

**Town of Eastover Planning Meeting
5:00 PM Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at the
Eastover Community Center, 4008 School Road**

**Mayor Charles McLaurin, presiding.
Council Members attending: Lawrence Buffaloe, Stan Crumpler,
Lee Hedgecoe, Cheryl Hudson, and Bruce Sykes.**

**Also in attendance were:
Town Clerk Elizabeth Bass and Town Manager Kim Nazarchyk.**

MINUTES

Council met at 5:00PM, and after a quick meal, the meeting was convened at 5:46PM by Mayor McLaurin, who then recognized Mr. Nazarchyk. Mr. Nazarchyk presented the Council with recommendations from UNC-SOG staff on how to proceed with filling the current vacancy on the Eastover Town Council, which resulted from the death of Randy Lee in December of 2018. After much discussion, the Council adopted the following motion:

- At the March 12, 2019 regular meeting Council will use the “nominate-and-ballot” method to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mr. Randy Lee. This method will also be used to fill any future vacancies which may arise during this Council’s term.
- Residents interested in being nominated should contact the Eastover Town Clerk by 5:00PM on Friday, March 1, 2019.
- Depending on the number of responses, Council may hold a special meeting prior to the regular meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, to allow responding individuals an opportunity to address the Council regarding their interest in serving the Town of Eastover.
- At the 7:00PM regular meeting on March 12, 2019, ballots will be prepared for Council Members for secret vote. The person receiving the majority of votes will be selected to fill the position. If no one receives a majority on the first vote, then those who received the fewest votes will be dropped from consideration, so that voting is between the front runners. After the second round, if necessary, all candidates but two will be dropped so that the third round is between the two highest vote-getters. The person receiving the majority vote will be appointed to fill the position.

Motion was made by Ms. Hudson, with a second from Mr. Buffaloe. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

Mayor McLaurin updated Council on the status of the ballpark improvements. Mr. Gibson assured the Mayor and Mr. Crumpler that the Splash Pad, shelter, tennis courts, and volleyball courts would be completed by March 1, 2019. Mr. Nazarchyk advised the Council that Crawford Design would be incorporating the walking trail in the master plan drawing and they would be providing guidance on the placement of the piping which would be used for the bathrooms that will be placed near the future pavilion/stage.

Mr. Nazarchyk updated Council on the lighting from South River Electric to be placed along Middle Road from Talley-Woodland Park to the curve behind the IGA. The lights were ordered, but the wrong shipment came in. Projected installation will be end of March. The storms in late 2018 have caused significant delays in the lights from Duke Energy. The person assigned to the task with Pike Engineering had been transferred to Florida, and a new person was reviewing the data. Hopefully price confirmation and installation date will be confirmed by end of March.

Mr. Nazarchyk told the Council that he has contacted three concrete finishers regarding the sidewalks at the community building, and all three have indicated it would be several weeks before bidding as rainy weather has backlogged their work.

In discussing the intersection at School Road, Council agreed to hold off on improvements until school is out (May 27th). Mr. Nazarchyk will have work scheduled for the first week of June.

Mr. Nazarchyk informed Council that he was having a difficult time in finding someone to provide cleanup for the community center after rentals. In talking with professional cleaning services, we would probably have to pay \$35-40 per cleaning to an individual for this work. Mr. Nazarchyk also informed the Council that Wade, Godwin, and Stedman charged \$400 for rental of their buildings. After some discussion, the Council voted to increase the rental rate of the Eastover Community Center to \$400, plus the \$75 refundable clean up fee. Motion was made by Mr. Buffaloe, and a second by Mr. Hedgecoe. Vote was 6-0 for approval. Council also instructed Mr. Nazarchyk to negotiate an agreement, if possible, using the \$35-40 rate.

The remainder of the meeting was led by Mr. Crumpler as he updated Council on the proposed changes made by the County for the hiring of a new Planning Dept. Director. Council will attend a meeting in Linden on Friday, Feb. 15th, to discuss this with the County Manager and the Linden Town Board.

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Motion to adjourn was made at 6:42PM by Mr. Buffaloe, and a second by Mr. Hedgecoe. Vote was 6-0 in approval.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Kim Nazarchyk, Town Manager

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Elizabeth S. Bass, Clerk