

WORKSHOP MEETING  
WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY – JULY 11, 2019  
6:00 P.M. @ TOWN HALL

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

Also present from DOT, Brett Abernathy & Connie James.

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**  
(HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)

**1. REVIEW MAIN STREET TRANSPORTATION STUDY PROPOSAL**

Scott: Davenport has lowered their initial cost estimate to be more in line with our expected budget. We will submit the revised estimate and scope to NCDOT for their approval.

**2. NCDOT PROJECTS UPDATE**

Brett Abernathy & Connie James from NCDOT lead the discussion.

Mr. Abernathy and Ms. James informed the Council about the proposed schedules for local NCDOT projects and discussed the town's preferences for sidewalk installation and landscaping within those projects.

There will be a public meeting for HWY 158 in October.

**3. CLOSED SESSION:**

**MOTION: TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION @ 7:33.**

**BY: MARILYN MARTIN**

**SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**  
(HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)

**Closed Session**

§ 143-318.11. CLOSED SESSIONS.

(a) Permitted Purposes. – It is the policy of this State that closed sessions shall be held only when required to permit a public body to act in the public interest as permitted in this section. A public body may hold a closed session and exclude the public only when a closed session is required:

(5) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract.

(b) Repealed by Session Laws 1991, c. 694, s. 4.

(c) Calling a Closed Session. – A public body may hold a closed session only upon a motion duly made and adopted at an open meeting. Every motion to close a meeting shall cite one or more of the permissible purposes listed in subsection (a) of this section. A motion based on subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall also state the name or citation of the law that renders the information to be discussed privileged or confidential. A motion based on subdivision (a)(3) of this section shall identify the parties in each existing lawsuit concerning which the public body expects to receive advice during the closed session.

(d) Repealed by Session Laws 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 570, s. 2. (1979, c. 655, s. 1; 1981, c. 831; 1985 (Reg. Sess., 1986), c. 932, s. 5; 1991, c. 694, ss. 3, 4; 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 570, s. 2; 1995, c. 509, s. 84; 1997-222, s. 2; 1997-290, s. 2; 2001-500, s. 2; 2003-180, s. 2.)

**MOTION: TO COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION @ 7:40.**

**BY: MARILYN MARTIN**  
**SECOND: WESLEY HUTCHINS**  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**  
(HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)

**4. HOLIDAY LIGHTS DISCUSSION**

Scott: We have been considering replacing our pole Christmas lights with ground lights. Some are stationary and some have moving displays similar to those at Tanglewood.

Wesley: If we bought 5 of the ground lights we could put one at the library, one at the corner of Friendly and Main, the Town Hall, Walnut Pavilion and the fire station.

Peggy: We could still put up the pole lights. What does that cost?

Scott: ~\$2K.

Wesley: We budgeted \$10K.

Scott: We would need to order them in July.

Doc: I say we buy all 5 and use additional funds from Recreation if needed.

**MOTION: TO GO FORWARD WITH THE PURCHASE OF 5 CHRISTMAS  
GROUND LIGHTS USING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE  
RECREATION LINE IF NEEDED**

**BY: MARILYN MARTIN**  
**SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT**  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**  
(HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)

**5. PLANNING BOARD JOINT WORKSHOP FOR AUGUST DISCUSSION**

Doc: Gary will bring a text amendment, sidewalks on both sides of the street in new subdivisions, to the Planning Board on August 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Public Hearing. Scott suggested we have a Joint Workshop before the meeting.

*Council agrees to have a Joint Workshop with the Planning Board 8/6/19 at 1:30 (before the 3:00 Planning Board Meeting) and a Town Council workshop at 6:00 following the Planning Board meeting.*

Doc: We offered to help cover the cost of the Trolley Tour box lunches. We need a motion to make it official.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE REIMBURSING FOR THE TROLLEY TOUR BOX  
LUNCHES UP TO \$419.30**

**BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS**  
**SECOND: MARILYN MARTIN**  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**  
(HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)

**6. JUNE / JULY SHERIFF REPORT**

Report submitted to Council.

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN WORKSHOP MEETING @ 9:30**  
**BY: MARILYN MARTIN**  
**SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT**  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**  
(HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)

**JULY 2019 Calendar**

7/25/19 – Town Council Meeting – 7:00pm – Booe House

Submitted by: Rusty Sawyer  
Town Clerk