

Town of New London  
Board of Commissioner's Meeting  
May 4, 2021

Mayor Tate Daniels welcomed everyone and opened the Commissioner's Meeting. Present for the meeting were Mayor Tate Daniels, Commissioners Bill Peak, Johnny Chestnut, Richard Kimmer, Christy Starnes, Marcus Mullis and Town Administrator Susan Almond. Visitors present at the meeting were Cathy Kimmer, John Kimmer, Elizabeth Chestnut, Bill Rogers, Ed Griffin, Carolyn Capps, Peter Ascitutto, Tim Swaringen, Will Taylor, Lynn Hunter and Charles Curcio from the SNAP.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Johnny Chestnut. Mayor Daniels asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Commissioner Mullis made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Commissioner Starnes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Daniels asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. There being no corrections, Commissioner Mullis made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Starnes. Motion carried.

**Sewer Report-** Commissioner Peak reported that the sewer system is working properly and the latest readings from the City of Albemarle were great.

**Code Enforcement-** An updated Code Enforcement Report was distributed to the Town Board. Contact Commissioner Chestnut with any questions.

**Chapter 160D Update-** Mr. Michael Sandy has been working on the required updates to the Zoning Ordinance. Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> to review the 160D required changes and other minor changes as identified, seconded by Commissioner Peak. Motion carried unanimously.

**Parker Mine Update-** Commissioner Chestnut reported that the NC Department of Environmental Quality Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources is reviewing Boulder Associates, LLC's application for Mining Permit 84-06 (Pending) for a gold, clay, quartz, and granite mining operation located off Steakhouse Road in New London. The applicant has to satisfy all the necessary requirements for the permit to be issued. The department will schedule a virtual public meeting in early June for citizens to voice their opinion about the pending mining permit. Residents will be notified when the date is set and will be invited to come to the Town Hall for the virtual public meeting, participate online or listen by phone.

**Mrs. Almond reported on the following:**

- **Waste Management (WM)-** Our 5 yr. combined contract between Waste Management, New London, Richfield and Misenheimer expires on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Rates are increasing from \$14.85 to \$15.70 per household with the Consumer Price Index for Water, Sewer & Trash not to exceed 3% annually. Commissioner Mullis made a motion to accept the Waste Management Contract, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Bulk Waste Pick-up-** Saturday, May 22nd

## **Mayor Daniels reported on the follow**

- **First Reading of the 2021-2022 Budget-** the Town Board was given a copy of the proposed budget for review. Following discussion, Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing during our June 1<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting to hear the second reading of the proposed budget, seconded by Commissioner Chestnut. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Fiberon Property Tax Exemption-** We were notified by the Tax Administrator that Fiberon has been awarded a tax recycling credit which has affected our property tax base estimate in New London.
- **Water-Sewer Rate Increase-** the City of Albemarle is proposing a 4% water-sewer rate increase effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Peak made a motion to increase the water-sewer rates by 4%, seconded by Commissioner Mullis. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Park Update:**
  - a. Sediment ponds have been removed and that area looks nice.
  - b. Mulch has been placed in the dog park and the sign has been ordered.
  - c. Walking trail to Christ the King has been prepped for paving.
  - d. Memorial bricks will be installed in the next few weeks.
  - e. Park Sign is being painted and will be installed in the next few weeks.
  - f. Duck Call Contest- August 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Sidewalk Update-** Quote was received from Stokes Construction to repair the sidewalk from 210-216 N. Main St for a cost of \$7,550.

A Closed Session was called. The Commissioner's Meeting reconvened.

The agenda being accomplished, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Susan Almond, Town Administrator