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C L O S E D S E S S I O N M I N U T E S J U L Y 1 3 , 2 0 2 1

Present BJ Barnes, Tim Sessoms, Lynne DeVaney, Reece Walker, John O'Day, Teresa Perryman, Scott Whitaker, Bob Hornik, Lance Heater.

*NOTE: O'Day made a motion at 8:41pm to go into closed session for the purpose of consulting with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege as provided under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3). This motion was seconded by Sessoms and carried unanimously.

Whitaker asked for guidance regarding the next steps for the code enforcement case involving the Hopkins property on Summerfield Road, stating a need existed to test soil samples to assess the environmental condition of the property. To that end, the Town had received 2 quotes: \$8710 from Enrisco and \$23,300 from Freeze & Nichols. A court order would likely be required to allow the Town to have access to the property. Whitaker stated that an alternative would be to take no action.

There followed a discussion regarding various alternatives, with Perryman opposed to taking any enforcement action. It was the consensus of Council (with the exception of Perryman), that Hornik request permission from the property owner's attorney to access the property so that a visual inspection could be conducted and for Whitaker to obtain a third quote for soil testing. After these actions are taken, Council would reconsider the matter at its August meeting.

Closed session ended at approximately 9:24pm.



BJ Barnes, Mayor



Lance G. Heater Town Clerk