



Town of Walkertown, North Carolina
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Walkertown Town Council Meeting
Walkertown Library Auditorium
THURSDAY 7:00 P.M. NOVEMBER 29, 2007

MINUTES

APPROVED 12-20-07

Mayor Doc Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were the mayor, council members Hester, Welch, Landreth, and Mabe, clerk McKinnie, attorney Lanning, and from the Planning Dept. in Winston-Salem, Aaron King and Glenn Simmons.

Present among the audience were Planning Board members Peggy Leight and Don Whitaker, and newly elected council member Randy Mendenhall.

After a brief invocation by Mayor Davis, Mr. Landreth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Brenda Mabe, seconded by Wayne Hester, the agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

On a motion by Wayne Hester, seconded by Brenda Mabe, the council meeting minutes of October 25, 2007 and November 15, 2007 were unanimously approved.

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 and closed at 7:03 p.m. with no speakers.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

1. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
UDO TEXT AMENDMENTS #7 AND #8

UDO #7 – SPECIAL USE LIMITED ZONING

(SEE ATTACHMENT INCLUDED)

Aaron King, from the City-County Planning Dept., presented the background information on the UDO text amendments #7 and #8.

- **UDO #7**

This is the text amendment that would add “special use limited zoning” to Walkertown’s UDO. We’ve had numerous discussions about this but I will just sum it up briefly. Currently the way rezoning works in Walkertown is you have two options you can use to rezone your land with. The first being **General Use** rezoning, where you basically just *choose the zoning district*. You can’t speak to

any specific use of the property and there's no site plan that accompanies that request. You also can't place any conditions upon a General Use rezoning. I know Walkertown probably hasn't seen too many of those since you've had zoning jurisdiction. What you have seen, primarily, has been **Special Use** rezoning. This is where you pick a zoning district, specify the use of the property and you also bring forth a site plan that shows exactly how that property will be developed. With that, you can also add **conditions** to the Special Use rezoning. That's been primarily what Walkertown has seen as far as rezonings go. What **Special Use Limited** is, is a good hybrid – or mixture – both General and Special Use rezonings. With **Special Use Limited** rezoning, there's no site plan involved with that --- but you can specify the uses. The petitioner can come up to the podium and say, "I plan on using the property for X, Y, and Z .." --- whatever uses they intend to – and they can be held to those uses. You can also volunteer or place conditions upon that rezoning that may deal with features like buffering, retaining a historic or important structure, signage, lighting – things of that nature. So that's kind of where **Special Use Limited** falls in; it's not as restrictive as Special Use rezoning, which you've seen, but it is more restrictive than General Use rezoning, so it's kind of a good middle ground between those two. We did take this to the Planning Board for their consideration and after a Public Hearing, the Planning Board **did** recommend **APPROVAL** of this text amendment to you. I'll be glad to try and answer any questions on this.

MAYOR: No questions at this time. We'll have the Public Hearing on UDO #7. One question before the Public Hearing -- we know it goes between General Use and Special Use – make sure you clarify to the council and our citizens, also, why would this be needed? I know you're saying they don't have to have a site plan and you can hold them to the restrictions that they say they're going to use it for, so why would we need this as opposed to being, which we very seldom ever use, General Use? But we do very often use the Special zoning

MR. KING: One thing, it's another tool for rezoning – another option for when petitioners and folks come to you and try and do this, it's another option to go about rezoning. The site plan, in a lot of cases, I think one example I used at the Planning Board was the Anderson property over on 66/66 Circle that got rezoned a couple of years ago by the council. I think they originally came to you and asked for just General Use HB. I think the council remanded that back to the Planning Board and said, can you bring us a site plan? And they did, they brought you a site plan for your consideration but, really, the only thing that they showed you was a generic shell building with parking that basically just meets UDO requirements; a bufferyard that meets UDO requirements – those are all things that you would've gotten without that site plan. The only thing you really did was limit the uses on there and were able to place conditions and that's where this Special Use Limited comes in. That would have been a good candidate because you really didn't get a lot out of that site plan. The site plan is also a pretty sizeable expense to folks come to you to rezone it and if there's a way to address some of these issues that may be a concern to the council or the planning board – to maybe do that without having to go that extra expense of preparing a site plan – then that's an extra benefit to folks who are pursuing rezoning.

MAYOR: This is what this amendment will – it will allow one additional zoning choice between General Use and Special Use district, which

would be the new zoning – if approved – would be Special Use Limited District Zoning.

Public Hearing for UDO #7 was opened at 7:10 p.m. and closed at 7:11 p.m. with no speakers.

MAYOR: Council, what's your consideration on #7? Peggy (Leight) did the Planning Board have any comments to offer to the council as far as advice on that. I know ya'll approved all of these, did you have any comments for us at all on that?

PEGGY LEIGHT: No. We were in favor of this because it allows the petitioners – it costs them less. If the staff determines that they did not need a site plan but then it was determined that there were questions being brought up, they could actually ask the petitioner to go back and add a site plan. So it's sort of an intermediate step.

MOTION: TO APPROVE UDO #7 – SPECIAL USE LIMITED ZONING AS PRESENTED

BY: WAYNE HESTER

SECOND: RALPH LANDRETH

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARING: **UDO TEXT AMENDMENT**

UDO #8 – STREET STANDARDS

(SEE ATTACHMENT INCLUDED)

AARON KING: This is the second text amendment that we have been discussing for the last few months. This involves revised street standards for the Town of Walkertown. Just to briefly sum up the street standards you currently have in place in your ordinance for new subdivisions require that sidewalks and curb and gutter be installed in those new subdivisions. That was the text amendment that the town actually approved, probably a few years ago, and added to their subdivision regulations. So that's what you've currently got. This proposed revised ordinance keeps those same standards – keeps the curb and gutter and keeps the sidewalks – it also adds another layer, another element to that, which is street trees ---- one per lot for new residential subdivisions. That's a component of this. Another thing that these revised street standards look at or focus on, is providing better connectivity within subdivisions – not so many cul de sacs, and making sure that subdivisions are inter-connected. That's another element that we've looked at with these revised street standards. And this would place some measure of that within the ordinance – we'd have a way to evaluate that. Another key important part of this is that it would require sidewalks on non-residential projects and multi-family projects. Currently, if there were a project that was constructed on 66, maybe a commercial project – there's no requirement that that development install sidewalks. What this would do would require sidewalks be installed. So that's another thing we tried to focus on, were not only cases that come before you for zoning, but also the ones that are appropriately zoned that develop to make sure that those have sidewalks as well and this ordinance would cover that also.

MAYOR: Why would that not require sidewalks?

MR. KING: Currently, it wouldn't.

MAYOR: I thought we did require that.

MR. KING: There was some amendment that was adopted to the town code that called out a certain *town core area* where there was some language in there about adding sidewalks, but the way that was crafted, our Inspections folks – I don't know that they can enforce it. There was a map that it references but nobody can ever find a map that anybody can interpret! But that was also only for the *town core area*....

MAYOR: I never thought it being as the town core, did ya'll, Council? I thought it was any subdivision.

MR. KING: Subdivision, correct! Yes... Any residential subdivision.....

MS. MABE:It is.....

MAYOR:Oh....Okay..... I thought you said if they cut a street and made a subdivision on 66.....

MR. KING:I'm just talking about a commercial project – say, a bank, or a restaurant – maybe on 66 – that's what I was talking about.....

MAYOR:Oh.....Okay. I beg your pardon...I thought you was talking about.....

MR. KING:So that's what.....

Correct..... All new residential subdivisions today and with this ordinance would still have to put in curb and gutters and sidewalks and if adopted this, the street trees. Everybody clear on that?

MAYOR:So, really, the only difference is going to be adding the trees, is that what you're saying?

MR. KING: Correct.....

MAYOR:The same standards of one side of the street. This does not change that?

MR. KING:For the sidewalk?

MAYOR:Sidewalk, curb and gutter, and on both sides --- sidewalk on one side of the street only – is what we've required in the past, isn't that correct?

MR. KING: Correct. Yes.

MAYOR: And this would be the same for that?

MR. KING: Yes. Everybody clear on that?

MS. MABE: I have a question – it's about planting trees. Do we say what size tree he has to plant?

MR. KING: It would be a large variety tree, I think, is what the ordinance calls out and there's certain standards in the UDO that specify what size those trees are when they have to be planted. I believe, Glenn.....

GLENN SIMMONS:Eight and half foot high and _____ caliber of 6 inches above the ground _____ (SPEAKING FROM AUDIENCE – COULD NOT BE HEARD)

MS. MABE: I hate for them to put them like a too little bitty... okay. That's all I wanted to make sure because them things take longer than....

MR. HESTER:And the trees will be planted between the street and the sidewalk, right?

MR. KING: ...Correct.....Between the back of the curb and sidewalk in the planting strip.

MS. MABE: One thing we thought was important was the connection of the streets, which I think is very important in subdivisions, that we

just don't have dead-end streets because I think for safety purposes. And I really like the ones about the trees between the street and the sidewalk. That's another buffer to me for the children.

MAYOR: What is the standard, I think we're probably far along to be asking this --- we have street, sidewalk, but many places is street, sod, sidewalk. What's the normal standards for that?

MR. SIMMONS: The standard planting strip between the sidewalk and the curb edge is 6 ½ feet and that allows room enough for the tree roots to grow and sometimes it may be needed in subdivisions to have a utility easement that may or may not be inside the right-of-way for utilities but the main thing is you have room for all your water and sewer and your TV cable - electrical, and all that, so that it doesn't interfere with either the sidewalk or the street tree planting area. So each zone has its own place for it to be without interfering with the other elements of that street network of utilities.

MAYOR: But, do you have a standard that some have no sod between the sidewalk and the street – and some have sod, like a foot sod between the two? Like a strip?

MR. SIMMONS: Right. I said the minimum would be 6 ½ feet if you're going to have trees in between the sidewalk and the curb. So, it's up to you all if you want to have the tree outside the right-of-way, but it sounds like you all want the tree between the sidewalk and the street and in those situations you really need to allow 6 ½ feet of sod area between the sidewalk and the curb edge where the trees are planted to give the roots room to grow and not buckle the sidewalks, not create hazards next to the street -- that kind of thing.

MAYOR: Many towns I see have the sod. I know we started out here that have none – it's just right against the street. Is that not what you find in most places.....I guess?

MR. SIMMONS: Well, it's not the ideal situation, certainly. And there are provisions, if under extreme circumstances, due to topography, or other extenuating circumstances, the Planning Board may – or the Council may, since you all approve subdivisions – may allow a sidewalk to be placed adjacent to the curb, but that's your prerogative to do that, certainly. But the standard is to have a sodded planting area between the sidewalk and the curb with at least 6 ½ feet to allow trees to be planted in that area.

MAYOR: Is that covered to that degree in here?

MR. SIMMONS: It is, yes. It states that in the ordinance. Again, if you all have your own street standards, you can modify that. This gives you the authority - it doesn't tie your hands to make exceptions on a case-by-case basis if circumstances warrant that.

MAYOR: I agree that it would look more uniform and it looks nicer with the sod.

MS. MABE: I just caught on Channel 13 – Ed McMahon. And I was – what we are doing tonight is exactly what he is saying. And I agree one hundred percent. Too bad everybody didn't get to hear this because he is so wonderful, explaining what this is about. And it showed the difference – and it's proven that people live and work better in places where you have the greenery and stuff like that. And also, I think it's important that we remember what these trees do for us. I love this plan. I think it's wonderful. Thank you.

MAYOR: The one thing before you sit down. I know we want the inter-connectivity between subdivisions, cul de sacs and etc. There was some concern for Whitehall on Ruxton Drive. This doesn't cause a problem with

what we agreed to with that, where the Ruxton Drive would be limited to only pedestrian and emergency vehicles..... into Whitehall..... Is that correct?

MR. KING:No..... That was done through a Special Use Zoning.... There's a specific condition that – the only way that condition goes away, I think it's worded, that when the Council approves that that gate be removed – and that's when it goes away.

MAYOR:I think the council and the citizens want the inter-connectivity, it's just that the concern was on the school traffic through there, is the only concern that was. That was not that we didn't want to connect them. It was just for the school traffic we were trying to avoid.

Public Hearing for UDO-8 was opened at 7:21 p.m. and closed at 7:22 p.m. with no speakers.

MOTION: TO APPROVE UDO #8 – STREET STANDARDS AND SIDEWALKS AS PRESENTED
BY: BRENDA MABE
SECOND: WAYNE HESTER
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTE: UDO #9 – SIGN STANDARDS is still under consideration and will be brought to council a future meeting

MAYOR: Council, if you will note, UDO #9 is still under consideration, to be brought to the council at another meeting. I think Ms. McKinnie is working with Aaron now to work out whether that will be in December or in January, depending on the advertising time, so we'll know about UDO #9, which is the sign ordinance. That will be possibly December or January.

2. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**
RECREATION FUND GRANT REQUEST
WALKERTOWN WOLFPACK

.....SANDRA MILES, CHEERLEADING DIRECTOR

DISCUSSION:

MAYOR: There is a grant request in your packet. Any questions concerning this grant request?

MS. WELCH: She wants to talk to you.....

MAYOR:Oh! Yes, ma'am?

SANDRA MILES:Go ahead and do what you're going to do. I'm just getting my paperwork together. I'm Sandra Miles. I'm the Cheerleading Director for Walkertown. I just wanted to give you an opportunity as you're considering our request for a grant, to meet some of our cheerleaders, who have represented Walkertown royally. We have won the 1st place championship for the local division, October 28th. And we went to Regionals Thanksgiving weekend and we won 1st place regional championship at that time. And I would like to ask for our ladies to stand up at this time so you can see who you will be benefitting.

MS. WELCH: How many of these are actually from Walkertown itself?

MS. MILES: We have three girls that actually live in Walkertown but seven of them attend schools here and the older girls were students here before they went to high school.

MS. MABE: What high school do they go to?

MS. MILES: East Forsyth.

MS. MABE: And how many did you say that live in Walkertown?

MS. MILES: Three – that actually live in Walkertown.

MR. HESTER: Is that in Walkertown.... Or the Town of Walkertown? I mean, Walkertown's a big area and then the Town of Walkertown is smaller. Do they actually live in the Town of Walkertown?

MS. MILES: I'm not sure of the address just says Walkertown. And then we have a Belews Creek resident. The three that live in the town and then we have a Belews Creek resident.

MAYOR: All right. Now. I don't know – I usually take what's in print here, but I did you wanted to amend this amount. Is that what I understand, Ms. McKinnie?

LYNN: They had originally asked for \$22,000 and then that was amended.....

MS. MILES:We originally asked for \$22,000 – and that would have covered the expense for our Senior Midget boys, who won the 1st place local championship for Division II – but they did not make it past regionals and we also had the Pee Wee cheerleading squad, that advanced second place for the local championship but they did not advance at the regional championship. So we are down to one squad and that's the purpose for the amendment and we have asked you to amend that to the sum of \$8,000, which will cover the expense of their hotel rooms (\$420 per child) and they will give them \$20 per day (which will equal \$80 on a food card).

MS. WELCH: And you'll leave on the 2nd of December, right?

MS. MILES: No, ma'am. We are down to the bare minimum which requires us to be there on Wednesday, the 5th of December. So we will leave on Wednesday and return Saturday. We're only staying the required amount because each day it requires an additional expense that we just do not have at this time.

MS. WELCH: And you've raised \$2,000?

MS. MILES: Yes, ma'am. We have. When we had asked for the amount for a chartered bus, but the \$2,000 will cover two 15-passenger vans.

MAYOR: Any further questions?

MS. MILES: We have one young lady that wrote something. Could she have just one minute to express her feelings? She lives in Walkertown, thank you.

LATIANA MAN 4918 McGee Road ??????????????

Hello, everyone, my name is LaTiana Mann but I'm well-known as La-La. I'm 14 and in the eight grade and attend at Walkertown Middle School with Honor Roll and a GPA of 3.5. For the last past 52 years, this is Walkertown Wolfpack's first year with first place in locals and regions. For the last three years, Walkertown has made it to regionals but has never had the opportunity to go to Orlando, Florida. So this year, 2007, making history, as the first squad to ever go to Florida – out of the whole Walkertown Wolfpack organization. As my nine years experience with Walkertown Wolfpack, I am grateful to say how excited we are to have this one-in-a-lifetime fantasy to go to Florida come true. Of keeping the

victory of first place all the way through regionals and also bring first place home from nationals. That's it.

MAYOR: Thank you, young lady. All right, council. This is something of a last-minute decision that's got to be decided right away. So what do you want to do? Do you wantis there any word from council?? Do I hear a suggestion? Do I hear a nothing?

MS. MILES: I would just like to add that if we do not make it to the --- have the money to go --- then they will penalize us \$1,500 – Pop Warner – and we will not be allowed to participate for three consecutive years in any post season games.

MR. HESTER: You're talking about collecting donations on the street corners, different things, and asking different business and corporations, has anyone come up with any money for you?

MS. MILES: That's where some of the money came from. That's where we received the \$2,000 by going to individuals, to games, out here on the street corners, and we have received verbal promise but no one has actually come through with giving what we asked.

MR. HESTER: This is mighty quick for us to make a decision; plus.....

MAYOR:So you're actually.....Excuse me, Wayne, I didn't mean to interrupt.....So you've got \$2,000 – you needed \$8,000 – you're \$6,000 short --- Is that what you're saying? Is that correct?

MS. MILES:With the six additional thousand dollars we will be able to pay for a couple of rooms and food for the girls.....

MS. WELCH:Still need \$8,000.....

MS. MILES:We'll still have to get some money together for the two vans – but we will work that out. **WHATEVER** you can help us with, will get us closer to our goal. will put that on the back burner because this is a very, very important immediate need and we didn't want to come to you before. We didn't make the call in advance that we needed some help. At this time we decided not to come forth with a request for help until we were assured that we were the regional champions – and we know that for sure --- we can prove that. And so we are coming to you as members of the town, some of us live here and some do not but the attend school here, asking for your support and for your help to help us keep the children off of the street. Because this is our future and they don't have anything positive to reinforce what their parents are saying, what are we going to do in 10 or 20 years when they're our nurses, our doctors, our legislators, our town council. So we really need your help.

MAYOR: And, according to what I read here, you've got quite a bit pending but the rest of the pledges, or whatever, have not actually come through yet and time's getting short. Okay. Anybody got a motion? A game plan? A thought?

**MOTION: TO GIVE THE WALKERTOWN WOLFPACK
CHEERLEADERS AT LEAST \$6,000 TO COME OUT OF
OUR RECREATION FUND**

BY: SARAH WELCH

THERE WAS NO SECOND SO THIS MOTION DIES.....

MAYOR: Is there a substitute motion? Is there another motion?
MS. MABE: Well, we've had so many people this year come and ask for money, and you're not the first one. And we have turned others down as well. And so I have a problem, you know. We've had the Little League and all the other organizations --- and I know everybody wants to help you out. And we'd love to do all of these things. So I'm recommending that I make a motion that we give you a thousand dollars. I would love to give you all of it but we've had other people come and we did not give. Monetary gifts, most of the time, has been \$250 to \$500 so I'm willing to go with \$1,000.

**MOTION: TO GIVE TO THE WALKERTOWN WOLFPACK
CHEERLEADERS THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 TO HELP
WITH THEIR TRIP TO ORLANDO, FLORIDA**
BY: BRENDA MABE
SECOND: WAYNE HESTER
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

LYNN: Out of which fund, please?
MS. MABE: Out of the Recreation fund.

3. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**
HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
- AT BOOE HOUSE
 - CHOOSE DATE AND TIME

DISCUSSION:

MAYOR: We need a date and a time for this.
MS. WELCH: May I ask a question? Do you think it's okay for us to open this to the public at this time since we don't have our bathrooms and our ramp up?
MS. MABE: That's right.
MAYOR: Bathroom's up!
MS. WELCH: Yeah – but they're not handicapped.
MS. MABE:You can't get in.....
MAYOR: It's an Open House – to let the people see what we got. I don't see anything wrong with them seeing it. Do you think it's a bad idea for that?
MS. WELCH:No. I don't.... Where are they going to park?
MAYOR: Well.....there's all around town hall.....
MS. WELCH:And walk through the grass.....???
MS. MABE:Why don't we just have it at the town hall?
MAYOR:Yeah. Town hall is a good place for them
.....This is what.....We had mentioned doing something like this earlier when we were talking about getting tables, at our work session.
MS. WELCH: We just thought it was for the staff.
MS. MABE: I thought it was just for the staff, too. As Sarah says, we do not have a handicapped parking spot. We do not have a handicapped ramp. Unless we are going to have Barry build us a handicapped ramp.
MS. WELCH:That's the only two things I see.....

MAYOR:I don't think we'll have a ramp in that time. No, I don't.

MS. MABE: Well, I tell you what. We'll let you stand outside and if anybody comes in a wheelchair, we'll let you pick them up and put them inside.

MAYOR: We don't have to have it all if ya'll don't want to

MS. MABE:No.....We would.....like to have it.....

MAYOR:have it.....This is a good time to have it. We've got it cleaned up and.....

MS. WELCH:We're "getting" it cleaned !!!.....

MR. HESTER:It's been cleaned, hasn't it?.....

MS. WELCH: ...Un unnn.

MAYOR:It's in the process now.

MR. HESTER:Well, it will be.....

MS. MABE: ...Well, we've got chairs!

MS. WELCHWe've got tables !! And chairs!!

MAYOR:This is an opportunity if anybody wants to drop by and take a look to actually see what we've got. The town owns it and it's a good time for anybody to see what the town owns and at the same time.....

MS. MABE:Well, we haven't.....gotten.....spruced up...just a little bit.....

MAYOR:have some cider and cookies.

MR. HESTER: I think it's a good idea. We could do that and it would be informational. I mean, we're not throwing a big party, or anything. It's a good time for people to come and see it, realize what we have got and then they can give ideas as to what they think about.

MAYOR: When do you want to try and do it?

DISCUSSION THEN CENTERED AROUND A GOOD DATE AND TIME TO HAVE THE "OPEN HOUSE". THE FINAL OUTCOME WAS

FLOATING OPEN HOUSE
5135 SULLIVANTOWN ROAD
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2007
FROM 3:00 P.M. UNTIL 5:00 P.M.
COOKIES AND CIDER TO BE SERVED.
PERHAPS ALSO MINTS AND NUTS.

Lynn asked for a "budget" amount – how much could she spend - and was told it would be an "open" budget, spend whatever she needs to. Doc said he would help with the cider – Lynn will work on the cookies part.

4. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**
RECREATION PLAN UPDATE

DISCUSSION:

MAYOR: You can see under your tab that there is quite an extensive list that Ken Stafford has said we would need to develop that into a town center park. We talked about the picnic shelter, the walking trails, horseshoe pits; were there other things you wanted to include in this?

MS. WELCH: We need a gazebo.

MR. HESTER: I think he's got them a little bit out of order.

LYNN: I just went through the notes and typed them as they were said.....

MR. HESTER:We need to get a topographical survey, of course – we’re going to have to have a survey. Need to get a map showing the boundary lines, but then the next step, I think, would be to walk the site. And **that’s what I thought he was going to do from that last meeting we had.**
Walk the site.....

MAYOR:That was my understanding that we left there, he was going to walk the site.....

MR. HESTER:Yes.....That he would walk the site to determine what we could use it for..... So I think that would be one of the..... These things - - - they sound good to me.....

MAYOR:Was that where one of you – were you going with him or not?

MR. HESTER: Well, one of us whenever he got in touch with us – we were going to walk through it.....

MS. MABE: Yeah. We wanted to walk through it..... And didn’t we say something about surveying, too? Do we need to have that done, as well?

MR. HESTER: Yes.

MS. MABE: And we need to have that done, as well. --- For our recreational needs.....from the recreation funds.....

MAYOR: Did it suit any of you --- the emails concerning the settling of the We have the email from Bo and Amy that says that we have 90 days to either come up with a plan or reconvene the recreation committee – whichever way we decide to go with it.

MS. WELCH:Well, we just spent a thousand dollars out of it, didn’t we?

MAYOR: Well, we spent \$1,000 recreation money but.... we did not okay.....This is the Consent Order.....

MS. WELCH:Okay.....We need to get the committee back in action.....

MAYOR:Okay..... I’m reading this Consent Order here and.....

AMY LANNING:I can sum it up if you want me to?

MAYOR: ...Give us a summary real quick, Amy.....

MR. HESTER:Yeah..... We’d like to know where we stand because I haven’t seen anything on it.

MS. LANNING:You can spend the money independent of the recreation committee as it’s spelled out in here. But if you haven’t made the plan yet to do that, the Recreation Committee actually has to give you written recommendations within 90 days – so they would have to convene in time to be able to give those recommendations within those 90 days. So, you would have to reconvene in enough time in advance to be able to have the meeting and everything to have that written recommendation.

MR. HESTER: Well, why are we coming back to a time limit on this? I thought it was determined.....the will stated.....

MAYOR:The court now gives ---- deadline of 90 days to give a recommendation, isn’t that correct?

MS. LANNING: And that’s to not actually spend the money – that’s just to.....

MS. WELCH:Show how we’re going to spend it.....

MS. LANNING:Right. To either.....

MR. HESTER:So that would include stuff that we could show, like we're planning on doing right here with the money.....also asking for a grant. And the gentleman that came, Ken Stafford, they help to get a grant and they've helped other towns to get it so that would be a part of the plan as far as what we would present.....?

MS. LANNING:Right. I believe under the wording..... If you don't have some kind of plan in time then the Recreation Committee would need to reconvene in time to get a recommendation by the end of that 90-day period.

MR. HESTER:Well, if we do this stuff right here --- and like we were talking with ken at that last meeting – I think we're going to come up with quite a bit of money, anyway, and I mean, that's a good way to spend it. Plus, he said that the more we have on hand, whenever he puts in for a grant, it makes it easier for us to get matching grants that instead of having \$100,000 or \$75,000, then we could add money to it and come up with a lot more money.

MS. LANNING: Um hmmm.

MS. MABE: But there are steps you have to take before you can get these grants but he's willing – we hired his company, that will be to us, taking steps and a plan to use this money. Is that not correct?

MS. LANNING: Say that one more time.

MS. MABE: If we hired this firm that's going to help us make the plans what we would do with this land for use for recreations, he's going to walk through and tell us what he recommends. Is that not making plans for the using of this money?

MS. LANNING: That is making plan but they need to do more than just preliminary plans, I think. You may want to talk with Bo more about that because he prepared the order and has a better understanding. He would want to negotiate it.

MAYOR: But if we had a plan of our own, we could submit it to the court and see if we could go forward, is that correct?

MS. LANNING: I don't believe you have to submit anything....

MR. HESTER:Well..... That's what I was wondering. Why would he have to submit when it didn't say that we had to have it done in certain.....

MS. LANNING:i don't believe you have to submit. You just need to follow the Order.....

MR. HESTER:To show that we are doing something.....

MS. LANNING:You don't need to send anything.... I mean, you'll obviously, through your meetings, and everything, those will be public, that show how you're getting along. The way the Order is worded, you can make your own independent decision of use of the money and it said you can approve distributions of the money,is the way that it's worded,which I would think would be more than just a preliminary plan but not what you Actually have to

MAYOR:Well..... I can see..... The council either approves to spend it or no.....? Okay. I have a preliminary plan that's nothing but something that I came up with. I'd love to offer it to council and I'm sure it's something that may or may not suit council's fancy on it but..... Do you have any copies of that, Ms. McKinnie? You have one? Okay. This plan has a total of \$100,000 in it since that's the only thing we're concerned with, is the

\$100,000 expenditure from this estate. This plan shows a way to spend it to where most everyone in the town would benefit somewhat from it. You're talking about the town center park – you're talking about the schools, the playground equipment at each – and you're talking about each one of the sports organizations – and you're talking about the seniors. So, this plan, while the numbers can be changed, or anything can be changed on it – this plan would be a possible way to reach and distribute the \$100,000 --- and they never have enough equipment at the playgrounds anyway. So, that's the reason I include the schools.

MS. MABE: Yes! And if we did that, that would also serve our citizens, children, and community.

MAYOR: It does. It touches all the schools, it touches all the organizations, sports organizations, that I'm aware of and it also allows us for our \$43,000 – which we might need to rearrange the numbers on the schools, if you wanted to do that. That's just a possibility and you may need more on that, I don't know – since Ken didn't give us a figure.....

MS. MABE:One thing I wanted to know up here on the town center park – one thing we need to talk about, and that's building bathrooms – that's one thing that's got to be added on that. And that could be attached to behind the Walkertown Town Hall annex building, known as the fire department, if we could build that in the back and it would serve both the park and the town hall meeting hall someday, we hope. I think that would need to be added. We might want to juggle some of these other things to include that but this is a good plan and to my point of view, if we serve every organization for certain money – but I think on the sport organization I think we need to spend it probably equally so no one can say we favored this group more than the others – so I would recommend that we make sure all the groups get the same amount of money.

MAYOR: Well, the only reason it's like that was the numbers we had on roll, of our records, were much heavier on the top ----

MS. MABE:What we did in the past.....
Okay.....Well, I didn't know.....

MAYOR:Well, no..... I'm talking about the.....number of participants..... But those numbers can be moved around any way you want to move them. If you wanted to take \$5,000 off each one of the schools and put it on "bathrooms" and make bathrooms, that would be fine, too. However you want to do it..... This is just a suggestion.....

MS. MABE:It's aplan.....a decent plan.....

MR. HESTER:Well, I think..... It's something.....we need to study..... before we get into it. But, I'd like to use it more for the town center park area instead of giving it to the schools. The schools get our tax money anyway..... And they're going to have plenty of money – or should have – with bond issues and everything that's been passed lately, I think it needs to be studied and more of the money probably – and I don't see – this is just a plan – not spending, right? This is something to look at and to talk about. It's not a spending thing. Because this sounds like.....

MAYOR:It's a plan and we can doctor the numbers --- we can move the numbers around ---- we can take out ----- we can add ----- We can do anything. This is just a proposed plan that ---- one of the reasons we included the schools – if you'll look – they never have enough playground equipment! They really never have enough. I know firsthand and Brenda, you've worked over here some too – with 900 kids, that's far, far – in the best equipment they've got.

MS. MABE: Most schools have to furnish their own equipment.....

MAYOR:Tax dollars don't buy that.....

MS. MABE:That is not in the bond thing... I can tell you.....

MAYOR:You have.....to raise the money.....for the playground.....

MS. MABE:That comes up..... But I agree with Mr. Hester. I think we should put more money in the town park. Plus, the school kids are going to use the town park anyway.....

MAYOR: True! This is just an idea of something we..... could move our monies around..... we can move that school monies around..... we can make \$5,000 for each one of them rather than what it is..... Or however you want to do it --- this is just a proposal Is all in the world this is.....

MS. MABE:Yeah..... I know. But I appreciate the idea.....

MR. HESTER:Just like when we were talking with Amy a few minutes ago and we were talking about coming up with a plan with what Ken Stafford says --- I think we need to find out what he comes up with before we decide what we are going to do.....

MS. MABE: Yes! Yes!..... Yes!!!

MR. HESTER:And see what money we will need because I'm not in favor of just spending \$100,000 just to get rid of it!!! Or giving it away. I mean, if we were, we'd give this lady \$20,000 and let her go to Florida. But we've got a lot of people – there's, what 4,900 or 5,100 people in Walkertown -almost 5,000 people - and we've got to think about all of them instead of just one or two groups, like we were talking about before.

MS. MABE: And that's what, in the past, we've had so many different groups come and ask us – and it's not that we don't want to give you the money, but we have to look at the whole situation, all the town, and everybody. It's not that we don't want to do it, we have to consider everybody! And I don't want to leave one group out.

MAYOR: This is the way to reach most every group in town. You can change the dollars any way you want to but this is the way to reach about every group.

MS. MABE: But I agree. We need to wait and see what the firm tells us what we need, about the land, and then we can see where we can give. And I recommend that.

MAYOR: Okay. Let's take this as a proposed sketch – a tentative plan.....

MR. HESTER:as a "study" plan.....

MAYOR:A tentative principal plan that we can change and work around and we've got something to start on. Okay? And, Ms. McKinnie, provide each councilmember with a copy so they can change around and re-work the figures and add different things, however they want to do it. And then we'll have that going forward. Does Council agree with that?

AGREEMENT ALL AROUND.

5. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:0**
FILL PLANNING BOARD VACANT POSITION

DISCUSSION:

MAYOR: Is it vacant already?
LYNN: Well, Marilyn has to come off because she cannot vote for the planning Board and then for the Council in December.....
PEGGY LEIGHT: The next Planning Board meeting is December 4th so if we waited til the December council meeting, that spot would be open for our December meeting. We made a recommendation that the council recommend one of the two existing alternates that we currently have and then we will have openings for two alternate positions coming open.
MR. HESTER: Okay. That's what we were talking about for the new council to come on.
MAYOR: Okay. For the alternates. But what you're saying then is the recommendation from the Planning Board was to fill the vacancy with one of the two alternates.
MS. LEIGHT: Yes. Marilyn is not allowed to sit in the December meeting because any decisions we made in December, she would be on the council and that would not be right for her to have two decisions.
MAYOR: All right. I don't see your recommendation.
MS. LEIGHT: The recommendation from our Planning Board meeting was that the Town Council consider the two existing alternate members who have served multiple years as members and as alternates. That would be Larry Marshall and Robert Butler.

MOTION: TO APPOINT ROBERT BUTLER TO THE PLANNING BOARD TO FILL THE SEAT VACATED BY MARILYN MARTIN
BY: WAYNE HESTER
SECOND: BRENDA MABE
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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 8:07 p.m.

1. Enos Jumper
5028 Klondike Rd.
Walkertown

It's located in Winston-Salem, the suburbs of Walkertown, in case anybody doesn't know where it is. We had a great, two good bids on the trees. One real good bid on the tree – but we had an unfortunate – the man that got the best bid! One of his workers cut a limb and it fell and hit him. I was sitting on the edge of the seat tonight when ya'll were picking the date. We were hoping he would start this week – it's going to be December 11th before he can come. He cracked two vertebrae but he gave us a real good written out bid. Wayne met him – and we just found out today that he had been hurt – and he asked if we would consider that. He's not dragging his feet. He didn't get hit by a limb on purpose! It was just one of those things! But the 11th – I was hoping ya'll weren't going to

pick then or the 14th or 15th because we're looking at three, four or five days of work there! But I just wanted to fill you all in that the man did get hurt. He will be on the job, maybe not doing the work himself, which he does sometimes, but he will supervising. He's already brought his Certificate of Insurance – the whole kit and caboodle is ready to go – but he just didn't see the falling limb in time! So that work is under way.

The drain situation is supposed to be fixed next week. And I guess that's as far along as we've got. Does anybody have any questions?

MAYOR: I think she's got the, speaking of the house, the faucets were repaired, the plumbing's all done so that all got done.

MR. JUMPER: We were talking basically about the yard – what had to be done, the trees, and etc. Does anybody have any questions about what we are going to do to the trees?

MAYOR: Make sure everybody understands we're talking about the trees and the repair work at the Booe house. Make sure everybody understands what we're talking about.

JUMPER: Yeah. I guess I should draw a better mental picture of that! It is coming along but it is going to be a little bit slower than what we had hoped for but it's circumstances beyond our control. Two trees will need to be taken down.

MAYOR: No. Just be sure that on the Certificate that it's G/L and Workers Comp – both! We should have a current copy and make sure the dates are correct.

2. Larry Bolden Chris Drive

I'd like to address the council members and thank all of you for the way the street was taken care of. It's a beautiful job. Ms. Welch, I saw you over there. I did want to come back and let you know I did appreciate it being taken care of. The only thing I ask, and take it into consideration – the next time you take in a suburb of Walkertown somewhere – we keep talking about those do-nut holes – you're creating them. You're creating them !! Okay? That's the only thing I got to say.

MAYOR: If anybody has not seen them – Chris Drive and Jackie Lane – it looks great. It really looks great! I'm really disappointed that Tamra is not here tonight. Just tell her we missed her tonight!! If you have not seen Jackie Lane or Chris Drive, you need to ride by and see it. We got a couple more streets that Ms. McKinnie is working hard on to see if between us and the state, we can get worked out. So hopefully, we can get those done soon.

3. Sandra Miles Walkertown Wolfpack

I would like to personally thank you for the \$1,000. We want to know if you have any suggestions on how we can come up with the rest. If anyone has any suggestions? And I would like to offer my name and number if anyone would like to give a personal donation. See me after because we do have to have this paid for. We were supposed to pay today but they gave us an extension until Monday. So if you have any suggestions or businesses or whatever we can go to and petition for assistance we would really desperately need it because the

parents just do not have the money so, you know, the \$1,000 will cover two girls and put a portion on a third but not cover what we actually need. So any donations, any information on where we can get money, please let us know. And thank you.

4. Mitzi Perry (???)
2100 Dinmont St.
Winston-Salem

I'm not a resident of Walkertown. I love Walkertown. I would live here if I could. At this time, it's not feasible for me. I've been bringing my son from Winston-Salem to Walkertown for the last eight years. I could play for the Winston- My son could play football – I could coach for the Winston-Salem Indians, Greyhounds..... He goes to school in Lewisville-Clemmons – he could play in the Titans(?) or the Broncos --- but I love Walkertown!! A friend of mine who lives in Walkertown asked us to come here eight years ago and we came and I refuse to go anywhere else! This is such a great opportunity for these children and I know that everybody wants money and I know that you can't give money to everybody that asks for it. But these are our children and we work really, really hard for them. And the girls were really, really disappointed. And when they got outside, one of the girls said, "*That lady teaches at our school I can't believe she doesn't want to help us*" I don't want the children to think that you don't want to help them and we tried to explain it to them that it's not that you don't want to help them, but they're children and they don't understand that. They have a long ways to go to understand how to budget money, how to spend. But if you, like Sandra said, if you know of anybody that wants to help these children go – most of our children – a lot of – not most of our children – we do have plenty of children in our organization that live – and go to school – in Walkertown. A lot of our children do come from Winston-Salem – and we bring them in our cars. A lot of their parents don't even come. The reason why we come to Walkertown is we don't have a lot of drama, a lot of problems! We try to be good mentors for these children. We try to keep them involved. That's why we come to Walkertown. That's why I love Walkertown. I shop here – my son and I eat here – we come to the library here – and we live in Winston! So, if you do know of anybody, or if you have a way of giving us any more that you can so that we can take more of these girls to Florida, we would really, really appreciate it. Thank you.

Public Session was closed at 8:18 p.m.

SPECIAL NOTE:

BRENDA MABE: I would like to thank the citizens and especially the ones who worked for me and I appreciate the input. I enjoyed the two years I have worked with the town. My family is happy that I didn't win. They're glad that I am going to be at home! And I am, too, because I see other opportunities I'll be doing for the town. I wish the best for the new council. I challenge them to meet the needs of the town – not the wants of the town – but the needs of the town. This has been a hard decision sometimes for us as council members. As we sit up here and work for the town, we have to always remember – this is not our money – this is your tax money that we're spending and we try to do the best that we can. But I appreciate all who helped me. I knew Saturday – God

revealed to me that I wasn't going to win – He had something else for me to do, but I appreciate working with this council. I hope the citizens will support the new council coming on board. It's hard sitting here ---- and it's hard making decisions and sometimes it is really hard to make these decisions. It's not because we don't want to do these things but we have to look at the whole situation. And I thank you for all who served for me and helped me on voting day. I appreciate your input and I'm going to miss you. Thank you.

MAYOR: Any other comments this evening from the council?

OTHER INFORMATION ATTACHED

BEHIND INDEX # 6

- Planning Board Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2007

BEHIND INDEX # 7

- Overlay District Information from Aaron King

BEHIND INDEX # 8

- Improving Design Information from Al Slater

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- RECYCLING in Walkertown continues every two weeks.
DECEMBER 10TH and 24TH 2007
- TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS: (4TH THURSDAYS)
7:00 p.m. at the Walkertown Library Auditorium on:
FOURTH THURSDAY @ 7:00 P.M.
DECEMBER 20 – CHANGED DUE TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
INSTALLATION OF NEW COUNCIL – PUBLIC IS INVITED
- PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS:
Library @ 3:00 p.m. On 1st Tuesday of month
DECEMBER 4TH



Walkertown residents are invited to a Holiday Open House for cookies and cider at the town's newly purchased property located at
5135 Sullivantown Road

(formerly Booe house)

Date and Time will be decided upon and announced at tonight's meeting. Hope to see you there!

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 8:20 P.M.
BY: BRENDA MABE
SECOND: WAYNE HESTER
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR: The next meeting will be the swearing in of the new council members.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF WALKERTOWN:

Lynn McKinnie
Town Clerk

Kenneth R. Davis
Mayor