



## **Town of Walkertown, North Carolina**

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**Walkertown Town Council Meeting**

**Walkertown Library Auditorium**

**THURSDAY 7:00 P.M. APRIL 27, 2006**

# **MINUTES**

The Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Wayne Hester at 7:01 p.m. Present were Mr. Hester, Brenda Mabe, Ralph Landreth, Sarah Welch, Attorney Steve Garland, and Town Clerk Lynn McKinnie. Mayor Doc Davis was absent due to a business meeting in Las Vegas. The library auditorium was full of people – mostly from the Walnut Cove area – at the meeting to see how the Walkertown Town Council would vote on the resolution against the proposed Forsyth / Stokes counties landfill.

## **2. MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented on a motion by Brenda Mabe and seconded by Ralph Landreth.

## **3. MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

- March 23, 2006

The minutes of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, were unanimously approved on a motion by Brenda Mabe and seconded by Sarah Welch.

## **4. PUBLIC SESSION**

THIS SESSION IS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY AND IS LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER  
WHEN SPEAKING TO ANY ITEM, PLEASE RESTRICT YOUR REMARKS TO THE SUBJECT AT HAND.

Public Session was opened at 7:05 p.m.

Before going into Public Session, however, Mayor Pro Tem Hester spoke: “There was a misconception evidently on TV and some of the news articles – said this was a landfill hearing, which it is not! This is a Walkertown Town Council meeting that will be held according to our rules, regulations and we will have an open session and people can speak at it for three minutes. But for the landfill resolution that’s on the agenda – it will not be allowed to be spoken at, at the open session. Each side will be allowed fifteen (15) minutes – there are two speakers for the landfill – the City Utilities. There is one speaker for Citizens Against the Landfill. First, we will have the open session.....”

No one signed up for the open Public Session and the session was closed at 7:07 p.m.

## **5. LANDFILL ISSUE – PRO & CON RESOLUTION #06-022 TO OPPOSE CONSTRUCTION OF A C&D LANDFILL ON HIGHWAY 311 BETWEEN WALNUT COVE AND WALKERTOWN**

- PRO - Letter from David Saunders included
- PRO – Attorney Don Neilson
- CON - Rev. Larry Neal

**SPEAKER(S) FOR THE LANDFILL**

**Don Nielsen**, 100 North Cherry Street in Winston-Salem.

“I’m assisting the Utilities Commission with their rezoning request for a construction and demolition proposed facility up on the Stokes County border. David Saunders, who is the Utilities Director, is out of town and unfortunately couldn’t be here tonight and we apologize for that. **Jan McHargue** is the Solid Waste Administrator and she is here. She is a professional engineer with 25 years of experience in environmental engineering and she is extremely well qualified to answer questions that you may have. Between the two of us, we’ll do the best we can to answer, again, any questions that you have. I’m going to start out with an overview of the process and the planning that went into this project and Jan will follow up with more detailed discussion of the planned operations. But, most importantly, we want to stress to you why the proposed C&D facility is important and beneficial to the growth and success of Walkertown and to the County as a whole. Through Ms. McKinnie we tried to get to each of you a booklet about the landfill, and I hope you’ve had a chance to look at that and I hope that answered at least some of your questions. But we understand and know that your main concern tonight is how this project affects Walkertown and that’s what we want to focus on. Above all, this project is about providing for the future – including Walkertown’s future. It’s about whether we, as a community, will have the infrastructure to meet the needs of our citizens and businesses in a competitive economy and whether we will be responsible environmental stewards by providing a safe and affordable place to recycle and dispose of construction debris. And this is a C&D facility..... It’s not for municipal solid waste or garbage or hazardous waste. It won’t smell! It won’t explode! It won’t contaminate! It will ensure that there is a place to put materials from projects like this one (SHOWING THE FRONT PAGE OF THE BUSINESS JOURNAL FROM LAST MONTH – SAYS “400 HOMES SET FOR WALKAERTOWN” – COPY ATTACHED FOR REFERENCE)) That’s partly what this C&D project is for. Winston-Salem and the County decided many years ago that there should be public options for solid waste management so that our community could have local control so that we don’t have to rely on private, ‘for profit’, out-of-state firms. Contractors, citizens, and businesses require a convenient, safe and affordable place to recycle and dispose of construction debris. The Homebuilders Association, Winston-Salem Business, Inc., and other others in the business community have emphasized that need and there are some letters of support in the booklet that we gave you, which are a sampling of the business community support for this facility. The process for opening a new facility can take several years. The County’s only permitted C&D facility has limited lifespan left and no room for recycling. Recycling space and capability are key components of this new facility because, first, it’ll help the environment; it’ll slow the need for new landfills; it will allow us to implement new technology that comes along and will allow Walkertown and the County to meet expected strict waste reduction standards that we expect to be coming in the future from the federal and the state governments. If we don’t have a place to do all that; if we don’t plan for the future, this community will have serious environmental and

financial issues. It's important to remember that you're not looking at this in a vacuum. Strategic planning has gone on for this project for years and Walkertown has been a part of this process. The proposed facility will help meet the goals and objectives that are in the Ten-Year Solid Waste Management Plan that Walkertown adopted in 2003, in conjunction with Forsyth County and all the other municipalities in the County. We are all working together – and we have to work together – for basic utility needs as well as to meet state requirements. You'll see in the booklet that we gave you the Utilities Commission has lots of facilities throughout the County --- landfills, water plants, wastewater plants – but none of them are in the northeastern part of the County. They are all inter-dependent; they're inter-connected; and they're important to the County as a whole. Legacy, which Walkertown adopted in 2001, recognizes that "...growth and development in any community brings with it a corresponding increase in the amount of solid waste produced and a growing difficulty in disposing of that waste..." which is generated by all of us. Legacy calls for the establishment of landfill sites, utilization of new technologies and expansion of recycling and this new facility will advance all of these goals and each of these goals has been approved by every local government in Forsyth County. The UDO, which Walkertown has also adopted, includes C&D facilities among uses which "...in their normal operations have little or no adverse affect upon adjoining properties." The Utilities Commission will provide far more than the minimum that's required in the UDO --- at least 180 acres of this site are planned for buffer, setback and permanent conservation. From most vantage points, the site will not look much different than it does now.....rural and natural. And with the growth of the Triad, the best way to ensure that this property is rural and open is to have this facility there – in the next thirty years. If there is any impact on Walkertown from this project, I submit to you that it will be positive, in terms of having a convenient and safe facility, five or six miles up the road. Jan will talk more about traffic, but a subdivision would have a far greater impact on traffic, resources and the environment than this project. A subdivision on this property would involve hundreds of homes, miles of impervious surface, stormwater issues, septic tanks, drawing down the water table and many more thousands of vehicle trips with potential emissions, traffic and safety issues. The proposed facility is not an environmental problem – it's an environmental solution – and the best one we have at this time to a problem that's not going to go away. A lot of the opposition will say, *'We know you need a C&D facility ---- just put it somewhere else.'* And I'll tell you that some people have not been shy about telling us where that facility should go!! With state and local requirements in mind, the Utilities Commission looked for a site that had the right size and topography; a willing seller; good access; good groundwater and soil characteristics and extensive buffers and natural areas. It wasn't easy to find and it won't get any easier or less expensive to find such a site in the future. The City-County Planning Staff and the City-County Planning Board evaluated whether this project stood up to the demands of Legacy, the UDO, and other plans and policies adopted to protect the community. These are the same plans and policies that Walkertown has adopted. Staff endorsed the plan and the Planning Board voted 7 to 1 in favor – from a planning perspective, this site is good. The plan is good and it meets an important county-wide need. The bottom line is that the waste must go somewhere and that we, as a County, have made the decision that we want

public options for waste management. The project you are reviewing tonight is part of the long-term planning and management of the County's Solid Waste, including Walkertown and every municipality in the County. It's consistent with the plans Walkertown has adopted. It's consistent with providing for Walkertown and the County's needs and growth. And it's the best option to protect, and even improve the environment through recycling and green space. This project is important for the future of Walkertown and the County and we hope that you will support it. And now, I will let Jan take over."

**Jan McHarque** of the City-County Utilities Commission:

"I want to begin by reviewing a few details of the site. The site consists of 435 acres, located in Forsyth and Stokes Counties. The county line does run through the site. There is a minimum 200-foot buffer around the perimeter of the landfill. The actual distance to the waste unit, in most locations, is much greater than 200-feet. We have stream buffers and wetland preservation areas for a total of 180 acres of buffer and conservation area on the site. The only material that we will accept at this facility is material from construction, demolition, and renovation projects. We will not take household garbage, industrial or hazardous waste. We are only proposing to accept materials from Forsyth and Stokes Counties; although, the ultimate decision as to the service area will be left up to the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners. Modern landfills are not open dumps; they are engineered facilities with environmental controls to protect the groundwater and the surface water and the air quality. It's a highly-regulated activity by the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the permitting process includes public input. So this will not be the last opportunity that the public has to comment on the project. Our operating record is a matter of public record and it includes inspections and monitoring data on all our facilities. We have had a professional transportation engineer evaluate the site and he has concluded that the project would have minimal impact on the transportation system in the area. The design capacity of **311** is **12,000** vehicles per day and the current load near the facility is about **4,100** vehicles per day. The average daily vehicle count that we would add to the roads is about **165** vehicles per day. So you can see that's a very small percentage of the capacity of the roads. Continuing with traffic, our customers' trips are spread throughout the day but the peak times are around **10:00 a.m.** in the morning and between **1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.** in the afternoon. There's no traffic after **5:00 p.m.** or on **Sundays** because we are closed at those times. It's important to know what types of vehicles that we would be putting on the roads. We are not talking about tractor-trailers! Based on a study we did at our current facility, 31% of the vehicles are pick-up trucks; about 34% are one-ton trucks and/or dump trucks; and 30% is what we call roll-off trucks, which are the trucks that carry the metal boxes that you see at construction sites or demolition sites. Another 5% would be passenger cars or vans. Again, we average about 165 vehicles per day. It's important to note that not all of these would travel through Walkertown. Some would access the site from other avenues. Just for comparison purposes, a subdivision of 400 homes would be estimated to generate about 3,800 additional trips in a 24-hour period. A shopping center, similar to the one at 66 and 158, would generate over 10,000 trips; and a fast-food restaurant generates about 1,700 trips. So, our 165 is a very small number compared to these other economic development projects.

The City-County Utilities Commission has a proven track record of operating water, sewer, and solid-waste facilities throughout the County. We do it efficiently and effectively and we have an excellent compliance record with no violations at our solid-waste facilities. In the past we've been a good neighbor to the people around our facilities and we intend to continue to be a good neighbor to any citizens that are located a proposed facility. In conclusion, we know that the decision to site a landfill is controversial. It's emotional and it's a difficult thing to go through. But it's a decision that's essential to provide for the future of Forsyth County. And this site would allow this critical public need to be met while also setting aside publicly owned green space, recreation areas, and wildlife conservation areas. (LOOKING AT THE SITE PLAN MAP) The county line bisects the site. There's about 120 acres in Stokes County. There's a 200-foot minimum buffer around the perimeter – it's actually much greater in many areas. The dark green lines are the stream buffers – for the streams to be buffered by 200-feet. And this light green area is a wetland preservation area along Lick Creek. I'll be happy to answer any questions."

Mr. Hester: If you will hold on just a minute; we'll see if the Council has any questions.

Ms. Mabe: On the traffic part, my concern is the type of – you know, you're going to have some coming in and you tell me all this traffic is going to be minimal. But then you add it was our traffic. This is why we ask for this – concern. Because I was going through in here and reading it and it was talking about D.O.T. *'..Any road improvement will be necessary or recommended..'* I was hoping that you already had a plan implemented and saying...because our roads already need this...and I know you say it's up to par...but my concern is, the impact that it's going to have on downtown Walkertown. We've got two little lanes and we sit in Town Hall and we hear the big trucks coming by and you said that they're only going to come from Forsyth County. And they're only going to come from Stokes County. But then you come on here and say 'pick-up trucks'. How are you going to police those? I mean, are you going to have it to be able when they come there and they're not from Forsyth County, you're not going to let them come into the landfill?

Ms. McHargue: ....So....the question is....how will we know.....

Ms. Mabe: .....I mean.....a small truck, and mainly, that's what you're saying...like, to me, it says *'164 trucks per day ..... are pick-ups'* and small trucks....and my concern is, when they come through our town, how are we going to police those? Are they supposed to have covers so they don't lose debris in our town? This is my concern because... and then it says, *'peak time between 10 and 2'*....Okay. Two o'clock is when our schools get out here and this is my concern – the schools!! And we have a congestion problem right here.....really bad in the afternoons. And so, my concern is, I know when you come .....you may be a little bit for after two ....it's not going to always be right at two...but my concern is we have traffic sitting across the street, feeding into the school. And we have a Middle School here as well. Buses coming out..... My concern with all this..... plus with your vehicles coming in, ..... that's our concern..... We are really concerned with this....

Ms. McHargue: .....Right.....I understand. The data that I put on the slides came from John Davenport, who is a professional engineer who

specializes in traffic and transportation. He previously worked for the Department of Transportation and issued what's called.... I mean, one of the things he did..... he issued driveway permits. That's a component of this that we haven't talked about that's important. The ultimate decision to issue a driveway permit for this, or any other facility, happens through the Department of Transportation. So they evaluate the road system and they may require us to put in turn lanes or add surface layer of pavement to the road. There are things that they could make us do if they deem it appropriate to improve the roads. So, if there's something that's inadequate, that they think we're going to contribute to, we would have to make those improvements.

Ms. Mabe: Okay. Is there any other route besides coming through Walkertown....through those peak hours.....around 2:00 – our schools are .... And early in the morning, you said around ten, but ....so you're not going to start before 10:00 in the morning? Nobody would be using the highways before then?

Ms. McHargue: Well, no, they would be. The operating hours are from 7:00 a.m. til 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday -- at our current facility – assuming this new facility would be the same operating hours. It would be 7 to 5. But, what we've seen, based on the scale house records, is that the peak number of trucks per hour occurs around 10 in the morning and then again right after lunch, from 1 to 2, which kind of makes sense because contractors go work for a while and then they bring the loads in the middle of the morning and the middle of the afternoon.

Ms. Mabe: Well, in the morning, I mean, you can't get out here in the morning. It's so bad. I'm being honest with you. And my concern, you said there won't be transfer trucks, but be large. What tonnage would your trucks coming, dumping at the site? Do you have any idea what the.....?

Ms. McHargue: .....Well, yeah. The pick-up trucks and the one-ton trucks, obviously, would not carry any more than a ton as a payload. Dump trucks are going to carry a few tons, a few more tons. And those roll-offs that I mentioned, those construction boxes – they would likely be the most heavy of all those ..... vehicles.....

Ms. Mabe: .....Are they going to be permitted by Forsyth County?.....

Ms. McHargue: .....I'm sorry?.....

Ms. Mabe: .....Are they going to have permits from Forsyth County on these trucks? I mean, are they going to be that way? I mean, do you know?.....

Ms. McHargue: .....Actually.....Forsyth County does not have a permitting system for trucks.....that I'm aware of.....

Ms. Mabe: .....Okay.....And all these trucks that large will have to have covers and everything on .....

Ms. McHargue: .....They are required to.....be covered.....Yes..... You asked that earlier and, I'm sorry..... They're required to be covered by law, state law, and by the Utility Commission policy. So if a truck arrives at one of our facilities that is not covered, it is not allowed to enter. And they learn very quickly that they're not able to use our facilities if they arrive uncovered. So that rarely happens.

Ms. Mabe: .....But, right now, ...we don't ..... you .....no one has a plan for upgrading the....I'm looking.....this is right now.....we're discussing now.....but with this large a landfill coming in...this is going to be 25 or 30 years down the road. And I know, with all probability, this will probably go through but

I'm concerned for the safety of this town and the streets and that's what I'm looking at. More – and for our citizens and for the schools that we got right here. This is a major through to get there. And we're going to be the one that you're going to come through. This is my biggest concern.....

Ms. McHargue: .....Right.....I do understand.....

Ms. Mabe: .....The type of traffic that's coming through, and my concern is if we have all these little pick-up trucks and all them coming through, debris is going to come.....And I know that's going to happen. So, we're going to have to pass some more ordinances to control this and that's going to be our responsibility. So my concern is for traffic. I appreciate it.

Ms. McHargue: .....Right. Of that total number of cars, I guess it's impossible to predict exactly how many would come through Walkertown but if you look at a map of the area, there will be a good number of contractors or users that come, maybe, from Rural Hall, that area, and they might come across 65 and go to Walnut Cove and come down. So the total number of trucks are not going to come through Walkertown. .... Some percentage would.....

Ms. Mabe: .....That won't be coming through Walkertown?.....

With all the entrances to this area, are all small, country-lane roads. There is no major highway, like 158, or 40, or 52, and that's been my concern. And 311 may be substandard, but it's really – we have a lot of traffic. Do you know he's done this study at, when he was making this study, what location he was at?

Ms. McHargue: ....He did traffic counts at a number of different intersections. The study is about that thick.

Mr. Hester: Anyone else have any questions? I would like to know one thing. Who will police these vehicles when they get there? How will you know whether they are from Forsyth or Stokes Counties?

Ms. McHargue: Our operators ask that question when the trucks arrive. We monitor that at the scale house. Every truck is visually inspected and the scale house operator basically interviews the driver to see where they're coming from. We.....

Mr. Hester: ..... But do they have to have some ID or something showing they're from Forsyth County; or can they just come from anywhere and say, '*We're from Forsyth (or Stokes).*'

Ms. McHargue: We could implement a program like that if we wanted to. It has really not been a problem. We have a – I won't say, limited customer base – but we basically know our customers. Most of them have charge accounts with us. So it's not like you get a lot of people coming in off the street paying cash to use a landfill. It's largely repeat customers that have accounts with us and we know the haulers; and we know the drivers; and often we know the jobsites they're coming from. So, it's been sufficient so far just to interview the driver.

Mr. Hester: Okay. One other question I will ask, probably for the benefit of someone. The buffer that you're talking of. And one of the concerns has been how close it's going to be to the churches, or certain buildings there. How far will the buffer, how much room will that leave between a building and the landfill itself?

Ms. McHargue: When I say there's a 200-foot buffer around the perimeter – that's the absolute minimum. In many areas, it's more like a 1,000 feet, or in a lot of cases, at least hundreds of feet from the edge of the property to the waste unit.

Mr. Hester: Oh. So there wouldn't be anything going right up to the buildings or anything?

Ms. McHargue: No. There's large buffer areas on all sides of the landfill.

Mr. Hester: Okay. If there are no further questions, then we'll take about a 3-minute break so Ms. McHargue can take her stuff down and then we will have Keith Hibner make his presentation.

### THREE MINUTE BREAK

Mr. Hester: Okay. If you'll give us your name and tell us who you're representing, please.

**Keith Hibner** who lives at 7775 Steele Road in Walnut Cove.

I represent a group of citizens who are opposed to this landfill and as we proceed today, I think you'll find out why we are. First of all, to answer a couple of questions that didn't seem to be answered for you. Their traffic study only incorporated less than a five-mile area. It did not incorporate any traffic that came through Walkertown, that came off of anything north of Business-40 or east of 52. It was only within the immediate vicinity of the proposed landfill itself. So that's why it's difficult answering what questions, what problems they may have with Walkertown itself. Second, one of the questions was about just being in Forsyth or Stokes County. And yes, they have said initially that it is going to be from just Forsyth or Stokes County; however, I have a document where they responded to one of our citizens for a request on whether it could be a state-wide landfill and the response was 'Yes. It could be a statewide landfill.' The closest four-lane road is 16 miles away. And, as you all well know, you can sort of play back in your head that also goes through – most of those routes are no less than two school districts also. As you know Walkertown, a couple more than that. That was just for free! ..... I live on Steele Road. Even if I didn't live that close to this proposed landfill, I would still say this does not make good sense for this part of Forsyth County. One of the items that was mentioned was the Legacy issues that are involved with this and that have been addressed previously and seeing that there is no issues with Legacy and putting this landfill here, as you are probably well aware since you all are looking at the Walkertown Growth Management Plan, I think you are looking at next month on – what they say about rural areas for the Legacy --- limited development, try and retain farmland open space, preserve a natural environment, grow character – and the reason I know that that is also important to Walkertown is because on your own work plan, your own plan that you are developing, the first three issues have to do with rural areas also. And do not rezone them; you encourage conservation open space; you limit what can be done in rural areas. I know that Walkertown is also concerned about what happens to the development of the rural areas, especially out in this area, which is adjacent to Walkertown. Again, the Legacy issues, one other one that we have is that in 2002, there was no landfill petition for 311 by a private individual. That was turned down for the same reasons they say this one is okay. It was turned down because it did not fit the Legacy issues. And the material going in there did not fit what was going to be in the landfill. The question, of course, begs, what happened in the mile and half from where this

one was proposed, where the next one is, does that establish a precedence if they go ahead and pass this landfill in the northern part of Forsyth County? Does that mean that it'll be okay for this guy to go back and re-petition for a landfill, put it in...how can you justify turning them down, once you've put in a landfill that's about four times the size of what this gentleman wanted to put in? The other question that I have, and we as a group always have been, is what does Legacy really mean, then, if we can just take the property and use it for we want to, speaking rhetorically about the members of the elected officiate here, and their appointees about what they can do with the county? Just to graphically illustrate this, if I could, the top red circle is where the proposed landfill is. We're all familiar with where 311 comes out.....right around here. There's an existing small landfill right here. We all know where the power lines are and the railroad tracks are. This is where the proposed landfill is. This is where the other gentleman with the other landfill that I was talking about was in 2002. What is going to stop this from becoming a corridor for landfills or those types of industries if we don't stop this now in this area? The other thing I want to point out is that this is a map of Walkertown – these are your planning areas that you are going to probably pass next week – development areas – your rural areas which is lined with Forsyth County rural areas. What's going to stop that from encroaching on areas that you're trying to also establish for the rural establishment within Forsyth County? Thanks for letting me borrow that off your website. Another issue is what happens to the homes that are adjoining the landfills? This is the home of Mr. Bowman, who backs up to the existing landfill in Forsyth County – the Old Salisbury Road landfill. First of all, when I went to contact Mr. Bowman – unsolicited – his first comment to me, before I said anything else, was '*Do not buy a house next to a landfill!*' He had purchased this house from his son because his son had tried to sell this house after he purchased it. And his son was not able to sell it --- nobody would even come and look at it once they found out it was adjoining the Old Salisbury Road landfill. And so Mr. Bowman bought it from his son so that his son could move to another house he already had purchased. Couple of other things to point out – the buffer for this, first of all, the question is, is this really 200 yards that they say it's going to be? Second, this house has been here for about ten years. Where is the trees buffer, that's supposed to be along here for the site as well as the noise abatement? You can't see it very well, but there's actually a berm that's about thirty feet above where the natural contour above this area. Also I talked with Mr. Bowman and he's had issues with run-off, erosion of his backyard, trees falling across his fence – letting his dogs out, and other issues. The Utilities Commission has been very responsive in taking care of those issues when they've arisen, but why does he have to deal with that anyway? He shouldn't have to. The other thing I want to point out to you is that Mr. Bowman's house is in Davidson County – it's not in Forsyth County – he has to deal with these issues. Along with that, we have a realtor who has – this isn't just isolated to the Old Salisbury Road landfill. There are houses and lots for sale along where this proposed site is up the road here. We have a statement from a realtor who said that once people find out that there is a proposed landfill there, she cannot get anybody to even come out and look at the houses or lots in that area. I have a document from another group who was fighting the landfill in Maryland back in 2000 and they found, again, this is what they found – I can't yet document the same issues here but I would think the

potential is there – they found that their property values within adjoining their landfill would drop by a minimum of 11%. That didn't take into account how they'd be affected by other nuisances such as noise and the amount of traffic in the area. Again, looking at Old Salisbury Road, I mentioned the noise issue that you have – how are you going to abate the noise that's going to take place there? You can see that there's a large pan or skid-loader, very large piece of equipment, moving along there. Mr. Bowman also says that equipment is moving by 6:00 in the morning as they pre-position it, they do maintenance on it – those types of things for that day's activities. So, yeah, they don't open until 8:00 but there's noise and movements taking place before that. You can see how high that berm and that picture is above Mr. Bowman's house. The other thing that's interesting is that Utilities Commission had a noise study done. They said that in this study that you could have no louder noise coming from this proposed site than two people talking. However, when you go and look at the study itself, what you find is that they actually didn't do any kind of study of the area where this proposed site is. They just did it in a simulated manner, with the report itself, pulling information from a book, with the potential decibel levels were, they said that an increase of 10-decibels from existing level would be noisy but they then came to the conclusion it would not be a problem with the noise here however the margin of error on their study was 5 to 10 decibels. So, if you take into account the margin of error on their study of 5 to 10 decibels, they're saying there's a potential of being loud anyway. So what good was the study? It's saying they have potential for loud noises there. So our concern is if there's noises there, how is it going to affect the immediate people that live around the landfill? The other issues that we have is of course the access, as we talked about a little earlier. Within 4 miles of Old Salisbury Road, there's a 4-lane highway, US Highway 52, that takes you to that landfill. Again, 16 miles from the nearest 4-lane to where that proposed landfill is up here in this county, the main entrance is about ½ mile from where this large intersection is. Very easy to get to it. I've misprinted up there – it's actually the Old Salisbury Road intersection, Hwy 150, not Fried Bridge....but it's right in that vicinity right there. Here is the main access to this dump coming from Walkertown --- a 2-lane road, narrow, as you can see, also rolling, limited sight sometimes in seeing what's ahead of you. This is the main entrance into the dump itself. Again, a 2-lane road and the other issue is that it goes over a railroad track. If you've ever been up that way and the railroad's going along, you know the traffic will back up for a great distance for a long period of time, which creates issues. Now, what I wanted to lead to is that in the army, we call it WITFM – What's in this for me? What's in this for Walkertown? Again, this is up 6, 7 miles away but it does impact Walkertown also with just the traffic in this area. You have school buses within that area. And if I could very quickly point out over here, you'll find in your packet a list of school bus stops that are within the Walkertown area. Just going up 311, I think your very top one is the route from Walkertown up 311. If you notice, there are 20 stops just on that route itself. Now, there's 20 stops – not 20 buses that stop. If you'll look, there's also multiple buses that may stop there and I think the figure is probably closer to about 35 or so buses that actually will travel this one route, which is the main route up to the dump from Walkertown itself. One of the other interesting things I want to point out about that is point #20 – if you look there, there are actually 5 stops there, which is the end of the route. That's right across

from Steele Road, as I pointed out earlier. It's also right across from where the proposed emergency entrance, or could be the entrance to the dump is if it is not passed in Stokes County. So, again, what is the validity of the traffic study they did and the answers they give you to the traffic study if they haven't taken into account, the safety of our kids here from Walkertown and the amount of school buses that travel back and forth just on that road alone. And you can look at your references that you have there and that's just one route – that's just the main route – it doesn't take into account the side roads that they also go along, 158 there's 16 stops on that; between Mountain Street in Kernersville and Walnut Cove, again where the county line is, there's 29 additional stops; there's 13 stops coming out of Germanton, which is where 52 runs into 89 and 65. So, you see, there are other issues – you gotta look at just what happens within the immediate area of that landfill itself and that, yeah, yeah, we can get 300 truck trips on that road, around Fagg Road, or 311 that day. Three hundred trucks there just to put in perspective for you. There are 375 buses that travel throughout the entire Forsyth County on any given day and you're going to have over 300 trucks going up and down, just through possibly Walkertown. I'll have to speed this up. Course you all know the issues we talked about right out here, Ms. Mabe, with the traffic in front of the school..... Traffic issues right in front of Hardee's.....another 300 trucks sitting there.....again, that's the minimum. If you go statewide, you're going to have problems also. You're not addressing also what's going to happen to the additional costs Walkertown is going to bear on your infrastructure. What about your public safety people you're going to need? What about for the Fire Department? One of the requirements for the Utilities Commission is that they coordinate with the local Fire Department in how their response is going to take place? Who's going to bear the brunt of the Haz-Mat requirements these guys are going to need to brush up on or the equipment they're going to need, those types of things, for the Walkertown Fire Department and this is not a knock, but keep in mind, that this is a volunteer fire department, also. So what issues are you going to have there? In their latest report that I can find, in 2004, they're not making money on their waste disposal sites. Gotta look at other means of doing that. And their 10-year study, which was quoted a little bit earlier, they also said that they are not generating enough funds so they have insufficient funds for their waste disposal sites. They also mentioned that you all agreed and adopted their 10-year plan and in part of that 10-year plan, they also mentioned their plan for municipal solid waste and that was because of future disposal needs, they most likely require the use of "out of county disposal facilities". Again, that 10-year plan that they said you adopted, they told you not to expect any facilities in the county and they turn around, and I'm sure a lot of your plans were based on the fact you're going to have make some other arrangements based on what this plan was you adopted, and they're going to then change the plan on you even though you had to adopt and abide by it – here's the document that you signed, or the mayor at the time signed. So your concerns are increase utility rates – you're going to have increased rates because they can't make money at their waste disposal sites so they're going to have increase the rates. What's the increased costs to Walkertown? I know you're also dealing with issues of finding money for existing road construction you got to do. What about the additional road construction? Lost revenue – you got 400 homes already going in. Their study was based on 300 homes going in to this part of Forsyth County. I think that you

would rather have the revenue from those 300 homes coming in even if it meant a few additional cars going down the road than no revenue coming from a dump – that’s not going to do anything for this part of the county. And that’s not just – if you think about it, you’re going to have lost revenue, not just from the taxes, but also the people who are providing support and buying from the products that sell that. And I think this is my last slide, sir. Thank you. And so I’d ask you, please, to oppose the landfill for these various reasons that I have stated. Thank you.

COUNCIL TOOK ANOTHER 5 MINUTE BREAK

Ms. Welch proposed a motion to oppose the landfill and then read the resolution to the audience.

**MOTION:** **TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #06-022**  
**TO OPPOSE CONSTRUCTION OF A C&D LANDFILL ON**  
**HIGHWAY 311 BETWEEN WALNUT COVE AND**  
**WALKERTOWN**  
**BY:** **SARAH WELCH**  
**SECOND:** **BRENDA MABE**  
**VOTE:** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**  
**RESOLUTION #06-019**

Tax Refund for Edward J. Caudill in amount of \$3.74

**MOTION:** **TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #06-019**  
**TO APPROVE TAX REFUND FOR EDWARD J. CAUDILL**  
**IN AMOUNT OF \$3.74**  
**BY:** **BRENDA MABE**  
**SECOND:** **RALPH LANDRETH**  
**VOTE:** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

7. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**  
**RESOLUTION #06-020**

Tax Refund for Glenwood Walkertown in amount of \$135.60

**MOTION:** **TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #06-020**  
**TO APPROVE TAX REFUND FOR GLENWOOD**  
**WALKERTOWN IN AMOUNT OF \$135.60**  
**BY:** **BRENDA MABE**  
**SECOND:** **RALPH LANDRETH**  
**VOTE:** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

8. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**  
**RESOLUTION #06-021**

Tax Refund for Teddy Weavil in amount of \$226.20

**MOTION:** **TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #06-021**

**TO APPROVE TAX REFUND FOR TEDDY WEAVIL IN  
AMOUNT OF \$226.20**

**BY: BRENDA MABE  
SECOND: RALPH LANDRETH  
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9. FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION  
RESOLUTION #06-023  
TO APPOINT THIRD PLANNING BOARD ALTERNATE**

Mr. Landreth nominated Marilyn Martin to serve as the third Planning Board alternate.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #06-023  
TO APPOINT MARILYN MARTIN AS THIRD PLANNING  
BOARD ALTERNATE  
BY: RALPH LANDRETH  
SECOND: BRENDA MABE  
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10. FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

- MARCH, 2006

**MOTION: TO APPROVE MARCH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
BY: BRENDA MABE  
SECOND: SARAH WELCH  
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**1. OTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND/OR ACTED UPON:**

There was no other business to be discussed.

**12. PUBLIC SESSION**

THIS SESSION IS FOR ANY TOPIC AND IS LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER  
WHEN SPEAKING TO ANY ITEM, PLEASE RESTRICT YOUR REMARKS TO THE SUBJECT AT HAND.

Public Session was opened at 8:09 p.m.

1. Larry Neal  
5255 Sullivantown Road  
Walkertown

Just wanted to tell you I appreciate you....appreciate you and I appreciate your listening – being good listeners – whether you had voted the way you did or whether you didn't, all of you are accessible. You listen well. You pay attention to your voters and that's the name of the game in the Town Council. So, thank you very much.

2. E. A. Jumper  
5028 Klondike Rd.  
Winston

I'd like to thank you all for your time and effort put into this, for your vote tonight. This is not the end of it, unfortunately. This is the start and just remind people to stay abreast of this and watch for things in the future. I'm well aware we've got to have places for landfills. There's no question about it but we have to have places that are accessible. And I'll sit here and I was just shuddering thinking, if we had an emergency, our fire trucks, and we have a great fire department, but if they can't get out – they can't do the job. And with that kind of traffic, I was doing some quick math – hope my math teachers approve of this. I didn't use 300 – I thought we had 240 trucks a day going through here, that means they got to come back through here – that's 480 in eight hours – that's 480 minutes, that's a truck every minute. And if we had an emergency, what could they do? Their hands are completely tied unless they're kind enough, and a lot of truck drivers are, unfortunately all of them aren't, to stop and let them out. All of this is stuff we need to think about. Again, I thank ya'll for serving, for the time you put forth and as Brother Neal said, for listening when people talk. This is a refreshing new change and I thank you for it!

Public Session was closed at 8:12 p.m.

13. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Recycling in Walkertown continues every two weeks.  
**MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 15<sup>TH</sup>, AND 29<sup>TH</sup>**
- TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS: (4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAYS)  
7:00 p.m. at the Walkertown Library Auditorium on:  
**FOURTH THURSDAY**  
**@ 7:00 P.M.**  
**MAY 25**  
**JUNE 22**  
**JULY 27**  
**AUGUST 24**  
**SEPTEMBER 28**  
**OCTOBER 26**  
**NOVEMBER 16 – CHANGED THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**  
**DECEMBER 21– CHANGED CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**
- PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS: (1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY)  
LIBRARY @ 3:00 P.M.  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Walkertown Fire Dept.  
June 6<sup>th</sup>  
July 11<sup>th</sup> \*Due to July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday  
August 1<sup>st</sup>  
September 12<sup>th</sup> \*Due to Labor Day holiday  
October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
November 7<sup>th</sup>  
December 5<sup>th</sup>

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:                    TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 8:14 P.M.**

**BY: BRENDA MABE**  
**SECOND: SARAH WELCH**  
**VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**INFORMATION:**

- Council Retreat May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at Statesville Library

**MISCELLANEOUS MINUTES ATTACHED:**

- Planning Board Meeting Minutes – April 4, 2006

**ATTEST:**

**TOWN OF WALKERTOWN:**

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**Lynn McKinnie, Town Clerk**

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**Wayne Hester, Mayor Pro Tem**