



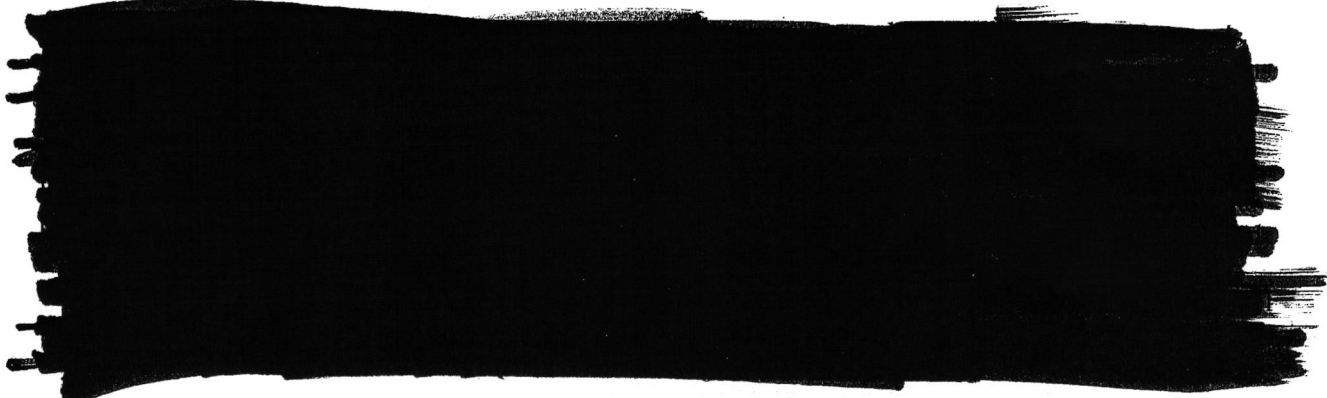
C L O S E D S E S S I O N M I N U T E S N O V E M B E R 1 0 , 2 0 2 0

Present: BJ Barnes, Lynne Williams DeVaney, John O'Day, Tim Sessoms, Teresa Pegram, Reece Walker, Town Manager Scott Whitaker, Town Clerk Lance Heater, and Town Attorney Kevin Hornik.

*NOTE: Sessoms made a motion at 8:47pm to enter into closed session (after a 5-minute recess) for the purpose of: 1) 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); and, 2) addressing the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract as provided under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5). The motion was seconded by O'Day and carried unanimously.

Hornik reported that there was a possibility that, as the custodian of public records for the Town, Lance Heater may be named as a party to the lawsuit of Dunham v. Whitaker regarding a public records request for an extensive amount of emails. Therefore, a Resolution would be offered in open session which would authorize the Town Attorney to defend Heater against the action should he be made a party to the lawsuit.

Council also had a lengthy discussion of a code enforcement case regarding the Daniels property on Summerfield Road. Pegram expressed support for approaching the property owners prior to pursuing further legal action in order to give them an opportunity to remedy the issues. It was the consensus of Council that Pegram would contact the property owners, with several Council members encouraging her to state that if remediation is not initiated within 30 days, that the Town would take legal action to correct the conditions.



Closed session ended at 9:49pm.


BJ Barnes, Mayor


Lance G. Heater Town Clerk