

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL

OCTOBER 23, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M.: WALKERTOWN COMMUNITY BUILDING

Mayor Doc Davis **called the meeting to order** at 7:00 p.m. Present were the Mayor, Council Members Vernon Brown, Wesley Hutchins, Caroline Jones, Peggy Leight and Town Manager Scott Snow and Town Clerk Rusty Sawyer.

The Invocation was given by Mayor Davis.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vernon Brown.

Doc: Any additions to the agenda from council? NO.

THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED AS WRITTEN BY MOTION MADE BY PEGGY LIEGHT AND SECONDED BY CAROLINE JONES THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- September 25, 2025
- October 9, 2025

THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY MOTION MADE BY PEGGY LIEGHT AND SECONDED BY VERNON BROWN.

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)

PUBLIC SESSION

THIS SESSION IS FOR NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS ONLY AND IS LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER. WHEN SPEAKING TO ANY ITEM, PLEASE RESTRICT YOUR REMARKS TO THE SUBJECT AT HAND.

Mayor Davis opens the **Public Session** @ 7:03.

With no speakers coming forward, the Mayor closes the **Public Session** @ 7:03.

BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

1. <u>RESOLUTION: TO APPROVE ESTABLISHING THE WALKERTOWN HISTORICAL MARKER COMMITTEE</u>

Doc: We are starting with a voluntary committee. Giving residents an opportunity to serve and give back to our town. I would hope we could do one historical marker per year. The committee will be an advisory body to the Town Council.

Scott: I have included an application in the agenda. I followed the council's advice in creating the application.

The deadline for turning in applications is December 2025.

The committee shall consist of 5 members appointed by the Town Council.

One member from the Town Council, One member recommended by the

WAHS and three members selected through public application.

At least 4 members of the committee shall be current residents of the Town of

Walkertown.

Terms of service will be for 2 years and may be reappointed for additional terms at the discretion of the Town Council.

MOTION: TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE

WALKERTOWN HISTORICAL MARKER COMMITTEE

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT VOTE: UNANIMOUS

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2. RESOLUTION: TO OPPOSE THE PROPOSED NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPOTATION US 158 / KNOLL RIDGE DRIVE DETOUR PLAN

Doc: DOT plans to close the driveway into the High Knolls Development. We strongly oppose the proposed detour. Scott, please put the detour map up. As you can see, the detour is up 158 to a left at the light onto Darrow Road to the light at HWY 66. Go right to the light on 158. Make another right back down to Ester Lane into Martin Acres.

Scott: We got a last minute notice from DOT on 10/21. Knoll Ridge Drive will be closed from 10/27 – 12/5. 40 days. 200 residents are to use Ester Lane which is no longer a full access road to 158. There is a center median blocking turns. We sent a note of concern. Their response was the 4 mile detour on this map. I drove the detour and it took 30 minutes. Fire Chief Bottoms was not notified as well.

I have included in the agenda a Resolution from the town opposing the closure

Wesley: Could we arrange a meeting with Barry Byrd or John Ryan for Friday. I think the letter is a little too harsh.

Vernon: Could we hold the letter until noon Friday hoping for a meeting?

MOTION: TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE NCDOT US 158 / KNOLL RIDGE DRIVE INTERSECTION CLOSURE & DETOUR PLAN WITH THE CONDITION OF MEETING FRIDAY WITH DOT. NO ANSWER FROM DOT BY 12 NOON FRIDAY – SEND

RESOLUTION

BY: VERNON BROWN SECOND: WESLEY HUTCHINS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

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3. PROJECT / MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES

Scott: Monthly Fire Report: 128 total calls, 64 calls Town of Walkertown (9.38% fire, 59.38% medical), 54 calls northeast district. Forsyth County did establish Fire Districts and an 11 person commission.

Doc: The Fall Festival had a good turn out again this year. Our first Cruise-in had 62 cars and 100's of spectators.

Scott: Now it's time to plan for the 12/6 at 1:00 Christmas Parade and the meet

Santa here at the Community Building.

The community Christmas Tree lighting will be on 12/7.

- Mason is mostly finished at the Booe House. Now they will move to the WAHS for repairs, finish the fence install, closing in the porch and replace the wood floor in the kitchen closet.
- The ROW with Quality Oil is now being worked out by the lawyers. The sidewalk will be out for bids soon.
- Todd has placed the new speed limit signs on north Martin Street.
- Ordered new mics. Transmitter delivery has been delayed.

Doc: Christmas decorations we ordered have started to come in.

Scott: Yes, a very big and heavy Christmas tree.

Doc: Todd will need help setting it up. We need to pick a spot for it. Scott, when will they start putting out our lights?

Scott: The week of Thanksgiving.

Wesley: How many homes in Sullivan's Reserve trigger the stop light installation at the Main Street and Depot Street intersection?

Scott: When Keystone has built 71 homes. They have 20 platted now.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OCTOBER, 2025

Doc: We are 4 months into our year or 33.3% of the year.

All in line and on budget with no department over budget. Revenue is coming in at 12%. Expenses at 16%. Current year property tax at 11%.

We have Unrestricted Funds for September @\$6,220,693.28, Restricted Funds @\$880,795.89 for a Grand Total Fund Balance of \$7,101,489.17. Any concerns? *No.*

MOTION: TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR OCTOBER,

2025 AS PRESENTED BY STAFF

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

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ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING AT 8:04 P.M.

BY: PEGGY LEIGHT SECOND: WESLEY HUTCHINS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

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ANOUNCEMENTS:

No Planning Board Meeting scheduled for November Fall Festival Committee Meeting – November 10th – 4:00 pm Town Hall will be closed November 11th

No Town Council workshop in November or December Regular Town Council meeting Thursday December 20th

Submitted by: Rusty Sawyer Town Clerk

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