

WORKSHOP MEETING
WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
THURSDAY – JULY 12, 2018
6:00 P.M. @ TOWN HALL

Present: Mayor Davis, Council members Peggy Leight, Marilyn Martin and Randy Mendenhall, Town Manager Scott Snow and Town Clerk Rusty Sawyer.
Also present, Dan Kornelis, from the Forsyth County Home Consortium.

Mayor Davis calls the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and opens with a prayer.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS WRITTEN

BY: MARILYN MARTIN

SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(LEIGHT, MARTIN, MENDENHALL)

1. HOUSING PROGRAM DISCUSSION

Doc: Introduces Dan Kornelis to the council & staff.

Dan: Thank you for allowing me a few minutes to address the council.

I have been admiring your park and must say I just love it. It is beautiful. Let me start with a little of our history. We started in 1998 with 160 homes that were without plumbing. The fun part of my job is seeing the results and how lives are improved. When we ran out of money we transitioned to smaller rehab projects.

This is a partial list of jobs completed in the Walkertown area, mostly to the elderly.

There are 6 households currently on our waiting list, within the Walkertown tax jurisdiction, waiting to be served.

There is a \$750K ceiling on rehabilitation project grants.

Some homes are so bad they must be torn down and replaced with very small homes in the \$50 - \$60K range.

Doc: Some of your projects didn't end up all that small.

Dan: We try to use our funds where they are needed most.

Doc: We would prefer you contact the town first. Get Scott's input.

Dan: Next time we have a project in the Walkertown area we will talk with you first.

We also assist with first time home buyers with their down payment up to \$25,000. They must pay back the loan, attend finance classes, turn in a monthly budget including a plan for saving. They also get a personal success coach that they must meet in person once a month and a once a month phone call.

The journey is as important as buying the home.

Peggy: What is the income threshold?

Dan: Poverty for one person is 80% of \$35K.

Doc: Your move toward home replacement in the \$50K - \$60K worries us.

Dan: The new homes are much more efficient. Owners save on electricity.

MOTION: TO CONSIDER THE YEARLY PAYMENTS OF \$2,000 TO THE HOME CONSORTIUM AFTER THE TOWN MANAGER

REVIEWS THE CURRENT CANDIDATE PROPERTIES
BY: RANDY MENDENHALL
SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
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2. WA-UDO 25 / DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION

Scott leads this discussion.

Council reviews the Staff Report included in the agenda.

The Planning Board recommended approval on Tuesday.

We have a Public Hearing scheduled for July 26.

3. TOWN PROPERTY DISCUSSION

Doc leads a discussion on residential development.

Keystone has purchased 9 additional acres (In Forsyth County) off 158 to add 3 more apartment buildings. This is in addition to the 3 apartment buildings they have already started.

MOTION: THE WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL ADVISES THE TOWN CLERK TO INVESTIGATE THE SUFFICIENCY OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 0 REIDSVILLE ROAD, PIN # 6868-62-2223.00 AND PRESENT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL AT THE PUBLIC HEARING ON JULY 26

BY: MARILYN MARTIN
SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT
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Scott: We have 4 condemned properties being torn down by the town. It would be a good time to tear down the 3 houses on Sullivantown.

Doc: The Waggoner house is the worst shape.

Peggy: Get prices for demolition of all three.

Doc: We could try and give away.

Randy: When are they starting?

Scott: August.

Randy: I'd like to see all three torn down and grass planted by fall.

Council is in agreement to get prices to tear down all 3 houses.

4. FIRE LANE PARKING ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

Scott: We get numerous complaints on Fire Lane violators in the shopping centers. I've included a Fire Lane Ordinance from Concord in your agenda.

As it is now, all criminal fines go to schools. If we made Fire Lane violations a civil fine, the fine would come to the town.

Doc: We have posted Fire Lanes with signs.

Scott: The Ordinance would apply town wide.

MOTION: TO HAVE THE TOWN ATTORNEY DRAFT AN ORDINANCE MAKING FIRE LANE VIOLATIONS A CIVIL FINE

BY: RANDY MENDENHALL
SECOND: MARILYN MARTIN
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
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5. MISC. ITEMS / UPDATES

SECURITY

Doc: North State is currently checking all town properties. It's not too early to consider adding an officer for the start of school.

Scott: Do you want an 8 hour shift dedicated to watching students.

Peggy: Ask Bo if they can write civil tickets to students.

Scott, you might consider changing the hours of the 12 hour shift.

Randy: We need to invite North State back for another talk.

6. JUNE/JULY SHERRIFF REPORT

Report presented to Town Council

MOTION: TO ADJOURN WORKSHOP MEETING @ 9:25

BY: RANDY MENDENHALL

SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(LEIGHT, MARTIN, MENEDNHALL)

June 2018 Calendar

7-26-18 – Town Council Meeting – 7:00pm Booe House

Submitted by: Rusty Sawyer
Town Clerk