

**MINUTES OF THE WHITSETT TOWN COUNCIL**  
**August 13, 2019**  
**Whitsett Town Hall Building**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing was held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at the Whitsett Town Hall. The following members of the Town Council were present: Mayor Richard Fennell, Mayor Pro Tem Andy Brown, Council Members Jerry Rice, Cindy Wheeler, and Lee Greeson.

Also present were Town Administrator Ken Jacobs, *The Alamance News* reporter Tomas Murawski, and three town residents. Absent was Planning Board Chairman Bob Maccia.

Mayor Richard Fennell asked Council Member Jerry Rice to offer the invocation. Mayor Fennell then asked for a motion to officially open the August public hearing. A motion was made by Council Member Lee Greeson to open the hearing; motion seconded by Council Member Jerry Rice. Following the unanimous vote, Mayor Fennell declared the hearing in session.

Mayor Fennell stated that the item open for discussion and public comment during the hearing would be a Town-requested rezoning of 4.648 acres at 491 Brightwood Church Road from Public and Institutional (PI) to Residential RS-40.

Preview copies of the relative documentation were available for the public after publication of the hearing notice in a newspaper of general circulation, as well as at the hearing.

**1. Proposed Rezoning from PI to RS-40**

The basis for the parcel rezoning is the result of a June-approved subdivision of 14.84 acres at 485 Brightwood Church Road (formerly Faithwalk Church) that had been proposed by Wesley Community Development, a nonprofit that helps NC churches repurpose real estate to best meet community needs.

Upon Town and County plat review and approval, the one 14.84-acre parcel became two, and each sold individually. The over 10-acre lot with the church building would become a K-12 private school; and the over 4-acre lot with the house would convert to a single-family residence, with the reassigned address of 491 Brightwood Church Road.

Since the single-family residence would no longer qualify for PI zoning and exemption from property tax, the Town applied for the residential rezoning of the smaller parcel, which appropriately would now generate property tax revenue.

Mayor Fennell asked for any input from the public on the proposed rezoning, and no one offered comment. Mayor Fennell then asked for a motion to close the public hearing to move on to the regular Council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Jerry Rice made the motion to close the public hearing; motion seconded by Council Member Cindy Wheeler. The motion carried by unanimous vote, and the August 13 public hearing was adjourned at approximately 7:02 p.m., to then proceed with the regular Council meeting where final action on the proposed rezoning would take place.

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Jo Hesson, Town Clerk

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Richard Fennell, Mayor

**APPROVED:** September 10, 2019