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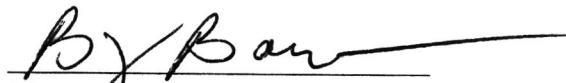
Present Tim Sessoms, Lynne DeVaney, John O'Day, Teresa Perryman, Scott Whitaker, Bob Hornik, Lance Heater.

*NOTE: O'Day made a motion at 7:30pm 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 reported regarding the code enforcement case involving the Hopkins property on Summerfield Road. Whitaker stated that attorney Charles Winfree, representing the property owner, had stated that the owners would allow Bill Bailey, former Town-contracted Code Enforcement Officer with N-Focus Planning, to enter the property for the purpose of taking pictures. The owners also disclosed that the property's well provided water to the next-door feed mill, so water samples could be taken from there instead. The owners did not consent to the taking of soil and water samples from the Hopkins property.

Hornik stated that in order to get a court order to obtain soil and water samples from the property, the Town would need to convince a judge that there was probable cause based on factual information that there is good reason to believe a problem exists with the water or the soil. It was the consensus of Council (Perryman opposed) that the Town seek to obtain permission from the property owners for Bill Bailey to enter the property for the purpose of inspection and attempt to contract with Bill Bailey to perform the inspection.

Closed session ended at approximately 7:45pm.


BJ Barnes, Mayor


Lance G. Heater Town Clerk