

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 12, 2016 7:00 p.m.
Eastover Community Center**

**x☐ Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Presiding Council Members: x☐ J. Lawrence Buffaloe,
x☐ M. Stan Crumpler, x☐ Cheryl C. Hudson, x☐ Randy P. Lee,
x☐ Benny M. Pearce and x☐ Lee P. Hedgecoe**

MINUTES OF MEETING – July 12, 2016

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members: Cheryl C. Hudson, J. Lawrence Buffaloe, M. Stan Crumpler, Benny M. Pearce, Lee P. Hedgecoe, and Randy P. Lee were in attendance at the July 12, 2016, Eastover Town Council Meeting. A quorum was present at the Town Council Meeting. Also in attendance were Mr. Matt Rooney, Cumberland County Planning & Inspections Department, Attorney Neil Yarborough, Mr. Kim Nazarchyk, Town Manager, Ms. Jane Faircloth, Town Clerk, and Ms. Elizabeth Bass, Administrative Assistant.

I. Call to Order:

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin called the July 12, 2016 meeting of the Eastover Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

II. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Member Benny M. Pearce gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Agenda:

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions concerning the Agenda. There were none. Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the Agenda.

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to approve the Agenda. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was unanimous for approval.

IV. Public Comments:

Mr. Danny Matthews, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Eastover Fire Department, had signed up to speak. Mr. Matthews wanted to thank the Council for all they have done for the Eastover Fire Department. He stated the Council and the Eastover Fire Department have a good working relationship and he was very pleased with that. Mr. Matthews told the Council

Members, Eastover Fire Department had responded to 908 calls of those, 383 were inside the Town Limits.

Last year the Council was able to divert and reallocate \$11,000.00 for the Eastover Fire Department. Mr. Matthews stated the funds were to be used for rescue equipment and maintaining the vehicles. With those funds the Eastover Fire Department was able to purchase airbags for \$9,000.00; these air bags could lift a Bus or a Combine. Rescue ropes run out of certification every 5-10 years. Mr. Matthews stated the Eastover Fire Departments ropes had to be purchased and the Jaws-of-Life and Hydraulic Equipment had to be recertified. Other funding includes Grants from the Federal Government and the NC Forestry Service. Mr. Matthews stated again how much he appreciated the Council's support and willingness to help. Mayor McLaurin and the Council Members expressed their gratitude to the Eastover Fire Department for outstanding service.

V. Consent Agenda:

- 1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the June 14, 2016 Town Council Meeting.**
- 2. Consider approval of the May, 2016 Financial Reports.**

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions concerning the Consent Agenda. There were none. Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the Consent Agenda as stated.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Randy Lee. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VI. Discussion Agenda:

Agenda Item #1:

CASE NO. 16-085. CONSIDERATION OF THE WG HOLMES ESTATE DIVISION – LOT 7; REQUEST FOR SUBDIVISION REVIEW, COUNTY SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE AND EASTOVER SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENTS; ZONING: RR; TOTAL ACREAGE: 0.487 +/-; LOCATION: 2471 & 2475 DUNN ROAD (SR 1838). (EASTOVER)

Mr. Matt Rooney stated this case was located at 2471 & 2475 Dunn Road. Mr. Rooney showed an aerial photo of this property. The aerial photo showed where I95 cuts the tract of land into 2 tracts. One tract is zoned RR the other zoned A1. The lot being created is 21,213.36 sq. feet in size and does meet requirements. Part of the land is in a special flood zone so if the owners were going to place a building on this property they would have to have a special permit issued by the County Engineer. The property was originally approved in 2003

to place an additional building, which was prior to the Town of Eastover becoming incorporated. Mr. Rooney said he and the Planning Board recommend approval.

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions. There were none. Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove Case No. 16-085 as recommended by the Zoning and Planning Board.

Council Member Lee Hedgecoe made a motion to approve Case No. 16-085 per the Zoning and Planning Boards' direction. Council Member Cheryl Hudson 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #2:

Presentation on Hazard Mitigation.

Mr. Randy Beeman, Director of Cumberland County Emergency Services, and Mr. Melvin Lewis, the EM Planner presented the Hazard Mitigation Plan to the Council. Mr. Beeman stated every 5 years through FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) regulations and the State of NC Emergency Management standards the Hazard Mitigation Plan MUST be updated. The state asked Emergency Management to partner with other Counties when updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan. This is why the plan includes Hoke County (1 Municipality) as well as Cumberland County (9 Municipalities). The Hazard Mitigation plan can be found at www.co.cumberland.nc.us. The plan helps to receive federal reimbursement if a disaster occurs. Mr. Beeman asked the Council to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions. There were none. Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the Hazard Mitigation Plan as recommended by Mr. Randy Beeman.

Council Member Randy Lee made a motion to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan as recommended by Mr. Beeman. Council Member Cheryl Hudson 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #3:

DISCUSSION ON RESOLUTION SUBJECTING THE TOWN OF EASTOVER TO THE MINIMUM HOUSING STANDARDS OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Town Manager Mr. Kim Nazarchyk stated in 2011 the Town of Eastover passed a Resolution adopting Cumberland County's Ordinances including Minimum Housing and other items. The Inspections Enforcement Office of Cumberland County has helped Eastover to demolish unsafe structures and helped oversee residential lawn care. Two months ago the Cumberland County Attorney believed a Resolution was necessary in order for the Town of

Eastover to continue to use the Enforcement Division. Attorney Neil Yarborough collaborated with the County Attorney and created the Resolution on Minimum Housing Standards.

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions. There were none. Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the Resolution on Minimum Housing Standards as recommended by Attorney Neil Yarborough.

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to approve the Resolution on Minimum Housing Standards as recommended by Attorney Neil Yarborough. Council Member Stan Crumpler 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VII. RECEIVE MAYOR'S UPDATE:

Mayor McLaurin informed the Council that Mr. Curt Tatum Jr., will be receiving the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Boy Scouts in Mid-October. This award is for all the help and unselfishness Mr. Tatum has showed to the Boy Scouts and the community in general. The Mayor wanted to make sure the Council Members gave Mr. Tatum their support.

The Eastover Ballpark Association has had a tremendous amount of improvement. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe stated this was discussed at the last Town Council Meeting. He stated the Council wanted to see the bills so the Council would know how much money was spent to make the improvements. In looking at the bills presented it shows \$16,685.86 was spent so far on the improvements. Mayor McLaurin suggested the Town of Eastover pay the whole amount because the Town of Eastover owns the Eastover Ballpark. The amount would come from the new FY 2017 Budget, which Parks and Recreation has been budgeted for \$25,000.00 of improvements.

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions. Town Manager, Kim Nazarchyk, informed the Mayor and the Council if the request was approved an Amendment to the Budget would also have to be made.

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove a reimbursement to the Eastover Ball Park Association \$16,685.86 and approve/disapprove the Amendment to the Budget.

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to approve a reimbursement to the Eastover Ball Park Association for \$16,685.86 and to approve the Amendment to the Budget. Council Member Randy Lee 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Mayor McLaurin asked Mr. Kim Nazarchyk, Town Manager, where the Town stood with the Emergency Sirens. Mr. Nazarchyk informed the Mayor and the Council the Sirens were at the Town Hall and are waiting on approval from the ECPA. Mr. Nazarchyk stated Mr. Fulcher and Mr. Bowden would put them up once the approval was given.

Mayor McLaurin wanted to know the status of the Inter-Basin Transfer lawsuit. Mr. Nazarchyk stated the hearing ended 2 weeks ago. Now the attorneys for both sides have 30

days to look over and make changes to the transcripts from the trial. Once 30 days have passed the judge gets the transcripts then he has 30 days to review and make a decision. Therefore it could be the first of October, 2016 before anything is decided.

VIII. Receive Town Council Update:

None.

IX. Receive Town Managers Update:

Mr. Nazarchyk stated a Policy statement was created by Attorney Neil Yarborough to state as follows:

- Who and how a Non-Profit Community Organization can use the Community Building at no charge.
- Any group or Non-Profit Organization that has a suitable function of Government providing benefit to the masses, to the entire community, such as concerts, festivals, and fund raising events, for the benefit of the public as a whole, may use the property at no charge.
- The Town Manager has discretion and the Town is not endorsing the Non-Profit group by allowing them to use the building. It is an endorsement from the Town of the specific activities.
- If the group does not agree with the Town Managers decision the group may appeal to the Council.
- The group will be liable and the Town is not responsible for accidents or various matters, the group will also be responsible for the cleanup of the area and the building.

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions. There were none. Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the Policy for use of Municipal Property by Non-Profit, Community Organizations.

Council Member Lee Hedgecoe made a motion to approve the Policy for use of Municipal Property by Non-Profit, Community Organizations. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Town Manager Kim Nazarchyk stated there are flagrant speed limit violators within the Town. Cumberland County Sheriff's Office has large speed limit signs that show how fast you are going and it records the data. The signs are provided at no charge.

Mr. Nazarchyk wants to get two of these signs and place them at the North and South end of the Town of Eastover. Once the data is collected the Town then has an option of hiring an extra deputy to enforce the speed limit. A deputy could be contracted to issue warning tickets at a cost of \$30.00 an hour. The Council wants to get the signs now, and then again when school starts.

Mayor McLaurin asked the Council if they had any questions. There were none so Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to approve/disapprove the speed limit recording signs.

Council Member Lee Hedgecoe made a motion to approve the speed limit recording signs. Council Member Cheryl Hudson 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

X. Closed Session

A motion to go into **Closed Session** was made by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The motion was 2nd by Council member Lawrence Buffaloe. The vote was unanimous for approval.

A motion to return to **Open Session** was made by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Randy Lee. The vote was unanimous for approval.

XI. Consider a Motion to Adjourn:

Mayor McLaurin asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe at 7:59 p.m. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Stan Crumpler. The vote was unanimous for approval.

_____, **Administrative Assistant**
Elizabeth S. Bass

Town of Eastover

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

Attest: _____, **Town Clerk**
Jane F. Faircloth