

WORKSHOP MEETING
WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
THURSDAY – MARCH 12, 2020
6:00 P.M. @ WALKERTOWN LIBRARY

Present: Mayor Davis, Council members Vernon Brown, Peggy Leight, Marilyn Martin, Wesley Hutchins and Town Manager Scott Snow and Town Clerk Rusty Sawyer.

Also attending from the Walkertown Planning Board, member Caroline Jones.

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

1. Update on Old Hollow Rd. & Reidsville Rd. Projects

Doc welcomes Pat Ivey, NCDOT District 9 Division Engineer.

Pat: On I-74, US 421 to US 158 should be completed May 2020. US 158 to US 311 should be completed by December this year.

For now, appraisals only on Old Hollow Road. Utilities should be completed by 2023 and construction should start in February of 2023 using Build NC bonds.

Appraisals for 158 will start in June 2020.

With the gap in funding, all projects not already underway have been postponed.

Wesley: You show a payback of bonds until 2029.

Pat: Yes, for 10 years. The payback doesn't delay construction or acquisition. Bonds keep us from delaying more than we already have.

Wesley: If we vote for MPO change are we shooting ourselves in the foot?

Pat: What changes are concerns?

Wesley: We don't want the TAC thinking we are fine or happy with delays on HWY 66.

Doc: 66 has been delayed for 17 years, 158 since 1954.

Pat: Both projects are ready to go now.

Wesley: 66 is way overdue. 66 is core to us.

I have a question about money for stream relocation.

Pat: That would be relocating fish hatchery ponds away from Salem Parkway. Good question.

Peggy: We would have liked HWY 66 completed before US 158.

Pat: Best we can do now.

Doc: Many have doubts you will even widen 66 at all once we get some relief from I-74.

Pat: The traffic study shows the need to widen 66 even with the beltway.

Peggy: 1 year ahead of time.

Pat: Yes. Open to 311 by the holidays.

Marilyn: I am being asked about all the stakes in yards along 66.

Pat: Buying ROW, drainage and utility easements. Have them call us.

Scott: Any other questions from council?

Doc: You show right turn only on both sides of 158 at Darrow Road. Not going to make people happy.

Pat: I haven't seen the final yet.

Doc: Thank you Pat!

2. Presentation of Main Street Transportation Study

Davenport leads this discussion.

The purpose of the study is to develop recommendations for Main Street from Pine Hall Road to NC 66, regarding traffic capacity, safety, walkability, economic development and aesthetics.

Scott: We have turned in to the MPO for consideration the Pine Hall / Main Street intersection and the Depot St sidewalk projects.

We are also working with the schools to alleviate traffic congestion.

3. Planning: Case WA-062 Briefing

Scott leads the discussion.

MOTION: TO ADD TO THE AGENDA A DISCUSSION WITH KEYSTONE REPRESENTATIVES ABOUT AN ADDITIONAL MEETING WITH SULLIVAN'S RESERVE NEIGHBORS

BY: PEGGY LEIGHT

SECOND: WESLEY HUTCHINS

VOTE: FOR: HUTHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN

AGAINST: BROWN

Peggy: Keystone has agreed to removing 1 Town House, increasing the setback from Sullivantown Road, increase the size of the play area, adding fitness stations along the walking trail and a bond for the traffic light at Depot & Main Street.

Wesley: Our citizens have not been informed of any of this. Have there been any meetings since our last council meeting?

Amanda: No. No new information until now.

Wesley: Sullivantown Road neighbors have been very vocal with their complaints. Would you consider meeting with them about the difference in impact between RS20 & RM8?

Amanda: Wesley, we did meet with them. We had a meeting with just that neighborhood.

Wesley: Just be transparent. I don't think they are hearing or understand the difference between RS20 & RM8. I live here. You'll leave after construction is completed.

Amanda: We would like the town to be involved since it is a land use discussion. Get Gary Roberts there to explain the ordinances involved.

Scott Snow: Town staff could be there but not more than 2 council members. Can't have a quorum without a formal advertised public meeting.

Scott Wallace: Towns are Grantees & Grantors. I want to go ahead and have the meeting on March 26 and do what the town wants. You either want us or you don't. We have already said it all multiple times.

Scott Snow: We can schedule a meeting with the neighborhoods up to 2 council members.

Doc: We could have a drop in meeting at the Booe House and advertise on our website.

4. Update for Wickenham Park Usage Discussion

Scott leads this discussion.

Met with Mark Waggoner. The Little League is taking steps to financial sustainability. They are willing to scheduling field sharing.

5. Projects Update

Scott leads this discussion.

- Engineer looking at storm water problem at Jackie Lane / Chris Drive.
- Sullivantown Road Sidewalk
- Solar Powered traffic signs installed 2 weeks ago

6. February / March Sheriff Report

Report submitted to Council.

7. Added Agenda Item: Town Council Meeting Schedule Adjustments

**MOTION: TO POSTPONE BUSINESS ITEMS FOR THE MARCH 26
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING UNTIL THE APRIL 23 REGULAR
MEETING**

BY: VERNON BROWN

SECOND: MARILYN MARTIN

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)

MOTION: TO ADJOURN WORKSHOP MEETING @ 8:43

BY: MARILYN MARTIN

SECOND: WESLEY HUTCHINS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)

Submitted by: Rusty Sawyer
Town Clerk