

**MINUTES OF THE
SUMMERFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
SUMMERFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER
FEBRUARY 3, 2004
6:30 P.M.**

NOTE: The official minutes are a tape recording of the meeting. The following is a summary of the events of the meeting.

Dena Barnes called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Linda Southard led the invocation.

Troop Leader Alex Oliver, Senior Scout Troop 103, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council and Staff Present:

Dena Barnes	Bill Trevorrow, Town Attorney
Bob Williams	Michael Brandt, Town Administrator
Mark Brown	Susan Smith, Town Planner
Carolyn Collins	Dianne Laughlin, Town Clerk
Jane Doggett	
Michael Stewart	

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Michael Stewart to approve the Agenda with the following changes:

Rezoning Case #1-04 has been withdrawn;

Site Plan: FJM Brothers is continued to March 2nd Meeting.

Sec: Jane Doggett

The motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION FOR BOY SCOUT WEEK:

Alex Oliver accepted the Proclamation (as follows) on behalf of the Boy Scouts.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America was founded on February 8, 1910, and has grown to be a vital force in the development of our youth through its many programs which encourage the ability of its members to do things for themselves and others; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America serves many thousands of people through a wide variety of activities designed to compliment and implement the youth programs offered by churches, civic organizations and public schools; and

WHEREAS, one of the major objectives in the Scouting program is to develop citizenship through community involvement, and in addition to working for Citizenship Merit Badges, Scouts are actively involved in numerous community service projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town Summerfield, does hereby proclaim February 8 – 14, 2004 as

“BOY SCOUT WEEK”

In the Town of Summerfield and commend the dedicated volunteer Scout leaders and institutions assisting the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Explorer programs for the benefit of the youth in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Summerfield, North Carolina this the 3rd day of February 2004.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mark Brown announced the Red Cross Disaster Training is scheduled for Saturday, February 7th and March 20th at the Summerfield Fire Department at 9AM each day. He reported a light lunch will be served.

Mayor Barnes announced the upcoming Polar Plunge at the Festival Park at Oak Hollow Lake on Friday February 21st, with registration from 11:30 to 1 PM. The minimum charge is \$50.00 and all proceeds go to benefit the Special Olympics.

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR:

Mike Oliver, Scout Leader of Troop 103, thanked Council for their Proclamation, and gave an overview of the Scout program and stated that their troop had their 66th Eagle Scout two weeks ago. He reported that they have 54 scouts in their troop with good adult support and invited parents to look into scouting for their sons.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Community Relations:

Mark Brown stated that the committee had asked for an extended route for the parade and asked if anyone had heard anything on this topic. No one responded.

B. Conservation Council:

Jane Doggett announced that on February 28, members plan to go door to door to property owners along the Haw River to hand out informational packets and that they plan to hold their second landowners education meeting on March 27 from 10 AM until 1 PM. Their next meeting is Thursday, February 19th at the Town Hall. She announced their meeting date has changed to the third Thursday.

C. Finance:

Betsy Ingram stated they had discussed investment of maturing CD's and that they probably would not meet in February, but would meet at the regular time on March 15th.

D. Historical:

Linda Southard reported that Jessie Edwards, Genealogical Expert, will be speaking and they will offering a free Family Research Workshop to the

community on February 26th at the Town Hall and also acquaint residents with the resources available at the Greensboro Public Library.

E. Parks & Rec:

Debbie Hoffman stated that they met jointly with the Conservation Council for Michael Brandt to explain the budget procedure and that they have changed their meeting date to the second Thursday in each month. She reported that the PARTF Grant had been delivered and that Jim Wyatt is leaving the committee and will be replaced by Grant Cassiano. Hoffman stated that the money was coming from a state Grant and that the taxpayers were not being asked to pay for the park, after a question from Paul Milam concerning a recent survey on services.

F. Public Safety: No report

G. Text Committee: No meeting due to weather.

H. Thoroughfare: Robert Gordon announced a meeting in the NW High School Multi-purpose Room on February 18th from 6 PM to 8 PM of the MPO to discuss roads and that DOT might be able to improve the curve on Oak Ridge Road near Henson Forest.

I. Water Resource: Gordon announced that they are still in discussion about feasible water resources.

Break from 7:00 to 7:05.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. REZONING CASE #2-04: AG and RS-30 to CU-OSRD. Located on the west side of DEBOE ROAD (SR 2119) approximately 3,300 feet north of NC 150 WEST in Bruce Township. Being Guilford County Tax Map 10-656, Block 973, Parcels 12 and 13, approximately 8.864 acres. Owned by Donald L. and Sandra L. Henson.

Susan Smith presented the case, reading from the Staff report.

In Favor:

Paul Milam, representative of the owners, stated they are trying to abide by the wishes of the Deboe Road residents not to put a road on this property. He stated that they will try to keep all the hardwoods on the property. He also reported that they have met all health department requirements and that the lots would be used for open space and off-site septic areas, no buildings.

Irv Leonard, Deboe Road resident, stated that the Hensons have worked with the residents of Deboe Road and he approves of this plan.

Dan Smith, 7776 Deboe Road, stated that his property is across the street from the property in question and he will be glad to see something other than a road there.

Opposed:

Deloris Smith stated she was opposed at the Zoning Board hearing, and thanked everyone for hearing her.

Jane Doggett asked if this piece of property had been added and was told it has never been a part of Henson Forest.

After further discussion, a motion to approve Rezoning Case #2-04 was made by Jane Doggett and seconded by Bob Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

B. SUBDIVISION CASE #2002-164 (REVISED PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL): Henson Forest Subdivision, Phase III. Owned by Henson Forest Development Corp. Located on West Hwy. 150N at the intersection of Henson Forest Drive in Bruce Township and consists of 40 lots, common area, and road dedication for a total of approximately 98.41 acres. Being Guilford County Tax Map 10-0654, Block 972, Parcel(s) 10. Zoned CU-OSRD. Not located in a water supply watershed.

Susan Smith presented the case, reporting that there would be the same number of lots (138) did not change. She also explained the road configuration and lot numbering.

After some discussion, a motion was made to approve Subdivision Case #2002-164 with the changes as outlined by Michael Stewart and seconded by Jane Doggett. The motion carried unanimously.

C. SUBDIVISION CASE #2002-166 (REVISED PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL): Henson Forest Subdivision, Phase IV. Owned by Henson Forest Development Corp. Located off of West Hwy. 150N at the intersection of Henson Forest Drive in Bruce Township and consists of 60 lots, common area, and road dedication for a total of approximately 85.08 acres. Being Guilford County Tax Map 10-0654, Block 972, Parcel(s) 10. Zoned CU-OSRD. Not located in a water supply watershed.

Susan Smith presented the case explaining that this is just a clean-up step because each previous step had caused changes.

After some discussion, a motion was made to approve Subdivision Case #2002-166 by Jane Doggett and seconded by Michael Stewart. The motion carried unanimously.

Susan Smith asked Council to hear Paul Milam request and report on non-conforming street signs.

Paul Milam, Khaki Place, stated that they would do whatever NCDOT wants, but that these signs are already in place, where DOT stated and he distributed a letter from

Imperial Manufacturing that stated that the signs are break-away as requested by the DOT and EMS.

After some discussion a motion was made to approve the signs, if they meet the standards, by Michael Stewart and seconded by Jane Doggett. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. DISCUSSION OF PETITION FOR REFERENDUM FOR REPEAL OF THE FIRST ONE-CENT LOCAL SALES TAX.

Mayor Barnes asked that a Council memorandum in response to this request be distributed to the audience and interested parties and she read the response aloud. She then asked Bill Trevorrow, Town Attorney to explain the ramifications that could come from this type of movement.

Trevorrow stated that you must consider the reaction of the people collecting the taxes. He stated that the County would probably raise property tax and furthermore if successful they could, by resolution; reinstate the one per-cent sales tax. He stated that as a town matures, the logical way is to establish a local property tax.

Dwayne Crawford stated that he felt the state spent too much and that they stole the money back from us and that he would like do something to help children and old people and stated that he thought the Town should be responsible and move ahead with a property tax. He stated he would like to hear how each Council member stood on the request for a resolution to repeal the one-cent tax as he felt it was a voting issue to him.

Paul Milam stated that he agreed with Bill Trevorrow and that the property tax issue needs to be addressed.

Danny Nelson stated that they are asking for a Resolution in favor of the repeal of this first one-cent sales tax and that Summerfield should get free from the County by getting an infrastructure of their own, stating that if it means a property tax, so be it.

Addie Williamson, Lewiston Road, stated that she is in favor of the resolution.

Mark Brown stated that he applauded the Citizen's Group for their research and presentation, but that the Council must do what's best for all the citizens of the Town of Summerfield.

Bob Williams stated that this issue was discussed at length at their last retreat, which was open to the public.

Carolyn Collins stated that she stood by the memo.

Mayor Barnes stated that she shared the frustration of the group and that we should elect commissioners who would be accountable to the citizens.

BUSINESS FROM TOWN PLANNER:

Susan Smith stated that the Development Ordinances were being printed.

A motion was made to adjourn to Executive Session for property and personnel matters by Jane Doggett and seconded by Bob Williams at 8:22 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Council reconvened at 8:57 PM.

BUSINESS FROM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

Brandt stated that he had received information on a two-day workshop, "Conservation Design", and he asked Council to approve up to \$700.00 for anyone on related committees to go at \$40.00 per person. He reported that the dates were March 3 and 4 in Charlotte and April 13 and 14 in Raleigh.

A motion was made to approve an amount up to \$700.00 for Zoning Board, Town Council, Town Administrator, Conservation Council, Historical Committee members and other related committees to attend a "Conservation Design" workshop at \$40.00 per person was made by Jane Doggett and seconded by Bob Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

Brandt reported that Fred Hutson had asked if the Council wanted to move their November 2nd meeting to November 9th because of Election Day and Council, after some discussion, by consent, approved the change.

Brandt reported on a letter of Credit for Henson Forest that he had received extending the date to 2005 and asked Council for approval for the Mayor to sign the letter.

After brief discussion, a motion was made to authorize the mayors signing of the letter of credit by Michael Stewart and seconded by Carolyn Collins. The motion carried unanimously.

Brandt stated that after some discussion with Kim Ireland, he feels the School Committee will probably disband and that NCDOT is looking at the speed limits on NC 150 and wanted to know if the Town wanted the speed lowered to 35 mph or 40 mph.

He reported that the stop light at NC 150 and Summerfield Road is under contract and should be in place before Founders Day and that Dubach Road is scheduled to be paved in the spring.

He reported that the PARTF Grant request had been delivered and that he wished to thank Debbie Hoffman, Sue Beeson, John Lepri and particularly Robert Gordon, who spent a lot of time in preparation of this Grant.

He stated that he had found another grant that he will probably apply for which is a Pedestrian Plan for Towns and is an 80/20 split, with the Town paying the 20%.

With no further business before the Town Council, a motion was made by Jane Doggett and seconded by Carolyn Collins. The motion carried unanimously.

The Town Clerk reported that she had attended a Clerk's School at which the some of the clerks stated that they felt unappreciated and she thanked Council that she did not feel that way.

Dena Barnes, Mayor

Dianne Laughlin, Town Clerk