

**Town of Eastover Planning Meeting
4:00 PM Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at the
Eastover Community Center, 4008 School Road**

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

Mr. Hedgecoe had an excused absence.

Also in attendance was Town Manager Kim Nazarchyk.

MINUTES

Mayor McLaurin opened the meeting at 4:00PM, and recognized Mr. Nazarchyk who commented on a case going before the Cumberland County Joint Planning Board that evening. Mr. Nazarchyk relayed his concerns to Council, and stated his intended comments. Mr. Crumpler also had comments on the case. This led to a discussion on planning the Council needs to address for other areas within the town.

Mr. Nazarchyk then updated Council on the proposed change to the County fire tax, an increase from 10.25 cents to 15 cents, and how that would impact residents in unincorporated areas. He also provided information from the County on how additional tax funds from the County's increase would be distributed to the fire departments. Mr. Nazarchyk told Council that none of the other municipalities (Falcon, Godwin, Linden, Stedman, & Wade) had taken action on the County's proposal. He also informed Council that the Eastover Fire Dept. had withdrawn their request from the April 9th meeting in which they asked the Town of Eastover to also increase the fire tax to 15 cents.

Mr. Nazarchyk then presented Council with a copy of the proposed budget for FY 2019-20. The projected increase over the previous year will be \$122,000 (8.1%), due to increased revenues from the local option sales taxes (\$105,000). The budget will cover expanded street light installation, increases in health insurance and retirement costs, and increased funding to complete capital improvements at the ballpark.

The Town Manager presented Council with an updated status on the street light expansion, School St. intersection repairs, and ballpark improvements. Council also viewed the placement

of proposed handicap parking spaces in front of the community center, recommending two spaces.

Mayor McLaurin asked Ms. Hudson to lead the performance evaluation of the Clerk and Manager.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 5:31 PM by Mr. Buffaloe, and a second by Ms. Hudson. Vote was 6-0 in approval.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Kim Nazarchyk, Town Manager

Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Elizabeth S. Bass, Clerk