

**MINUTES OF THE WHITSETT TOWN COUNCIL**  
**September 13, 2016**  
**Whitsett Town Hall Building**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 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 Gary Deal, Planning Board Chairman Bob Maccia, *The Alamance News* reporter Tomas Murawski, and three area residents.

Mayor Fennell called the meeting to order, and asked Council Member Jerry Rice to offer the invocation.

**SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR**

Mayor Fennell asked for any speakers from the floor; and no one asked to be acknowledged.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Adoption of the Minutes**

Mayor Fennell asked for any changes to the minutes from the August 9, 2016 regular monthly meeting; and hearing none, asked for a motion to adopt the minutes as written. A motion to adopt the minutes as written was made by Council Member Jerry Rice; motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Andy Brown. The motion to adopt the August regular meeting minutes carried by unanimous vote.

**2. Any Other Old Business**

Mayor Fennell asked if there were any other old business to be discussed; there was none.

## **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **1. Planning Board**

Planning Board Chairman Bob Maccia reported that the Board is continuing its work on an ordinance to regulate solar panel farms.

### **2. Enforcement Committee**

Enforcement Officer Gary Deal stated that no committee activity had taken place this month.

### **3. Enforcement Officer**

Enforcement Officer Deal reported that since the last Council meeting, four Development Clearance Permit Certificates had been issued to: (1) Sarah Berrier at 7042 Kivette House Road for perk test only, (2) Piedmont Natural Gas to run 40' gas line from main and across property at 7061 Kivette House Road, (3) Crabbe Service Company to run gas line from meter to house and convert LP to natural gas furnace at 7060 Kivette House Road, and (4) Patricia Parker at 7004 Stella Drive to erect 6' high cedar privacy fence along side yard.

### **4. Town Administrator**

Town Administrator Deal reported that he had spent extended time with members of the Guilford County Planning Department to update Town ordinances and clarify procedures primarily relative to Article VI on Subdivisions, which had not been updated since its original adoption many years ago. Push came to shove when the Town received a request to subdivide a 4-acre lot in Dow Acres, causing numerous consultations with the county to make sure current review requirements would be met.

The meeting with the county became a concentrated effort to ensure that certain sections (e.g., map standards) of the Town's ordinance mirrored those of the county, now and in future modifications. Deal had asked Town Attorney Bill Trevorrow if the Town ordinance could simply reference pertinent sections of the county ordinance to avoid every time the county would make a modification to its ordinance, the Town in turn would have to adopt its changes.

Meanwhile, Deal had drafted a revised Article VI updating Town processes and incorporating county requirements. The draft will be passed along to Planning Board Chairman Bob Maccia for the Board to finalize for recommendation to Council.

In addition, Deal had also tapped the county to make sure that the latest version of the Town's "watershed" ordinance was, in fact, the latest since the county had actually developed the environmental guidelines customized to the Town. The Town's Article XI in hand was accurate; and will be posted online as is all other development ordinances.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Any Items from Council Members**

Mayor Fennell asked for any items from Council members; and there were none.

### **2. Announcements**

Mayor Fennell asked for any announcements; and no one had any.

### **3. Speakers from the Floor**

Mayor Fennell asked for any speakers from the floor; and no one asked to be acknowledged.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Council, Mayor Fennell invited a motion to adjourn. Council Member Cindy Wheeler made the motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Council Member Jerry Rice. Motion passed by unanimous vote; and the September 13, 2016 Town Council meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:06 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at the Whitsett Town Hall.

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Jo Hesson, Town Clerk

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Richard Fennell, Mayor

**APPROVED:** October 11, 2016