

Town of New London  
Board of Commissioner's Meeting  
April 5, 2022

Mayor Tate Daniels welcomed everyone and opened the Commissioner's Meeting. Present for the meeting were Mayor Tate Daniels, Commissioners Bill Peak, Richard Kimmer, Christy Starnes, Johnny Chestnut, Marcus Mullis and Town Administrator Susan Almond. Visitors present at the meeting were John & Cathy Kimmer, Thomas Townsend, Ginger Efird, Tim Swaringen, and Debbie Bennett.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Chestnut. Mayor Daniels asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Commissioner Peak added park restrooms and Mayor Daniels added John Kimmer's retirement to the agenda. Commissioner Peak made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with the additions, seconded by Commissioner Mullis. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Daniels asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the March meeting. There being no corrections, Commissioner Mullis made a motion to approve the minutes from March, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried.

Mayor Daniels recognized Mr. John Kimmer's retirement from his maintenance position with the town and thanked him for his service.

Candidate Ginger Efird spoke to the Board about her candidacy for Stanly County Clerk of Court.

Candidate Thomas Townsend spoke to the Board about his candidacy for Stanly County Commissioner.

Ms. Debbie Bennett from the Stanly County Health Department spoke to the Board about the Community Needs Assessment Survey.

**Planning Board Recommendation-** The Planning Board met on March 30<sup>th</sup> to review a request from Mr. Lee Allen to re-zone property on Oak Avenue, tax records 13268, 16675, & 16676 from R-20 (Single Family Residential) to R-10 (Single Family Residential), with a 10,000 square feet minimum lot size. The Planning Board recommended establishing an R-15 (Single Family Residential) zoning district with minimum lot size of \$15,000 square feet and voted to present this recommendation to the Town Board. In addition, the Planning Board recommended sending Mr. Allen's re-zoning request of the 3 parcels on Oak Avenue to the Town Board for their review. Following discussion of the Town Board, Commissioner Peak made a motion to set a Public Hearing for May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm to consider these requests, seconded by Commissioner Chestnut. Motion carried unanimously.

**Set Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and Museum Board Meeting dates:** Commissioner Chestnut made a motion for these boards to meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm, seconded by Commissioner Mullis. Motion carried unanimously.

**Sewer Report-** Commissioner Peak reported that the sewer stations were functioning properly. He noted that the new sewer pumps were delivered and are in storage.

**Shelter Rental Prices-** Commissioner Peak asked the Town Board to consider increasing the park shelter rental prices since some renters are not cleaning the shelters properly following their events.

**Park Restrooms-** Mayor Daniels will get quotes to tile the floors of the park restrooms and storage rooms.

**Code Enforcement-** Mr. Swaringen noted that an inspection has been performed on Case Number HC 22-03-NL. The Board voted to table the issue with Case Number ZC 20-02-NL until Mr. Swaringen can provide quotes for placing a lien on the property.

**Employee Benefits & Personnel Policy-** Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor Daniels and Mrs. Almond will be working to prepare a Personnel Policy to be presented at the May Board Meeting.

**Cemetery-** the paved drive around the cemetery is in need of repair. Mayor Daniels will get a quote from Mr. Rusty Russell to patch this area.

**Dog Park-** Commissioner Mullis recommended we obtain quotes to expand the size of the dog park.

**Sidewalks-** Commissioner Mullis inquired about cleaning the edge of the sidewalks. The Town Board agreed that this would be a good project for the Tarheel Challenge Academy cadets.

**Street Update-** Commissioner Kimmer noted that the speed humps need repainting. In addition, the asphalt needs patching near the intersection of May Street and Main Street.

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

- Waste Management will be increasing their rates by 3% effective July 1, 2022
- Hazardous Waste Drop-Off at Ag Center- April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Bulk Waste Pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 21st.

**Mayor Daniels reported on the following:**

- Park Update- the playing field has been leveled off and the site for the new shelter has been prepared. New mulch has been spread throughout the park. Picnic tables have been pressure washed.
- Local area churches are hosting an Easter Sunrise Service at the park on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Coggins Property- the storage building has been cleaned out and the floor will be graveled before concrete is placed. The Board will need to decide their plans for the houses in the near future.

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

The agenda being accomplished, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by Susan Almond, Town Administrator