



**Town of Walkertown, North Carolina**

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**Walkertown Town Council Meeting**

**Walkertown Library Auditorium**

**THURSDAY 7:00 P.M. AUGUST 24, 2006**

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Walkertown Town Council for August 24<sup>th</sup> was called to order by Mayor Doc Davis at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Davis, Councilmembers Mabe, Landreth, and Welch. Also present was Attorney Steve Garland. Councilmember Hester and Town Clerk Lynn were both absent. Ms. Mabe said a brief invocation and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA**

Ms. Welch requested that the council add under “Other Business To Be Discussed and Action On” the request by the School Committee for Resolution In Support of the School Bond Proposal”. (Item 8-A)

Ms. Mabe requested Item 8-B – To Go Into Executive Session for Personnel Issues.

**MOTION:** **TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED WITH ADDITIONS AS REQUESTED**

**BY:** **BRENDA MABE**

**SECOND:** **RALPH LANDRETH**

**VOTE:** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY  
(MABE, LANDRETH, AND WELCH)**

The items were then numbered as  
8-A – the School Bond Resolution and  
8-B – Executive Session

**MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

- July 27, 2006

**MOTION:** **TO APPROVE JULY 27, 2006 MINUTES AS PRESENTED**

**BY:** **BRENDA MABE**

**SECOND:** **SARAH WELCH**

**VOTE:** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**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.

- 1) Chad Brown  
1532 Lewisville-Clemmons Rd.  
Clemmons, NC

I am Chad Brown with the Walkertown-Wolfpack – Pop Warner Football organization. You see our kids running down over the hill here, practicing today. I know we have spoken to you a couple of times, and we were here in July trying to approach the council here with some of our needs with our organization, with the kids – some of our concerns. Basically, we've got a long-term concern we're looking at some help with and we've got an immediate need concern. Our long-term concern is build a playing field(??) We understand they're going to build a new high school down here – it's in the plans to at some point, that field is going to be gone within the next five years. It might be sooner than that. With that, we will lose our field. Walkertown has had a Pop Warner team here for fifty years. We're the longest ongoing Pop Warner team in our district so that's something we're pretty proud of. We want to continue to be in Walkertown and have a place to play. The NFL will meet any funds that we can raise toward a new field so I just want to throw that out there and anything you can help us with as far as finding land, helping us acquire land – that's our long-term need. To get back to our immediate need ... our immediate need is equipment. We've got a lot of outdated pads, practice blocking dummies – that sort of thing that we could really need to replace, for the safety of the kids and to stay competitive with the other teams in the area. I've got a breakdown of that – I think it was emailed to someone, the breakdown of what we need, of what we would like to have as far as equipment goes. It's a total of roughly about \$4700 in equipment, pads being the majority of it, safety equipment for the kids to make our program safer and more beneficial for our kids. As we discuss the Recreation Fund tonight, I would just like to remind you we are here. And we like to think we have a great program for the kids. Pop Warner is a great organization and with that said, I ask that you consider us.

2. Jerry Lineberry  
5021 Wrangler Dr.  
Winston-Salem

Pretty simply, what I'm asking is, and I guess I would be addressing the council mostly, I'd like to know an update on our code enforcement. I know it was a big issue a while back and it seems like it's just been put off to the side. I haven't seen a whole lot of response as far as action toward any of the things. I'm still complaining about the same thing I complained about three years ago. And I've been living out there twenty-five years and it's still that way. I'd like for you to bring us up to speed where we are with that. The other thing that I had is the parking out here on Ruxton Dr. It's rather bad right now. We've spent all this time and energy, the town did, to get those parking signs out there and it's just like a bird sitting out in the truck in the corn field. They just go sit on the scarecrow. But if you could, just bring us an update on the code enforcement, and what he's going to do, what has he done, whoever it might be, and if not, when he's going to do something about it. Thank you.

Mayor: I'm not going to sit here and read it but I'll give you a copy of this, Jerry. We do have an up-to-date spreadsheet on what was done to date. This is through about the middle of the month.

3. George Sowers  
246 Wheelcrest Lane  
Winston-Salem, NC

I decided that I needed to come up and speak to the public agenda part of this meeting due to what I read in the minutes at the last meeting concerning Whitehall Subdivision. I'll be honest with you, I was a little bit upset at some of the comments that were made. After trying to be upfront with the Town of Walkertown from the very beginning of this project and I don't like rumors, for a better word, I'll call them "backyard rumors". I like to be upfront in everything that I do. Ms. Martin, and I'm reading from the record, *"But, George Sowers is the prime example. He came to our town; he talked about what he could do for Walkertown; he was so concerned with our citizens and what this development would look like and the White Hall example.....and now, he sold out to another developer!"* I'm on record, from the very beginning of this project to tell you all that I had a contractual agreement with Keystone Homes. I even brought, and maybe Ms. Martin doesn't remember, Mr. Scott Wallace, President of Keystone Homes, up here, presented pictures of exactly what we were proposing to build on that land out there. You have in front of you some pictures of one of three projects that we have going on right now, with the Keystone people and that is an example of what you should see on this project – not \$90,000 houses as Ms. Martin is referring to.

I wanted to be sure that you understood that and the word "sold out" really bothered me tremendously. I want to put on record tonight my phone number. It is area code 336-764-4863 and if anyone wants to call me about questions about the Whitehall Subdivision, and they are intelligent questions, I'll be glad to discuss it with them. And I know I am running out of time, Doc --- Mr. Jumper asked about the road

to Sullivantown Road and whether it will be connected. The property's already been bought over to Sullivantown Road and we are in discussions right now with the D.O.T., with the school people, Dr. Martin, about an access road when Phase II of this project is put in, that will alleviate the traffic on Highway 66 and at the appropriate time, we will do this. Additionally, I don't know why this didn't happen earlier – rather ironic the gentleman was talking about ball, I have told Mr. Walter Bowden, that the time comes that we do the other phase, this land adjoins Walkertown Park, and sewer will be available to this project also. The details, because of sloping and everything, will need to be worked out but I just thought that in lieu of what I have heard, nothing has changed from the very beginning of that I had a contractual agreement. I'm on the record of saying that from the beginning. I develop land --- I do not build houses. But I selected the builder that will build these houses, based on what I thought was upscale and I just want to get the record straightened out and I don't know about everybody else, but I find it very hard in a day's time to look after my business. And, apparently, Ms. Martin and Mr. Jumper has a lot of time on their hands. Thank you.

4. Kim Marshall  
5245 Sullivantown Rd.  
Walkertown, NC

I'm here tonight as the Chairman of your School Committee. I know I haven't stood before you in a while; or stood before the council in a while; and the reason for that is that there really hadn't been a lot to report. About a little over a year ago, the School Committee kind of gave me the charge to go work with the County Commissioners, and try to talk to those folks, and to spend time talking to Dr. Martin and the folks at the school system and make sure they understood the need of Walkertown. And that need was that we needed a high school! They're very adamant about the fact that we need a middle school, as well. Those of you that grew up in this town and have lived here a while and graduated from the Walkertown school, know how long that that building that is the middle school has been here. And, the school system's very adamant that that needs to be replaced. Well, last summer they came out with a bond issue that said we're going to replace the middle school and the next bond issue we'll talk about a high school for Walkertown. Well, we made it very clear to them that that is not a viable option for the folks at Walkertown and the people in this community – that we felt we needed a high school. And there were a lot of other issues across the county with that bond and so they withdrew it. So they came back this year and from the beginning, we had a combination middle school/high school on the proposed bond issue. And everybody said we'd be the first thing to get cut. And I've heard a lot of things out of folks from this community after they read the newspaper article that came out the day after the School Board approved the \$250-million bond package they're going to put before us as voters, that said, "*See? Walkertown got jilted again!*" Well, Winston-Salem Journal only printed the projects that are starting in 2007 in that newspaper article – they did not print the projects that are starting in 2008, 2009 and a couple possibly even in 2010. In 2008, Walkertown's high school, middle school combination is on that bond referendum. The School Committee met last Tuesday at town hall and we went through talking about the bond, talking about issues with it, different considerations and concerns and then we voted unanimously to endorse this bond. The reason for that is that we need to show a strong commitment to our schools as the parents of our children now do and as our community does. We need to show the people of this county that Walkertown is in support of this bond and that we're ready to move forward with the high school and support them. And in doing so, the School Committee also asks that the council consider a resolution in support of the bond. That's nothing more than saying that we support this bond package and for whatever reason. And the reason that we support it, from the School Committee, and feel that the community should support it, is that it gives us the opportunity to have a high school back in Walkertown, which is something we all desire. There's been a lot of talk, and if you've read the articles in the paper, there's some folks who say that there are various reasons for that. There are people who say that some of those reasons may be racism, and there are other reasons that have come out. The racism card does not play with me. If you've read the article in the paper, you know that. I'm a graduate of Carver High School. That's one point. The next point is, I have three children that I would like to see them go to a high school that is close to home. And, for me, that has a very profound statement because the high school will be across the street from my house! So, I would like to ask the council to consider supporting this bond. The School Committee is going to work through and try to get with the School Board, Dr. Martin, and see if we can get – because they generally do forums out in the community – we'd like to help them and possibly sponsor a forum in Walkertown for them to come out and answer questions from the public. And, if possible, I'd like to see us get some County Commissioners at that forum as well. And we'd also like to get out and support this in the community, whether it be through church organizations or any other organizations. We all know the situation we're in. We all know that we have had, historically, one of the larger elementary schools in the county. We have the base out here to support it. We have the parent base out here to support a high school. We have the public to support a high school. And there's a little bit of pride in it, for the folks in Walkertown, I think. If you've lived here all your life and you graduated from Walkertown High School, I think you'd have some pride in seeing us have another high school out here. So, I'll ask that you support it. And if you have questions or concerns, please let me know. I may not know the answer, and the folks that I talk to in the county or the School Board may not know me by name – but they know me by face and they know me by voice! Because a lot of them are like I am – I can't remember my name from one day to the next and can't remember other people's names, too; but I always remember a face and I generally remember a voice.

Like I say, if you have any questions, I'll be more than happy to answer them if I can – or get answers for you. I know there's a lot of stuff on the table, and I'm trying to get a copy of their layout for the property over here. They've done a lot of work. If you read the bond hearing that they had at the elementary school back in May, they have it laid out. They have the site laid out. They know exactly what they want to build and how they want to build it and where they want to build it. I appreciate your time and I hope that you'll, like your School Committee feels, that you'll support this bond issue. Thank you. Any questions?

Mr. Landreth: You think it's for real this time?

Mr. Marshall: If we can get the bond passed, yes sir.

Ms. Mabe: Well, we have passed bonds in the past. And we were on the bond then. But by the time it came around to us, the money was gone. Now, how do we know, if we pass this bond this time.....

Mr. Marshall: .....For what?.....

Ms. Mabe: .....For the high school.....

Mr. Marshall: No, ma'am. There has never been a Walkertown High School on the bond referendum for Winston-Salem/Forsyth County. In 2001, which was the last ... bond that went to the .... voters, the only ... thing on there was ..... to purchase the land.....

Ms. Mabe: .....All right.....okay ..... all right .....all right ..... Okay, now. How do we know, this time, because there is so much on this paper, they try to get done.... And, listen, I know these schools. And I know how important it is. And I know which schools need it --- because I work in some of these schools --- and I'm not saying that it's not needed. But, at the same time, how can I assure the citizens of this town that we approve and support this bond that when it comes around .....this is 2006, now ..... come around 2008, *"Well, you know, we had to have more money over here and we had to have more money over here so we're going to have to pass another bond to build you a high school."* Now, how do we know that's not going to happen?

Mr. Marshall: Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools have never done that. They've always been held accountable to what's on their bond issues. They have gone back to the County Commissioners at times and had to ask for \$100K or \$200K to meet that obligation but the County Commissioners in this county and the school system have always held themselves accountable to what's on those bond issues.

Ms. Mabe: So they are going to say – they are going to guarantee in 2008, they're going to start building our high school?

Mr. Marshall: That is it. Yes, ma'am. Dr. Martin is adamant about the fact that the County Commissioners – and it's not just the County Commissioners – it's the School Board members and all those folks are very adamant about, if they pass a bond, they do everything that bond was ..... scheduled to do.....

Ms. Mabe: .....What says in that bond ... is going to be done. Okay. Now, most people don't know that the bond is a tax – and we need to know that. Lot of people don't know that but they need to know that, okay? And, I know there's a bunch of schools and I agree with you, we do need a high school. And it's not a racial thing. We had a high school until the year 1962 – that was the last year we had a high school. I went to East. I graduated from East. Now, when we consolidated, we went with Kernersville and Glenn. Now they've got their high school back. We don't have ours. And I think every community needs to be recognized with their schools. And we have a wonderful elementary. When it comes to taxes, I'm really – you know ..... And I do support that the school children. But we are going to be guaranteed 100% that this school is going to be built?

Mr. Marshall: Yes, ma'am. That is what I've been told and I've asked the question three times and they've gone back and proven to me that they've always done what was on their bond issues so I have no reason to question that they will not.

Mayor: Can we hold this til we get to this item?

Ms. Mabe: Well, I would like to have a forum for the people to ask questions. I think that would help the people in this community see that they are sincere in what they're saying.

Mr. Marshall: Like I said, that's one of the things the School Committee ---

Ms. Mabe: .....And I appreciate the School Committee and I hope you push that..... Okay? Thank you.

Mr. Marshall: And I'll be happy to answer any questions.....

Mayor: .....If you will, hang around and we'll deal with this in just a few minutes.....

5. Enos Jumper  
5028 Klondike Rd.  
Walkertown, NC

First of all, I appreciate the privilege of speaking here; the time that ya'll give to our town. I'm sorry Mr. Sowers saw necessary to leave before I got a chance to speak. I take issue with the fact what he put in the paper he wants to take issues – we're our own worst enemy. We are not our own worst enemies in this town!! We who contribute our town, that he would criticize for having too much time – I don't have too much time. I'm about 78 years old. I got some time; I don't know how much time I've got left, but I want to utilize it for something worthwhile. Ms. Martin doesn't have a lot of time, but she gives her time. We have other people in this town who willingly give their time, not as enemies, but for the lack of a better word, I'm going to say guardians – to try to help – to help these people sitting up here. They don't have enough time to do their job. Believe me, I know. I have sat up there. Let me back up. I got started too quick. I am proud of the fact, and grateful for the fact that I live in Walkertown. I want to do anything and everything I can for the well-being of our town. I'm not against developers – some of them, maybe.... All of them – absolutely not! I don't know what kind of picture he's trying to paint there, but we take time to try to show interest in our town – not just the two of us, but others, and I appreciate every person in this town that takes five minutes, ten minutes, two hours, many hours each day a week. I'm thankful for our town. I want to see it grow. I don't want to see it grow with uncontrolled growth. I sit on a couple of committees; Ms. Martin and others here have sat on land use committees trying to help control the growth of town the way the people want it. I noticed on the road, he made an issue – it was still kind of evasive. The road will go through if he finished the second phase so he hasn't answered my question yet. The road from 66, I hope that he will put it through. Our school needs, the other day, I was right here, there was a car came through here and I hope when our deputy comes on duty, including the ones that go out here now, will write lots of tickets. He must have been 45 or 50 miles per hour through a school zone. A child could be gone just like this and be gone forever. They are our most precious commodities. We need to control this traffic. That road through there would help control the traffic and I really hope and pray that he will live up to that and put that road all the way through there. I won't say anything else. Thank you for your time.

6. Marilyn Martin  
2733 Martin Street  
Walkertown, NC

I, too, regret that Mr. Sowers didn't stay. I found the August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005, article when he was in our town and what he said is true. He said that he planned to build \$200,000 houses in the development and he didn't say tonight if he was still planning to do that. He doesn't say he plans to build any *under* \$200,000 – he says, "I plan to build \$200,000 houses and I would not be interested in this if it was not an upscale subdivision." And also I found where Scott Wallace, of Keystone, was here and said he "...excited to provide what we think of as a Flagship development for Walkertown.....". I truly hope that it is a flagship development for Walkertown – I did have some questions to ask him and I have his phone number now and I can still ask him. And I appreciate ya'll letting me have my little say and I wish Mr. Sowers would've stayed to hear it.

Mayor Davis asked if there were any other speakers – none volunteering so Public Session was closed.

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

### 1. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

#### **RESOLUTION #06-040**

TO APPROVE TOWN PARTICIPATION WITH D.O.T.  
AND DEVELOPER IN CONSTRUCTION OF WIDENING  
OF HIGHWAY 66

Update: Widening of Hi-Way 66 and Relocation of Utility Poles

Mayor: This concerns the widening of Old Hollow Road, asking the town to guarantee (is that the proper word, Ron?) guarantee payment, if there is a payment.

Mr. Bell: Well, they're asking for a payment for construction and then technically, yes, we have to guarantee any relocation costs, which we discussed before, it doesn't appear there will be any.

Mayor: I think we've already approved this \$10,000 payment.

Mr. Bell: Yes. We were just trying to --- There's one other piece in asking, authorizing the request of additional funds for sidewalks, so we were just trying to wrap it up in one is all... Yes, you've already approved that.

Mayor: Tell us a little bit about that.

Mr. Bell: The sidewalks or the.....?

Mayor: Yes.

Mr. Bell: There are some funds available from D.O.T. for sidewalks that you can request. They haven't said that they would guarantee them, but the indication seems to be that there is a pretty good chance we would get them and then the sidewalk would be built along the side from, I think he said if they built it they would run it the whole way. Now, again, we'd be requesting and we'd have to see what they give us.

Ms. Welch: .....Down to the drugstore.....

Mayor: This worked, that away the last on the Main Street project, that away – it worked that away. We didn't believe it would work that way but it did.

Ms. Welch: Yes. And the new pharmacy – see, they have the sidewalk place there. That's my understanding.

Mayor: So, we don't have to worry about the cost involved in that now because I think what we did on the one here before and I shouldn't be relating it to because it may not be the same funding that they're going but we paid for it and they reimbursed us. Is that the way it's going to work?

Mr. Bell: That's my understanding.

Mayor: So, in the proposal to the council tonight, we agree, how is the wording?

Mr. Bell: Under the "*Therefore it is resolved...*" where it starts the Town of Walkertown, after that is really the basics of what we're .....

Mayor: .....Okay. We resolve to provide the --- let's see. The developer will contribute what will be paid for required improvements plus about \$5,000 more due to the difference in D.O.T.'s cost of subcontractor and ....

Mr. Garland: .....That's actually ---

Ms. Welch: .....That's not the .....

Mayor: .....I was looking to see what all the dollars were involved in there...

Mr. Bell: ....The builder is willing to pay an extra --- he can get a subcontractor to do it for \$5,000 less than if he goes this route with D.O.T. but he's interested enough in the project, that he's willing to add that to it. I have a map of the preliminary design and it shows all the poles on our side outside of the right-of-way in the roadway it doesn't even come to the right-of-way, so it appears from this there would be no poles at all to move.

Mayor: No poles to be moved?

Mr. Landreth: How is the sidewalk going to affect that?

Ms. Mabe: Yeah.....

Mr. Landreth: Won't that widen the road so that you'll approach .....

Mr. Bell: .....Yeah. That would add five feet to the side of the road.

Mayor: Which side would the sidewalk be on?

Mr. Bell: Preliminarily, they thought they would add it to the side where the development is and tie it .....

Mayor: ..... Right ..... North side .....

Mr. Bell: .....in to the drugstore sidewalks.....

Mayor: .....North side of Old Hollow Road..... That's what I thought. ....

Ms. Welch: .....That's what it said.....

Ms. Mabe: .... And no sidewalks on the highway?.....

Mayor: .....It'd be on the north side of it, yeah .....

Ms. Mabe: .....On their side?.....

Mayor: .....Right. Like they did here on one side.

Ms. Mabe: Okay. Well, I didn't know anything about these sidewalks until I read it in the paper this morning. I hadn't heard nothing of the discussion and we had agreed, last month, \$10,000 to go to this project. And I remember specifically we said we were not going to move any poles. And on here, it says, "Updating – Widening of Highway 66 and Relocation of Utility Poles. Now, my point of view, and actually, I see like we're doing more for this developer than we did in the past and I am not going to agree with any poles. And I don't like knowing – from the newspaper – what's going on in any development and I have to read it and not know about it. I have not heard anything! And I have not seen this map that is discussed in the paper. I am not going to vote for any poles because we have already said we would give the \$10,000 to this project. We passed a resolution in July and it was unanimously passed. And so I don't know why this is on the agenda if we agreed upon that. We discussed this that if D.O.T. doesn't like this wording we said, then in my point of view, we would withdraw our \$10,000. Because I am not going to spend taxpayers' money and it says, 'oh – no possibility'. But on here it says "widening of Highway 66 and relocation of utility poles". Now, if we pass that, this, to me leaves the door open for things in the future. So I'm stating on record now, I cannot approve this and I will not approve this.

Mayor: One thought along those lines. According to Jeff what Ron said is exactly what he related to me and he's the project engineer. There would be no poles to be moved. That's not to say there is a possibility of some cost and that would be if there is a water line that is closer than they anticipated; if there is a gas line closer than they anticipated. Then, yes, it would be. And Ron

specifically said “poles” but the agreement would be “utilities” – not just poles. All the pole relocation cost will be borne by the developer and they are on their side to be moved ---- not on the south side. They’re all on the north side.

Ms. Mabe: But it doesn’t say that in this resolution. I want it to say definitely!..... Because I want to make sure .....

Mayor: ..... Well --- I understand the resolution doesn’t say that, what you’re reading there, but that is what Jeff told me last week.

Ms. Mabe: Didn’t we agree to do this last month?

Mayor: We agreed to do it without the guarantee. They will not go forward with the project – they walk away from it – without the D.O.T.’s requirement that the municipality has to sign on and be responsible for it. Without it, they’ll walk away from the project – it’s just that simple.

Mr. Bell: Yep – that’s right. I might add I talked to Jeff this afternoon and asked him specifically about the water because normally the utility commission would pay for that. He said he had only seen two times since he’s been doing this, where any water or sewer had to be moved. He said, generally, that’s not a problem.

Mayor: Gas, water, sewer – telephone moves their own – in the last move we had here, water, sewer moved their own. They had their hydrant relocated right above the house – had to be relocated.

Mr. Bell: Yeah – they’re responsible. They’re getting the revenues to pay for the maintenance so they’re responsible for water, sewer – so we’d have to worry about the poles.

Mayor: Right. .... They moved it then but I don’t know what their standards would be today.

Ms. Welch: As I understand it, it was just the wording we had in the resolution that needed to be changed to D.O.T.’s thoughts. Am I not right? In the summary?

Mr. Garland: .....Two things – Number one, D.O.T.’s position is that without that commitment of the town to take responsibility for the utilities, they will not go ahead with it. ....Also add that reference to the sidewalks.....

Mayor: Right now it’s on the schedule for the spring – to be done in the spring – on their schedule, but this is the only thing they’re holding up on.

Ms. Welch: I don’t see any problem.

Ms. Mabe: My concern is we agree to this and we have somebody else come along – well, where do we draw the line? I know it’s what D.O.T.’s thing is but we had discussed this last time and we were really concerned with the utility posts and I remember that.

Mr. Garland: Ms. Mabe, if I could say something? The one thing that you may – this is your agreement(?) for the D.O.T. And with the D.O.T., what you’re agreeing to is that you’ll be responsible for moving the utilities. And your understanding is that within what the developer’s paying, they’re paying for moving the utilities on their side of the road. So they will be making their contribution that you would have ordinarily asked the developer to make. Okay? I think that this is not a precedent-setting where you’re helping a developer differently than you would have helped in the past because in this case, as I understand it, and, again, I’m sort of here at this meeting and I understand with the information I’ve got – but the developer is paying his share. So had you turned around and asked the developer to pay his share, you would’ve been told, “Yes, we’ll pay our share” and rather than you being responsible for the utilities

on that side, the developer would be paying a share toward the utilities on that side. To me, there are two different things here. One, is your agreement with the D.O.T. I think every transaction you do with D.O.T. that's similar to this one is going to have that provision in it. It's going to have that requirement. That does not keep you, however, from, in the next transaction, going to the developer and saying, just like in this case where we, I think, have understood from the D.O.T. that the developer has paid his share, or will pay his share. Just like the last transaction, where I think you required the developer to say that if you had any costs, they would pay its share. Okay? You can, then, in the future, say to a future developer, if you had – just because we agreed or we have to agree in this transaction, this contract with D.O.T., that we have to be responsible – we're not going to go ahead unless you, like the two developers before you, pay your share of the utilities. And I think what the manager was telling you was that so far as he could see, given that the D.O.T. is taking a share from the developer that they're not seeing that you're going to have costs involved in this.

Ms. Mabe: And this is a state-supported road, though?

Mr. Garland: Exactly, Ms. Mabe. I'm not ---- I'm just trying.....

Ms. Mabe: .....I know ..... I'm getting everything out in the open so everybody can understand.....

Mr. Garland: .....I'm just trying to say that you're concerned with the precedent setting and I wanted to be sure you understood.....

Ms. Mabe: .....I know ..... And you've given me some information ..... Yeah ..... And I know.....It seems like, I thought this issue was resolved last month. I know the manager said he didn't think D.O.T. – and we were adamant, I know Mr. Hester was, about the pole. And when he says the possibility – that means --- when you work with D.O.T., it's anything, and I know that. And I've worked with D.O.T. in the past so I'm very hesitant on this one and I'm being honest with you.

Mr. Bell: Last month when the council voted, I believe I pointed out that I thought it was something that would be required but I agreed to take it to them and when I took it to them, they said it was required so I just was bringing it back to the council for reconsideration given that it is required and at the time I talked to them, they also pointed out about sidewalk fund, so I included that because I thought if we did the project, then the sidewalks would be something we would want to proceed with, too. So I was just bringing it back to the council for reconsideration since D.O.T. indicated they couldn't accept the other one, the resolution.

Mayor: What is your pleasure, Council? This is a deal breaker, either way you want to go with it.

**MOTION:** **TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 06-039 TO APPROVE TOWN PARTICIPATION WITH D.O.T. AND DEVELOPER IN CONSTRUCTION OF WIDENING OF HIGHWAY 66**

**BY:** **SARAH WELCH**

**SECOND:** **RALPH LANDRETH**

**VOTE:** **MOTION PASSED 2 TO 1**

**YES - WELCH**

**YES – LANDRETH**

**NO - MABE**

2. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

Update: Walkertown/Kernersville Annexation Agreement

Mayor: Was there a meeting date set for this, Ron?

Mr. Bell: Yes.

Ms. Mabe: All councilmembers need to go up and look at the annexation map and I am proposing that we do not accept this agreement with Kernersville. I don't think it's in the fair interests of the citizens of this town. They're offering something for us - to me, they're offering – no comment on that one! And I would like to re-negotiate. I do not like the agreement we have with them at this point in time. I don't think it is a fair agreement. For example, they have split Old Valley School Road in half – one side is in Walkertown and the other side is in Kernersville. I do not like to split a street in the middle. I think that is wrong. So, I would like to propose that we re-negotiate and discuss things with Kernersville and let them know our fair share of the land that is being considered for annexation.

Ms. Welch: What has Kernersville said? Have they said anything yet?

Mayor: We left this last month that we were going back and have a meeting to re-negotiate. That's how we left it last month, if you'll recall.

Ms. Mabe: Yes. And that's how we made it clearer. And if any citizen wants to go up and look at this map, I advise you to go up there and look at it.

Mr. Bell: We have all the councilmembers, except Mr. Hester, picked up their maps so they've had plenty of time to look at it. We have another map  
.....

Mayor: .....He has looked at a map.....

Mr. Bell: .....So, we can schedule that meeting..... as soon as possible.

Ms. Welch: That's what we need to do!

Mayor: Yeah. I thought that's what we were doing after the last meeting.

Ms. Mabe: Yeah. But we didn't pass a resolution – I think that we need to rescind that agreement....so I make a motion that we rescind that agreement with Kernersville and re-negotiate with new.....

Mayor: .....We don't have an agreement....

Ms. Mabe: .....We don't have an agreement with them??.

Mayor: No!

Mr. Bell: That was actually rescinded, I guess, four years ago, but it takes five years so.....

Mayor: .....We're in the last year of a five-year rescission – boy, that's a mouthful! We left it last meeting that the manager and I were supposed to have a meeting to go back and to get a proposal and voice the concerns of council to the Town of Kernersville. Was that ya'll's understanding?

Ms. Welch: That was my understanding.

Ms. Mabe: Well, I thought so, too and I haven't heard anything. I've seen no input.

Mayor: Was that your understanding, Mr. Landreth?

Mr. Landreth: Yes. I also thought we were going to have a public hearing – let some of the.....

Ms. Mabe: .....And we need to get.....

Mr. Landreth: .....workshop.....That would be.....afterward.....so the residents affected.....would have their say-so, too.....

Mayor: .....That's correct. They would get their say but first we were going to have the meeting, express our concerns that we would like the boundaries re-drawn on further not splitting the road... That was one of the points that was made. So, would ya'll like to re-affirm that and let's go forward with that in the next few weeks?

Ms. Welch: I would. I would like to make a motion to the effect that we reaffirm and have a meeting with Kernersville.

Mayor: The same one that Ron and I were supposed to have last month?

Ms. Welch: Yes.

**MOTION:** **TO REAFFIRM SETTING UP AN ANNEXATION MEETING WITH KERNERSVILLE**

**BY:** **SARAH WELCH**

**SECOND:** **RALPH LANDRETH**

**VOTE:** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**  
**((MABE, LANDRETH, AND WELCH))**

Mayor: Ron, would you set that up and let me know the date? You can send me an email, if you will. Anytime within the next two weeks.

3. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

Bid Letting for Town Hall Improvement

BM

Mayor: I don't know what this is.

Ms. Mabe: Remember? Horace discussed this way before he passed away – that he wanted our own meeting room at town hall and we need to get moving on this because we need to get some input, some contractors. And we can't move until we have them come in and give us some information how we can improve and set up a meeting room, that we can call "ours". Mr. Warner was very much an advocate of this one and I remember things we had discussed and he wanted accomplished. And so I think we need to move on this. We are looking at this area as the center of town. I want the citizens to know we are looking at this area and working hard. But nothing has been done on this one and so I think we need to move on and get some bids on this one and maybe have somebody come out and look. Give us some information. I am not a contractor; I am not a builder, but I do know we need to move one. This was implemented after we took over the town hall.

Ms. Welch: We just got the town hall so we haven't really had time to discuss among ourselves.

Ms. Mabe: Well, I know you talked about this before I came in. We were supposed to have gotten the town hall January 1<sup>st</sup> and somehow – and I'm not going into that detail why we didn't get it. But I think it's important that we can't wait. I don't know what to do. I would like someone to come in and make some recommendations how we can do this. So that's why I think we need someone to come in and tell us and we cannot do that until we put out bids for people to come in and make recommendations.

Ms. Welch: In other words, are you trying to say we need an architect to come around and give us some ideas.

Ms. Mabe: Well, yeah. Some bids, you know. They come out and give you estimates and tell you how you can bid and how it can be done. Mr. Warner, we discussed this way back – he was hoping to get this town hall – and was looking so forward to becoming the Town of Walkertown and it be our town hall. And have our place – we can not have to come and set all this up every time we have a meeting and if the council wants a question, and we need something – the staff can go right back into the doors of the town hall and get information. So I would like to move on – we just got it? Well, we should have had it in January so I'm saying we're a couple months behind. I think we need to move on this one!

Mayor: Any comments? Any action from the council?

Ms. Mabe: It's not going to cost anything for somebody to come out and give us that information.

Ms. Welch: It will, too.

Mayor: Well, if you want to do it right, you're going to have to hire an architect. You're going to have to hire an architect – that's the starting point!

Ms. Welch: .....If you want a good.....

Ms. Mabe: .....Well, then we need to sit down and we have disc...

Mayor: .....Well, we need to decide to hire an architect first before we go letting bids.....

Ms. Mabe: ..... Okay. But we have discussed this in the past. That we wanted this. Remember? We did this at the retreat.

Mayor: ...Yeah. Well, we talked about our long-range goals but we haven't talked about hiring an architect.

Ms. Mabe: ....Well, we can't build something if we don't have an architect.

Mayor: This is true. We need to hire an architect to do it properly.

Ms. Mabe: All right. Then, well, maybe we need a list to see who can do this. I don't know any architect that does this.

Mayor: I'm not trying to take Ron's job away but I think you would interview architects in that area that would have an expertise in that field that we could interview..... You could .....choose who you wanted that you felt comfortable ..... with. I think that would be the appropriate steps.

Ms. Mabe: .....Well, we need to have a list.....

Mr. Bell: .....At some point, council would need .... to have some conceptual idea, I would think, of what you wanted ..... in terms of a meeting area, whatever, so that they've got a start with some basic idea of what you want.....

Mayor: I feel like we ..... need to get an idea and maybe ..... put this back on our agenda next month.....

Ms. Mabe: .....Okay..... That'll be fine.....And we'll vote on it next month.....

Mayor: .....I know.....we have talked about having ..... It will be nice that covered meeting room between those two wings.....but that might pay us to give a little thought for the next meeting..... Do ya'll agree or not?  
(EVERYONE AGREED)

Ms. Mabe: Excellent. Next meeting.

4. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

Address condition of “old, old” Shopping Center BM

Ms. Mabe: Yes. I’ve had some complaints from people in town about the old shopping center, where the first old Winn Dixie store was here. As I ride through town and see other towns, we take pride in Walkertown; and we look at our buildings and I go down there and I see that building. I think Mr. Hubbard needs to let us know what he plans to do with that building. I think it keeps other customers, other tenants away from coming. And, also, I’ve had some complaints and people want to know – the entrance and exit up there – there are no markings. So when you get to go out of the shopping center, if someone parks in the center, you don’t know whether they’re going to turn left or right – there’s no lanes. I’ve had complaints that there’s not adequate lighting down there. So, to take pride in Walkertown, I think all of us – including myself – we need to work together and support each other. And I’ve had some complaints – people who’ve said, “You know, what’s he going to do with that building?” I don’t know! “Is that building usable?” I don’t know. I can’t answer that. I don’t know. Well, I think we need to know – for the safety of the citizens of this town – to know what’s going on. I think we need to discuss this with him and see what is going on and what he plans to do with that building. It’s been sitting far too long empty and I just think it’s a hazard to the town. I think that’s a code enforcement problem. If you look at it – and I know you all know where it’s at - .....

Ms. Welch: .....Sure we do..... But what can you do with the owner?

Mayor: .....Is there a volunteer that would like to contact him?

Ms. Mabe: .....We can contact him and let him know there are complaints and then we need to see what else we can do to make him move upon – or whatever we can do – I’m concerned with that because it is a large building. And it is just abandoned so what’s the town’s recourse on abandoned buildings?

Mr. Garland: Generally, if the building is not a public safety hazard, then it’s sort of like --- what was the one, Lowe’s on Hanes Mall Boulevard – Unfortunately for some time it sat vacant out there – but it was not a public safety hazard. Sort of like, you know, a vacant house --- people move out of

\_\_\_\_\_ (COULD NOT HEAR) There’s nothing you can really do to force someone to do.....

Ms. Mabe: I would like to work with him, you know, see what we could do. We’re working in this town to make things better for all our citizens and I just think this is an eyesore.....

Mr. Garland: .....Please understand.....I’m not arguing.....  
(MR. GARLAND AND MS. MABE BOTH SPOKE AT SAME TIME AND COULD NOT BE HEARD DISTINCTLY.)

Ms. Mabe: .....I know you’re not arguing..... But, councils in the past have said ---- Maybe we can address a letter to him and say we’ve had some complaints and we would like what is the future plans for this area. Would that be appropriate?

Mr. Garland: Sure.

Ms. Welch: Brenda, we’ll appoint you to do that!

Ms. Mabe: I’ll be glad to. I’ll be glad to sit down with him any day.

Mayor: I don’t see anything wrong with sending a letter to Mr. Hubbard and, as you indicated, ask for his intentions. Council in agreement with that? To start with a letter? Is that what you want to do?

(ALL MEMBERS AGREED).

Mr. Bell: Ms. Mabe, are you going to send that or do you want me to send it?  
Ms. Mabe: I'll come to town hall and type it up and send it out. I'll be glad to!

5. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

Update: Do-nut holes BM  
Ms. Mabe: This council, past councils, have discussed this and we've not done anything.  
Mayor: What do you want done with the do-nut holes? We'd all like to see them closed but we have volunteer annexation and until people volunteer to come into the town.....  
Ms. Mabe: Okay. What I would like to see ..... Well..... I would like to address these people that live on streets in our town limits and there are a couple of houses in the middle of the street and Mr. Jumper knows where some are at that sit there and don't pay any taxes and get everything else that we offer. And there's some people in this town getting free garbage collection because poor old ---- I'd hate to have to go ride around with the garbage man and say, can't take garbage from that house because he is not in town!  
Mayor: How would you feel if we start out with a letter of invitation to come join the town?  
Ms. Mabe: Yeah! And then I say if they don't, then I think the next action is forced annexation.  
Mayor: We don't have forced annexation. We have volunteer. You don't want to do the "*Winston-Salem Shuffle*" do you???  
Ms. Mabe: Yes! I do!  
Mayor: Let's try the friendly way first.  
Ms. Mabe: I'll agree to go the friendly way and we're going to give you an opportunity to come on board.  
Mayor: What's all your thoughts?  
Mr. Bell: I think particularly now, with the situation Winston-Salem has gone through, and people have seen what they'll do, it'd be a good time to attempt that to see what we get. Steve had mentioned at some prior time an intern had gone through and sent letters .....

Mr. Garland: .....There was some .....

Mayor: .....We had an intern ..... about three years ago ..... that did work on some of that, right.....

Mr. Garland: .....Worked real hard ..... Again, I don't know how much ...but you need to make sure when that happens that you can't just sort of spottily take them – you have to go ahead and have a continuous connection to the town – at least one point of connection to the town .....

Mayor: .....Contiguous .....

Mr. Garland: .... And then get the legal work .....

Mayor: What does the council think about instructing the manager to write the people eligible – eligible meaning as he indicated, contiguous property owners .....

Ms. Mabe: .....We're giving you the opportunity of volunteering to come in.....

Mayor: .....And point out to them the savings. In most cases, they could save money by coming in just on the fire tax and the garbage service. Of course, as you pointed out, if they're not costing garbage service, they won't be saving anyway! I mean, by their local fire tax and the garbage service and they get the recycle, it would more than offset – because the garbage service alone would probably pay for their tax. So, would ya'll want to do that?  
(AGREEMENT ALL AROUND)

Ms. Mabe: I make a motion that we notify the citizens who are in the do-nut holes that are not in the town, we address them the issue how much they're going to save money by coming into the town on a voluntary basis.

Mayor: So we send them this letter to come and join us. Is there a second to this?

Mr. Landreth: I'll second.

**MOTION:** **TO SEND A LETTER TO WALKERTOWN DO-NUT HOLES - PROPERTIES CONTIGUOUS TO THE TOWN LIMITS – ASKING THEM TO BE VOLUNTARILY ANNEXED INTO THE TOWN AND POINTING OUT THE ADVANTAGES OF BEING A TOWN MEMBER**

**BY:** **BRENDA MABE**

**SECOND:** **RALPH LANDRETH**

**VOTE:** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**  
(MABE, LANDRETH, WELCH)

Mr. Bell: Steve said it would be legal to put an ad in the paper, defining an area, and track down all the individuals, or there's an option trying that to see what sort of response we get. Either way.

Mayor: Okay. That's a thought. Right now, we got a motion on the floor to send a letter to these eligible contiguous property owners that would be eligible to come in and point out the advantages of being a member of the Town of Walkertown. .... Okay. Motion passes. We'll shoot some letters. Ron, I suppose you'll need to do the research to find out who would be the eligible people to receive them and then we can get the letters out and maybe by next month, we'll have a handful of people out here wanting to get in!

6.. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

**Wagoner Donation for Recreation**

Mayor: Anything to report on this?

Mr. Bell: Last month the council directed me to meet with Steve and Ms. Quick and also in Wayne's absence, we had Jeff Larrimore from the Recreation Committee meet with us. In the meeting we learned that if this money was not spent, or at least committed to be spent, on parks and recreation on Walkertown, it was to be given to the Winston-Salem Foundation instead and that's the reason Ms. Quick needs to have some assurance of how it's going to be spent. So, basically, we agreed we would come up with a plan to try to get her that commitment. We talked about the various needs but basically, we want to determine how that \$100,000 will be used in the parks and recreation area. Some things we talked about is charging the Parks and Recreation Committee with determining short and long term needs. We felt like \$100,000 probably exceeds any short term sort of needs, even given different organizations and

then ask for specific recommendations for using funds for any current needs as well as the long-term operation and construction needs. But then that sort of throws the money further out so we added to that is for any recommendations that mean you have a longer term issue with it, they would need to have a plan to appropriately implement the use of these funds, with a timetable to do so. So if they said we need to build a park but then we had to have a landscape architect or somebody to design, and that pushed the timetable out to whenever. The council would commit to spend these funds on whatever that architect came up with before they saw the final product they would commit those funds to it. That way we'd get that commitment to Ms. Quick by the end of this year. The committee had not been able to meet regularly and that was an issue. It appears that at times there had been low attendance and it was set up to look mostly at spending just the \$100,000 so they had focused on that and the committee had not looked at long-term needs. So a couple of points to consider – consideration of additional members to increase the number of people to try to get attendance up and balance the interest. Consider adding the mayor or myself as an ad hoc member to help move the meeting along and assist the committee in meeting the goals? Two other thoughts but basically I would suggest the council modify this sheet however they see fit with any consideration of additional members and then just pass a resolution to adopt this proposal. I think that would be the simplest way to do that, if the council so chooses.

Mayor: Why doesn't the council recommend that we ask for a member from each of the long-standing clubs from Walkertown, like the Lions' and the Civic? I don't think we've actually done that specifically. They've been backbones of this community for a long time.

Ms. Mabe: I have no problem with that. And I know the reasons we've had some problems with meeting but I guarantee you that that \$100,000 can be used real quickly. We've been looking at some areas and we've discussed area parks and I would be glad to serve on this committee – to meet and discuss something we've been looking at and move on this. Because I grant you that \$100,000 is going to be used for parks. I'm getting ready for action on this council and we're going to move on this one. I'll be glad to serve with anybody and I'm asking for. Because we need to get this done. There's too much in this town has gone too long undone and therefore I think it's time we have action.

Mayor: I feel like ... we need to excuse ..... councilman Hester.....

Ms. Mabe: .....Yeah.....yeah.....And I'll be glad.....to sit in.....and when he comes.....back.....and keeping him briefed on what's going on.

Mr. Landreth: .....Right.....

Mayor: .....Wayne is going to be.....

Ms. Mabe: .....Because I do call and tell him what's going on.....I do brief him on things.....and discuss things with him. And he's very much concerned. And we had discussed this about this park area and he wants to move on this, too. He does. So, yeah. It'd be fine – have some more members who want to be active and come on board. That's fine. I have no problem with that. So I make a motion that we add some members to this committee. --- From the other organizations in town.

Mayor: ....Okay.....Let's do that. Let's ask for a member from the Lions' Club and the..... They've been.....

Ms. Mabe: .....Fine.....I make a motion that .....okay.....

Mayor: .....They've been backbone supporters of the town for a long time – of everything we've done here. And, Ron, let's try to schedule a meeting in the next two to three weeks. You can contact the president of the Lions and president of the Civic Club and ask them to actually send a designated person to serve on this committee. I don't think we ever voted on that – we had a motion....need a second....

**MOTION:** **TO ADD MORE MEMBERS TO THE RECREATION COMMITTEE SPECIFICALLY FROM THE LIONS CLUB AND THE WALKERTOWN CIVIC CLUB ORGANIZATIONS**  
**BY:** **BRENDA MABE**  
**SECOND:** **SARAH WELCH**  
**VOTE:** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**  
(MABE, LANDRETH, WELCH)

Mayor: Let me know when the meeting is set up for and I'll be sure to make it.  
Mr. Garland: (COULD NOT HEAR MR. GARLAND) I don't think you were actually moving this agenda; I just wondered whether or not, given that we had a timetable with a timeline; again, I think it was a very friendly meeting. Everyone understood why we were a little bit behind on the timetable. If, at all possible, it might be useful that we have this timetable, though, and it looks like a reasonable timetable to have something done by the end of the year. \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor: No, sir. No, sir. It wasn't. The motion was to add the people from the organizations – additional people. I'm sorry, Steve, I didn't address that. Steve's asking that we do pass this as that we're resolving trying to follow this timetable that you have before you. So is there a motion to do that?  
Ms. Welch: I make the motion that we accept the timetable that was in our packet.  
Ms. Mabe: I second because I believe in timetables.

**MOTION:** **TO ACCEPT THE TIMETABLE SUBMITTED BY STEVE GARLAND FOR RESOLVING THE WAGGONER DONATION**  
**BY:** **SARAH WELCH**  
**SECOND:** **BRENDA MABE**  
**VOTE:** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**  
(MABE, LANDRETH, WELCH)

7. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PRESENTED BY TOWN CLERK**  
• **JULY 2006**

**MOTION:** **TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR JULY, 2006, AS PRESENTED BY TOWN CLERK**  
**BY:** **BRENDA MABE**  
**SECOND:** **SARAH WELCH**  
**VOTE:** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**  
(MABE, LANDRETH, WELCH)

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

**8-A.\*\*\***        SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mayor:                    This is to discuss the School Committee's request for a resolution in support of the bond proposal. This brings back to what we had an earlier discussion. Kim has asked from our School Committee, appointed by this body, that we have a resolution in support of the School Bond proposal. Any discussion on this?

Ms. Mabe:                I have no problem with that but I would like to have the board come out and discuss that before we – now, this is me speaking.....

Mayor:                    .....You're not going to get the School Board to come out.....

Ms. Welch/Ms. Mabe:        .....Well, now – well, how.....

Mayor:                    .....They were here about two months ago.....

Ms. Welch/Ms. Mabe:        .....I know.....They were.....I know.....Dr. Martin did the.....

Mayor:                    .....And you're not going to get the School Board to come out here and discuss it with us, I don't think. That sounded rather arrogant but I don't think you will.

Mr. Landreth:            ....I guess Kim is going to be our representative?

Ms. Welch/Ms. Mabe:        .....He has been.....Yeah.....

Mayor:                    .....Yes, he is – or we can.....

Ms. Welch:                .....and is doing a good job.....

Mayor:                    .....Several of us --- I was at the last meeting that they had and I thought they had a great --- they had a Powerpoint presentation; they answered questions. They stayed.....

Ms. Mabe:                .....And we had a large number.....

Mayor:                    .....What was it, Kim? About two and a half hours, wasn't it?

Ms. Welch/Ms. Mabe:        ....It was ..... It was a good number.....

Mayor:                    .....There will never, ever, be a guarantee of how they're going to act in the end. I feel as certain as Kim does that our school will be built – but that's not a guarantee. There is no guarantee. Neither do we have a guarantee of tomorrow but I feel strongly that it's going to be built, just like they bought the land. But I don't think we'll ever get a guarantee - we'll get nothing in writing or blood or commitment other than their promise in that we'll hold their feet to the fire if they don't do it. But that's all we can do. You got any thoughts on that, Steve?

Mr. Garland:            No. I mean, again, they have whatever commitment in connection with the bonds to the extent that they prepare a package that shows your school in the bond – that's about as good as you're going to get.

Mayor:                    They've got to be responsible to what they have in the package and in the past, they've been responsible to build the schools that they said they'd build. We have no control if a large computer manufacturer went on the other end of the county and all the money had to go there --- we don't have any control of that. That can happen – as you know it happens to roads.

Mr. Garland:            Well, but they wouldn't be able to use the bond funds for it!

Mayor:                    I'm just speaking the truth, though. You know that. Any further discussion or do you want to take any action?

Ms. Welch: I'd like to make a motion that we do a resolution to support the school bond at our next meeting – to have it in writing.  
Mayor: At the next meeting?  
Ms. Mabe: I'm sorry. I didn't hear all that was said.  
Ms. Welch: I said that I make a motion that we have a resolution in our agenda for next meeting in support of the School Bond proposal.  
Ms. Mabe: Okay. In the next meeting?  
Ms. Welch: Yes.

**MOTION:** **TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOND PROPOSAL AND TO PRESENT THIS RESOLUTION IN THE AGENDA PACKET AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING (09-28-06)**

**BY:** SARAH WELCH  
**SECOND:** RALPH LANDRETH  
**VOTE:** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY  
(MABE, LANDRETH, WELCH)

**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.

Ms. Marilyn Martin spoke from the audience concerning the County Commissioner's meeting to be held September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. The Walkertown Land Use Plan will be presented for consideration. Everyone is encouraged to attend and voice their comments.

Ms. Arlyn Wilson spoke: We were talking about the recreation monies and this was in my thoughts the last time I was up here. I don't know why I wasn't informed that I am on the Recreation Committee. I hadn't heard anything about the meetings or anything. But I do want you to keep in mind us senior citizens over at the park. I know if you will put counters on that park, that park is used more than any other park in the county – I bet money on it. And we have senior citizens that use that park and we still have to use outhouse for the winter time. Our bathrooms are not heated over there. We have a port-a-john that's brought in in October and it's moved out in March or April when warm weather gets here. Also, we have seen senior citizens that come over to walk early in the morning hours. That gate is not opened – they have to park on the other side of the road. And I've talked with the Winston-Salem Recreation Department and those were the figures I was given the last time that I was up here. They have a night gate on one of the parks in Forsyth County and I don't know why we don't have one on Walkertown. But if any of that money is available – to me, that would be a good way for the senior citizens to get some money out of the Recreation Fund. Thank you.

Mayor: Make sure Ms. Wilson knows when the next meeting is!

Mr. Kim Marshall spoke: The next School Committee meeting is Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and you're all welcome to come sit in. But if a lot of you are

coming, will you please call and let them know at Town Hall because we may have to find a different place to do it – that room is not very big.

Ms. Mabe: It's at the Administration Building – they need to know that.

Mr. Marshall: Yes. And that's our next meeting. So, like I say, if you have any questions, please let me know. I may not be able to answer them but we'll get the answer.

Mayor: Just for the record and these people's help, give them your phone number.

Mr. Marshall: Who calls me?

Mayor: Well, I don't know .... Maybe somebody will want to.

Mr. Marshall: It's 336-595-6997 --- and most of the time, leave a name and number and I will call you back. A lot of times I'm not there but there's usually either someone there or an answering machine and I will call you back. I appreciate it and thank you and I'll do whatever I can.

Public Session was closed.

Mayor: After the Announcements, we're ready for an Executive Session.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Recycling in Walkertown continues every two weeks.  
**September 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006**
- TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS: (4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAYS)  
7:00 p.m. at the Walkertown Library Auditorium on:  
**FOURTH THURSDAY @ 7:00 P.M.**  
**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.  
September 12<sup>th</sup> \*Due to Labor Day holiday  
October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
November 7<sup>th</sup> MEETING TO BE HELD AT TOWN HALL  
December 5<sup>th</sup>

**8.B ---**      **MOTION:    TO RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION**  
**BY:**            **SARAH WELCH**  
**SECOND:**      **BRENDA MABE**  
**VOTE:**          **UNANIMOUS**  
**(MABE, LANDRETH, WELCH)**

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### **EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge or grievance by or against a public officer or employee.

A five-minute recess before going into Closed Session was then held.

**MOTION:**    **TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**  
**BY:**  
**SECOND:**  
**VOTE:**        **UNANIMOUS**  
(MABE, LANDRETH, WELCH)

**ADJOURNMENT AT 8:51 P.M.**

**INFORMATION:**

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**MISCELLANEOUS MINUTES ATTACHED:**

- Planning Board Meeting Minutes –  
AUGUST 1, 2006
  
- Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes:
  
- School Committee Minutes  
AUGUST 15, 2006

LYNN IS .....”DOWN IN MISSISSIPPI AND UP TO NO GOOD!”.....  
(Title of a new country music song.)

**ATTEST:**

**TOWN OF WALKERTOWN:**

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**Lynn McKinnie, Town Clerk**

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**Kenneth R. Davis, Mayor**