made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Bissett and passed 3 to 1, Commissioner Mills opposed, stating he did not see the need for recall elections. Commissioner Clark made a motion to endorse the provision of recall elected official and amend the town charter to allow recall. Commissioner Bissett seconded, passed 3 to 1 to take it to the legislative.

Sherri Pinner , citizen of the town spoke on recall elected officials, closed meeting that was held and the police pay.

The property of the intersection of Ash Street and Pine Street where a abandoned Primitive Baptist Church now stands has been searched out and the property belongs to the town. The demolition cost would be paid through the Community Development Block Grant.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:


Betsy Boykin
Town Manager

Attest:

Clyde Best, Mayor

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN
COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SPRING HOPE TO AMEND
THE TOWN'S CHARTER TO PROVIDE FOR THE
RECALL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

WHEREAS, some citizens of Spring Hope have questioned whether the Town of Spring Hope has a recall of elected officials procedure and expressed an interest to have a recall procedure, and

WHEREAS, the town council has considered the request and determined that it would be in the public interest to adopt a recall procedure.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the town council of the Town of Spring Hope that it shall seek to have the town's charter amended to provide for the recall of elected officials.

Adopted the 30th day of October, 2001.

Betsy Boykin
Town Clerk



Regular Meeting
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
held in
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Room
November 13, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.
November 15, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Clyde Best, Commissioners Marion Clark, Earl Purkerson and Stephon Mills. Commissioner Bobby Brantley and Commissioner Dan Bissett was absent.

A Public Hearing on closing proposed Gray Street was scheduled for tonight but was postponed until next month's meeting, due to letters that had not been sent to property owners.

The meeting was recessed until Thursday night at 6:00 p.m.

On November 15, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. members present were Mayor Clyde Best, Commissioner Stephon Mills, Marion Clark and Earl Purkerson. Commissioner Dan Bissett and Bobby Brantley was absent.

Mayor Best presided and opened the meeting. He stated that the town had been awarded a grant of \$ 201,000 today for Pine Street Sewer Project from the Clean Water Management Fund.

Also, attending: Ken Ripley, Spring Hope Enterprise; John Ross, Nashville Graphic; Mark Edwards, Town Attorney; Mayor Elect, Buddy Gwaltney and Commissioner Elect, Wayne Barrett.

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 30, 2001 were approved as submitted.

Commissioner Mills made a motion to award the contract to Ed Braswell & Son, Inc. for the Pine Street Sewer Project for the amount of \$ 156,602, seconded by Commissioner Clark and passed unanimously.

David Harris with RSM Harris Associates stated that there were funds left on the Ash Street project for water and sewer lines on Wilkins Street and between Third Street and Wilder Drive and also for a portion of Railroad Street.

Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to adopt a resolution to continue with the Down East Home Consortium for the term July 2, 2001 to June 30, 2001, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Clark recommended that the town needed to have absentee voting in town elections. The town board asked the town attorney to draft a resolution to allow absentee voting, which needed to be ~~passed~~ ^{inform} by the State Board of Election. *correct inform St Bd of Elections*

The bids for the demolition on Ash Street were H B Bradshaw from Fremont, in the amount of \$ 4,800; Joyner Outdoor Maintenance of Spring Hope for \$ 8,200.00 and Phillip & Sons of Rocky Mount for \$ 10,500. Commissioner Clark made a motion to accept the low bid of \$ 4,800 to H B Bradshaw, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:
Betsy Boykin
Betsy Boykin
Town Manager

Attest:

Clyde Best, Mayor

Regular Meeting
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
held in
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Room
December 14, 2001
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Commissioner Earl Purkerson, Marion Clark, Stephon Mills and Bobby Brantley. In the absence of Mayor Clyde Best and Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Bissett, Commissioner Purkerson presided and opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2001 and November 15, 2001 were approved after a correction was made "The town board asked the town attorney to draft a resolution to allow absentee voting, which we needed to inform the State Board of Election and not passed by the State Board of Election as stated."

A Public Hearing was held on closing Proposed Gray Street as requested by George Ricky Tucker. All the proper procedures were follow, and no surrounding landowners object. The Public Hearing was closed and enter back to the regular session. Commissioner Brantley made a motion to close proposed Gray Street, seconded by Commissioner Clark and passed unanimously.

A Public Hearing was held regarding the closeout of the 1999 Community Development Block grant Program. David Harris, project manager gave a review of the program accomplishments and expenditures on the project. There were approximately \$ 112,000 remaining in the current CDBG project. By not having to fund the Pine Street Project(that is being funded by Clean Water Management Trust Fund) the funds from the 1999 project could use to remaining funds to install water and sewer lines on Railroad Street, with the town to contribute approximately \$ 36,000 in local funds in additional to the \$ 52,000 already budget for this year. The Public Hearing was closed. Commissioner Brantley made a motion to approve the project as outline and the adjust the line item to \$ 88,000 to the CDBG. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clark and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to adopt a resolution of the town council of the Town of Spring Hope Permitting Absentee Voting, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to make some budget adjustments as follows:

From: Police Dept.-	10-5100-0200.....	\$ 21,500.00
To: Sanitation-	10-5800-7200.....	\$ 21,500.00
From: Streets-	10-5600-8000.....	\$ 10,000.00
	10-5600-8100.....	\$ 6,000.00

To: Sanitation- 10-5800-7200-----\$ 16,000.00

Commissioner Mills seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Senator Swindel administered the oath of office to Mayor Elect James "Buddy" Gwaltney, Commissioners Elect, Wayne Barrett, Earl Purkerson and Marion Clark.

Commissioner Brantley suggested that we comply with the laws of the council-manager form of government.

Commissioner Clark stated she had contacted two applicants as interim town manager. She wanted to interview these two applicants until we could advertise and hired a town manager. Commissioner Mills asked permission from the board to write a job description and to form a committee and then bring it back to the board for approval.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to contact Mr. Arthur "Buck" Kennedy from the Wooten and Company and ask him to attend the next board meeting to discuss problem with the Wastewater treatment Plant and water lines. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Purkerson and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brantley has presented a plan to pay off the Water and Sewer Bond Debt.

Commissioner Purkerson made a motion to adopt a resolution requesting the release of its share of \$ 198.98 to the Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments in accordance with the provisions of NC Senate Bill 1005, section 20.12 of the 2001 Session Laws, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mills made a motion to change laying , opening and closing graves to Clinton Hedgepeth of Spring Hope , services held by Otto Bass for several years. He stated it was the town policy to go with the low bidder which Hedgepeth did , but the award was given to Otto Bass because he did other work for the town. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barrett , 3 to 2 ,opposed by Commissioner Purkerson and Commissioner Clark.

Due to the Mayor and Commissioner Barrett was scheduled to go to newly elected official school , the next town board meeting will be held January 10, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business , the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By: *Betsy Boykin*
Betsy Boykin
Town Manager

Attest:

James W. Gwaltney
James W. Gwaltney, Mayor

**RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE
DOWN EAST HOME CONSORTIUM**

WHEREAS, the Down East Home Consortium is a participating jurisdiction eligible to receive Home Investment Partnership Act funds(HOME funds) from the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the Down East Home Consortium is made up of municipalities from both Nash and Edgecombe Counties, with the City of Rocky Mount as the lead entity responsible for the administration of the program; and

WHEREAS, the HOME program is aimed at providing decent, safe and affordable housing for low-income families with eligible activities specified in 24 CFR Part 92; and

WHEREAS, Spring Hope wishes to participate in the HOME program as a member of the Down East HOME Consortium and make available its benefits to our constituents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Spring Hope officially makes known its election to participate as a member of the Down East HOME Consortium for the term to begin on July 2, 2001 and to end June 30, 2007.

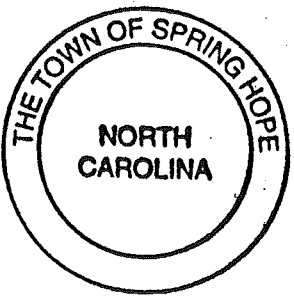
Adopted by unanimous acclamation this, the 15th day of November 2001.

Clyde Best
Mayor

Attest:

Betsy Boykin

SEAL



A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF SPRING HOPE PERMITTING ABSENTEE VOTING

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Spring Hope hereby determines that it is in the public interest to permit absentee voting in its municipal elections conducted by the county board of elections;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Spring Hope that absentee voting be permitted in its municipal elections conducted by the county board elections.

Adopted this 14th day of December, 2001.

