

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**TOWN OF WALKERTOWN COUNCIL**  
**APRIL 23, 2009**

**DRAFT COPY ONLY**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Doc Davis. Present for the council were Mr. Davis, Randy Mendenhall, Sarah Welch, Marilyn Martin, and Wayne Hester. Staff present included Clerk Lynn, Scott Snow, and Planner Gary Roberts.

**Approval of Agenda**

On a motion by Mr. Hester and seconded by Mr. Mendenhall, the agenda was approved as presented.

**Approval of Minutes**

1. MARCH 26, 2009 – REGULAR MEETING
2. APRIL 16, 2009 – WORKSHOP MEETING

On a motion by Ms. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hester, the minutes for March 26, 2009 and April 16, 2009 were approved as submitted.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

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

Public Session was opened at 7:03 p.m.

1. Charles Wheeler  
4440 Melvin Lane  
Walkertown

MR. WHEELER HANDED OUT A PETITION LISTING THE RESIDENTS OF MELVIN LANE AND THEIR RESPONSE TO THE TOWN'S REQUEST TO PAY A PORTION OF THE ROAD PAVING IF IT COMES TO THAT POINT.

This is concerning the Melvin Lane paving – we were asked at the last meeting to get with everybody and find out whether we can do this or not – pay the 50% of whatever it is going to cost to do it. No one on the road is going to be able to. There's only one family on the road that can even afford to make payments. So, I guess just leave it at that and see where we go. See where we stand. I know there are grants that can be gotten to help out financially to get this done. This has been a pretty long fight to get it – and now all we can do now is sit back and wait. I mean – even if we can get some better grade gravel put on it would be nice. Down at the end, it's nothing but mud so – that's all I have to say.

2. Sandra Miles  
2924 Theresa Avenue  
Winston-Salem

I'm the Vice-President for the Walkertown Wolfpack organization. I've met you all on several occasions as the cheer director. I just wanted to come out and let

you know that we do have a new board this year. We're planning to get more involved with the town and we wanted to find out what are some things in the area that we could do as far as integrating more into the town? We have been here for over 54 years and we want to, not only just help out the kids as far as football, but we would like to be a part of the town and do what we can do on our end. I can forward the information for the new board members. We do have two members here – Jonathan Toliver, he's the League rep and his assistant is Dominick June. We just wanted to come out and let you know that we are present and we are getting started early. So, if you have any children that would like to sign up, we do have sign-ups every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. As a matter of fact, this coming Saturday will be a sign-up – from 10 to 2.

MAYOR: Where are you having your sign-ups?

MS. MILES: Here at the library. We'll be outside. And if we're not at the library, then we'll be at the middle school. And we also wanted to let you know that we spoke with Mr. Bill Powell. We have been in an uproar about the fields. We will not have to move! We will be able to stay here – the construction will not affect our contract at all and they're sending some information – in writing – to keep on file. So we will keep you abreast of what's going with Walkertown. Thank you.

MAYOR: That's a good thing to keep that written that you receive from them.

Public Session was closed at 7:08 p.m.

## **BUSINESS**

### **1. PUBLIC HEARING**

O'REILLY'S AUTO PARTS –  
ADVERTISED APRIL 9, 2009

- **ORDINANCE:** TO APPROVE OR NOT APPROVE  
FINAL DEVELOPMENT SITE PLAN
- **ORDINANCE:** TO APPROVE OR NOT APPROVE SIDA  
ALLOCATION REQUEST

GARY ROBERTS: This is a final development plan request for property zoned Highway Business – Two Phase, Special Use. It's located on the south side of Old Hollow Road. Darrow Road – it's just a little bit east of Main Street. The pharmacy is just catty-cornered across the street, zoned LB-S. The main shopping center, zoned HB-S – and this is basically an outparcel of the shopping center. This is a final development plan request – it's not a rezoning. The zoning is already in place – has been for many years. But because there's no development on that, and the site is zoned "two-phase", whenever the property owners do decide to submit a development request, they have to come before you for final development plan approval. So, that's what this is tonight. The property is currently vacant. .... It's a little bit less than an acre - .68 of an acre.....

MAYOR The street into the shopping center – is the opening right beside it?

MR. ROBERTS: Yes.

MAYOR: Right where the Christmas tree lot used to be?  
MR. ROBERTS: ??????????  
MR. HESTER: Yeah.....Yes.....  
MAYOR: That's a local landmark – you wouldn't know about that!!  
MR. HESTER: The big tent.  
MS. MARTIN: That's not coming in through the existing street???  
MR. ROBERTS: Well – I will show you the site plan in a minute.  
..... It's about a little over 7,000 square foot, one-story building. The use is classified as General Merchandise Store but it's an auto parts. O'Reilly Auto Parts is the name of the facility. This is Old Hollow Road and this is the existing entrance into the shopping center. so you will be able to access the site through that entrance here. But they will also have a "right in only" de-cel lane off of 66 that goes into the site. The site was reviewed originally in March, by the Planning Board. It was continued for a month while they worked with NC-DOT on that access. They had to basically pull this little island out much further and this revised plan does meet NC-DOT's approval so that travel could not exit out on to 66. DOT didn't want people to be able to access out on to 66 from the site so because it extended out here, they're comfortable that this will be only just a right in – not a right out – certainly not a left out. So that's kind of a circulation pattern there. One way in there, parking spaces – they've just got a couple over. I think there's about 60 .....

MAYOR: How many parking spaces?  
MR. ROBERTS: They've got just a couple over the required spaces. There are – excuse me, I said 60 – there's actually 19 spaces that are required. They're showing 22 spaces, so not many more over what the maximum requirement is. They will be required to install sidewalk – as per the sidewalk master plan – along 66 and it's also showing a lateral sidewalk connection. Another part of this request – because they are in the watershed of Salem Lake – watershed – and they're exceeding the 24% impervious coverage on the site, they're asking for a SIDA (Special Intense Development Allocation). And so they are going to cover up just right up to the maximum of 70% of the site so they're asking for SIDA on the full acreage of .68 acre. This would be by retention basin here – this is where the stormwater would be received and held and treated for quality as well as quantity. The revised site plan does meet UDO requirements. As noted in Staff Report, it is kind of a two-phase motion – you would need to do (one) for the site plan – and (two) for the SIDA. We would recommend doing the SIDA first and then the site plan. And maybe just reference the findings that are in the staff report because there are findings of fact that are required. Staff recommends approval of the SIDA and of the site plan. The Planning Board, again, met on April 7<sup>th</sup> and they unanimously recommended approval. They did have two additional conditions and they recommended that the stormwater pond have a 4-foot vinyl coated fence surrounding it. And they also made a recommendation that – let me show you the elevations – it's hard to see, but it's my understanding you did get directly from the petitioners some revised elevations. Flat roof structure – it is brick – all brick – and they originally showed "dove grey" as the brick and mortar color and the Planning Board .recommended their second recommendation that the brick color would be comparable to the brick color of the main shopping center. It is my understanding that they have submitted the elevations that show color. Again, Planning Board did

unanimously recommend approval with those two conditions. I'll make one note of a correction in your staff report – on page 2 – up in the Watershed, And Overlay Districts in that paragraph – we just made a miscalculation where it says that "...If this is approved, it would be for 43.8 acres leaving 41.2....." That should be **43.12** acres would be what is left. (.68 will be taken out of 43.8 – leaves 43.12). So, again, Planning Board did recommend approval – and I'll be glad to answer any questions.

MS. MARTIN: I still have some questions about the drive. It says "right way in and right way out".

MR. ROBERTS: It is just a right in.....

MS. MARTIN: So it's just going to be a right in?

MR. ROBERTS: Right! Certainly no left out – but no right out either.

MS. MARTIN: Are they putting an island or anything in front there? .....DOT?

MR. ROBERTS: Well, on that site plan – again, that's what they had to work with state DOT on.

MR. ROBERTS: .....Pull out this, what they call half a Texas steer, I guess. This island here – this'll be curb and gutter with raised monolithic curb here – to prevent somebody from going out and taking a right. I guess it certainly is still a possibility that somebody could do that but it will be striped.....

MS. MARTIN: .....And trying to get across.....The reason I raised that question is I'm at the shopping center every morning and it's more traffic in the shopping center than it is out on 66!! That is a thoroughfare for people.....

MAYOR: .....Oh, yeah – it's a thoroughfare from Main Street to Darrow Road.....

MR. ROBERTS: .....By the Seafood Shack.....??

MS. MARTIN: .....And, so, if .....it's any more.....

MAYOR: .....Yeah.....

MS. MARTIN: .....As many entrances as it is, they'll come through there!!! It'll be \_\_\_\_\_.....

MAYOR: .....It's 55!! They don't get over the 55 mph speed limit though!

MS. MARTIN: .....No, but they usually keep it right at it!

MR. HESTER: .....DOT says that's "prevailing"....

MS. MARTIN: What about the loading and unloading.....over on the side?

MR. ROBERTS: Yeah. Loading space will be here.....

MS. MARTIN: Is that going to be a problem with people coming in that entrance? Or will they do it.....When will the main time.....?

MR. ROBERTS: Well, they'll probably work out the hours when they're not peak hours to do their loading.....

MR. ROBERTS: And they did submit a template that City DOT looked at to where you could get a 65-foot rig and actually access that. That's something that we wanted to see because it is kind of a tight site.

MS. MARTIN: Thank you. And then they are aware also that it will just be one monument sign, 6-foot?

MR. ROBERTS: Yes. They've got that shown right here. Originally showing a pylon sign and we told them that Walkertown had a monument signage ordinance.

MS. MARTIN: Well – is this going to be the exact front of O'Reilly's?  
(COULD NOT HEAR RESPONSE FROM O'REILLY'S REP IN AUDIENCE)

This will be the front? It won't have that big red up above like what's in Kernersville? That big, big red thing up above – sign?? Yeah. You won't do that to us, I trust? Okay. I just want to be sure.

From the audience:

CHRIS TURNBOUGH: No. It's going to look just like the drawings.

MAYOR: Did you see the material?

MS. MARTIN: Yes. It looks good. He did a good job on that. We appreciate that – on the brick – exterior. Looks nice.

MR. HESTER: So the only thing added on 66 will be that one driveway going in directly to O'Reilly's – and no out.

MR. ROBERTS: That's correct.

MAYOR: Is it pretty much in the center – the entrance off of Old Hollow Road?

MR. ROBERTS: Well, as far as on the site, it's on the far eastern most site. And actually, they have an easement goes on to this joining property. So this driveway will connect to whenever this property's built out and it'll come before you. They'll connect right there. These folks also – if somebody wanted access off of 66 into this lot, they would be able to do that as well, once that's built out.

MAYOR: So, what about the second lot from there, would they be able to do that as well?

MR. ROBERTS: The lot beyond this one? (Yes) I would imagine they would have a cross access easement that would serve that as well.....

MAYOR: ..... I mean, each lot would have an access off of Old Hollow Road then?

MR. ROBERTS: Well, I can't speak for NC-DOT. I would tend to hope not. I don't think Planning Staff was really excited about this right in..... But NC-DOT is maybe not excited about it but this design is acceptable. I don't know if we got into discussions about the other outparcels, how they would treat those. I would be surprised if every one got a right in – I would be very surprised!

MAYOR: Wouldn't you feel treated a little unfair, though, if the two above you could have access from Old Hollow Road and then the third one couldn't?

MR. ROBERTS: Somebody could probably make that case.....

MR. TURNBOUGH spoke from the audience – could not hear his statements.

(???.....could have a joint access to the neighboring property to the east..... will have a shared access with this right in.....but for an access..... would be across the front of their property...so the next neighboring property to the east would also have access.....)

MAYOR: I understand the next neighboring to that east but I was talking about the second one, which would be on the corner, actually.

MR. TURNBOUGH: That's what I'm saying. Have a joint access ... across east property..... the neighboring property .....that's property...

those will have the legal right to drive through that property.....just be a joint access easement .....neighbor to neighbor.....

MAYOR: Does that make sense to you, Gary?

MR. ROBERTS: Yes. And that makes a lot of sense. And I don't think DOT would grant an access to this property here on the front on 66. Knowing that this is already here, and knowing that they will probably have access either to this easement here or they may grant them access directly on to Darrow. But this close to that intersection, I don't think DOT would grant it.

MS. MARTIN: And there is a road coming into the shopping center behind all this – behind the lots.

MR. ROBERTS: Right. That's in this area right here.

MS. MARTIN: I do know that when Walkertown Pharmacy acquired more land and they owned the house next to them and were renting it, that DOT told them if they ever converted and used it for commercial – they could not have another drive off of 66. They would have to use already existing drives. That's why I don't really like this setup – with having two entrances into it. I'd rather just see them coming in on one, even though I know DOT agreed. It's just a lot of traffic in that area.

MR. TURNBOUGH: We do understand.....the concerns..... and.....opposed.....to .....O'Reilly's.....increased amount of traffic.....to help reduce that traffic.....

MS. MARTIN: I understand. Thank you.

MR. HESTER: That access lane that you are talking about, where you turn in off of 66 going into O'Reilly's – and the access going down to the other lots. Is that going to be for two-way traffic? Or is it just one-way going...?

MR. ROBERTS: Within the site, it's two-way. This meets the minimum 26-foot width here for double bay of parking so I would assume it would be the same development pattern across here.

MR. MENDENHALL: It makes sense. If it was only O'Reilly's we were talking about, it would be more of a problem, I would think, but when something builds next door, then it's going to make it so much more convenient for both that it's good they looked that far in the future for that, I feel like.

PUBLIC HEARING WAS ADVERTISED ON APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>.

PUBLIC HEARING WAS OPENED AT 7:24 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED AT 7:25 P.M. WITH NO SPEAKERS.

- MOTION:**
- TO APPROVE FINAL DEVELOPMENT SITE PLAN FOR O'REILLY'S AUTO PARTS STORE WITH CONDITIONS PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF GRADING PERMITS:**
    - A. DEVELOPER SHALL OBTAIN DRIVEWAY PERMIT FROM NC-DOT.
    - B. DEVELOPER SHALL OBTAIN A WATERSHED PERMIT FROM EROSION CONTROL OFFICER.
  - PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS:**
    - A. DEVELOPER SHALL SUBMIT A PHOTOMETRIC PLAN PREPARED BY A QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL SHOWING PROPOSED LIGHTING SHALL NOT PRODUCE MORE THAN ½ FOOT CANDLE OF LIGHT AT PROPERTY LINE.
    - B. DEVELOPER SHALL SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLY WITH BUILDING MATERIALS WITHIN SUBMITTED

BUILDING ELEVATIONS AS VERIFIED BY  
PLANNING STAFF.

**PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF OCCUPANCY  
PERMITS:**

- A. DEVELOPER SHALL INSTALL ALL IMPROVEMENTS AS PER DRIVEWAY PERMIT.
- B. CERTIFICATION FROM QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL MUST BE SUBMITTED CERTIFYING LIGHTING WAS INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROVED PLAN AND ABOVE NOTED CONDITION.
- C. MUST INCLUDE A 4-FOOT VINYL COATED CHAIN LINK FENCE TO SURROUND DETENTION POND.

**BY: RANDY MENDENHALL**  
**SECOND: MARILYN MARTIN**  
**VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MAYOR: Welcome to Walkertown, O'Reilly's!  
MS. WELCH: .....Don't we have to vote on the SIDA?  
MAYOR: Young man. Before you leave, I'm just curious. With all the hoopla about being at the main intersection of town – 158 and Old Hollow Road – why did ya'll wisely choose Old Hollow Road on this end of town? I'm just curious.  
MR. TURNBOUGH: Well – it's Walkertown!!! I really can't speak for O'Reilly's but I do know that they're hitting North Carolina hard.....  
MR. MENDENHALL: Do you have any idea on when you might be opening?  
MR. TURNBOUGH: As soon as we get a building permit – 90 days afterwards, the contractor shows up – construction starts. With 5 to 7 employees. Hours of operation are 8 to 8, I believe.  
MS. WELCH: Don't forget about the SIDA.....

**MOTION: TO APPROVE REQUEST BY O'REILLY'S AUTO PARTS STORE FOR SIDA IN THE AMOUNT OF .68 ACRES**  
**BY: SARAH WELCH**  
**SECOND: RANDY MENDENHALL**  
**VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. **WICKENHAM ROAD PARK BUILDING PROJECT PROPOSAL**  
**RESOLUTION:** TO APPROVE OR NOT APPROVE AWARDING CONTRACT TO CONSTRUCT BUILDING

MAYOR: This is a multi-functional building. You've got a copy of the contract – you've got a copy of the summary – is there a motion?

**MOTION: TO AWARD BID CONTRACT TO JH BATTEN, INC. FOR WICKENHAM ROAD PARK PROJECT**

**BY: RANDY MENDENHALL**  
**SECOND: WAYNE HESTER**  
**VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. WASTE INDUSTRIES CONTRACT EXTENSION**

**RESOLUTION:** TO EXTEND WASTE INDUSTRIES TRASH CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL THREE YEARS WITH CONDITIONS

**MAYOR:** If you'll note, in your packet, this is set up for also extending but the main thing, it also includes white goods pick-up. This is something that several of our town residents have requested. This would be for on a per-item basis. You would call ahead. They would bill the homeowner. This is not through the town. ACTUALLY, THIS IS THROUGH THE TOWN – BUT THE INDIVIDUAL PERSON WOULD BE BILLED. And you can see the prices - \$10.00 per item on the white goods, furniture, etc., that wouldn't fit in the cart – it's \$5.00 and bulky items would have to be called in advance and scheduled for collection. This tells us that they're eliminating oil energy surcharge on our contract and they're placing a 3% cap on any increases should things change on our contract during the coming three years. All we're doing is approving the one year – if I read it correctly. We're just approving one year – this is not a three year contract approval.

**MR. MENDENHALL:** I've got one question – it says on the first line here "eliminate all oil energy surcharge fees for the first three year term of the extension" and then just below it, it says "a 3% cap on the amount of annual C.P.I. increases for the first year of the new contract." So, do we vote on this every year, annually?

**LYNN:** It's actually an ongoing 3-year contract, with either of us being able to back out after one-year. The amounts only apply to the one year we approve.....

**MAYOR:** .....We're voting only on one year – we are not approving the contract for a three-year basis! This is a one-year. Either side can say, 'Hey. Let's bring it to a halt.' But we've got services lined up for three years if we want to continue with it.

**MR. MENDENHALL:** Gotcha!

**MS. MARTIN:** I think adding this bulk pick-up, even though the citizens will have to pay a charge for it – it'll still be a great convenience.

**LYNN:** It's what I've wanted for years!

**MOTION: TO APPROVE EXTENDING WASTE INDUSTRIES TRASH CONTRACT FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD THROUGH JUNE 30, 2010**

**BY: MARILYN MARTIN**  
**SECOND: SARAH WELCH**  
**VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. GIBSON & COMPANY AUDIT CONTRACT**

**RESOLUTION:** TO AWARD AUDIT CONTRACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

MAYOR: This is our contract for our audit – they’ve done our audit for a number of years now. We’ve been very pleased with the job. So, what do you think?

MS. MARTIN: Sounds like a winner to me.

**MOTION: TO AWARD CONTRACT TO AUDIT TOWN OF WALKERTOWN ACCOUNTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 TO GIBSON AND COMPANY**

**BY: RANDY MENDENHALL**

**SECOND: MARILYN MARTIN**

**VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MAYOR: The resolution is the contract would be for fiscal year 2008-2009 and the amount would not exceed \$15,200 according to the terms and conditions set out in the proposal that we have.

MS. WELCH: I think they do a good job.

MAYOR: They’ve done us a very good job in the past. Ms. McKinnie says they’re very good to work with. Course, I must admit – they should be good to work with because she keeps immaculate records. Thank you for that, by the way.

#### **5. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR MARCH, 2009**

MAYOR: Mr. Hester – you got anything to tell us?

MR. HESTER: Well, it’s here – everyone’s got a copy of it – and as it says, “\*Checking account is a fluctuating account so this total is not accurate today” but I make a motion that we accept the financial statement as is.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE MARCH 2009 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**BY: WAYNE HESTER**

**SECOND: RANDY MENDENHALL**

**VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MR. HESTER: We will be spending money but right now we don’t know exactly how much but we will take care of that at a later timer.

MAYOR: While we’re mentioning that, I don’t think it’s mentioned in here – we’re standing in a good light to receive some stimulus money on part of our sidewalks. We haven’t got a check in hand but it’s a good possibility that we will get some of our sidewalk improvements paid by the federal stimulus money which we have it shovel ready anyway so this will be a good time to put that money to good use. We have just as a quick update – we’ve got the sidewalk that will be done soon – don’t know the date to let bids – from New Street to Depot Street.

MR. SNOW: We executed the municipal agreement with the DOT last month we got all our signatures we were needed to turn in to them and so we’re in the process of the local programs management division of the DOT of processing their procedure and will, last I heard, that they’re trying to get those projects approved within three to four weeks of getting that municipal agreement turned back so I think we sent it back about a week or two ago so we’re maybe

about halfway through getting that. Once we receive that notice received from the DOT we can bid it out and assume the bid process about three weeks. So we're hoping to have that done before the July 1<sup>st</sup> before the end of the fiscal year.

MAYOR: Before July 4<sup>th</sup> anyway! Cement should be dry before July 4<sup>th</sup>.

MR. SNOW: I don't know if it'll be dried but we'll certainly do our best to get the contracts out before the end of fiscal year.

MAYOR: All right. And the Friendly Road – did you get everything done on the east portion of Friendly Road? That will be from Main Street to Willoughby.

MR. SNOW: We expect to receive the stimulus funds from the MPO. We met with the trustees from Love's Methodist Church about the easement agreements that we need to process with them. Our town attorney is currently working on that paperwork to submit to them to get them to review and sign off so once we have that we can proceed with finalizing the pre-construction plans. We should have that done as long as everything falls in line with getting the easements that we need, by May 30<sup>th</sup>, and if we receive the "Notice to Proceed" from DOT and \_\_\_\_\_ they're going to fast track those and get those done as quickly as they can to get those funds pent.....

MAYOR: .....Have you got confirmation on the funds yet?

MR. SNOW: .....The MPO approved it last week – the list – the list - - We \_\_\_\_\_ The east Friendly section from Main Street to Willoughby is the number one project on that list....

MAYOR: .....And that was for forty what?

MR. SNOW: .....Forty-four thousand - - - what the expected estimate is for that. Our backup project is the Morris Street section. That one is the backup for thirty-six. But what the backup projects will be is if any municipality fails to spend their appropriated funds in that project list, that will be moved to the backups. Or if they save any money, if the estimates come in below, if the bids come in below estimates, that money will be moved to the backup list as well. The state wants to spend as much of the stimulus money as they can because if the deadline for spending the money in that package is October 1<sup>st</sup> so anything that any state hasn't spent goes back into the pool and gets reapportioned so we're hoping to get the state at least is hoping to get other states who haven't spent theirs in the appropriate amounts.

MAYOR: You're hoping bad luck to some of the other towns, is that what I hear you saying?

MR. SNOW: I'm not hoping bad luck but we'll do ours the best we can and hopefully have ours ready to go in case there are some others that run into difficulty.

MAYOR: Good work. You've done well on getting that into the hopper – we appreciate your work on that.

## **6. SET WORKSHOP MEETING DATE FOR MAY 7, 2009**

The mayor, council and staff agreed on May 7<sup>th</sup> as the workshop date for 6:00 p.m. at town hall.

**7. PROCLAMATION: 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY FOR RESIDENT SARAH FRANCES WELCH** (NOT OUR SARAH WELCH!)

Mayor Doc Davis read the proclamation for the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of a resident:

*WHEREAS, the longevity of life is a blessing to an individual and to a community by providing an opportunity for an investment of knowledge, creativity, and experience for all; and*

*WHEREAS, Sarah Frances Welch will be honored by friends and relatives on the occasion of her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 25, 2009; and WHEREAS, Sarah Frances Welch, during her long and productive lifetime has earned the respect and admiration of her family, friends and people from all walks of life as she has demonstrated in countless ways her dedication to the welfare of others; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, the Walkertown Town Council deems it an honor and a pleasure to extend to Sarah Frances Welch*

*Sincere congratulations and best wishes for many more happy and productive years in the future.*

*This the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2009.*

**PUBLIC SESSION**

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Public Session was opened at 7:43 p.m.

1. Karen Mendenhall  
4505 Camellia Lane  
I have two questions. When is the Booe house going to be ready to rent for things? I need it for August 26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>?

MS. MARTIN: Probably not by then!

MS. MENDENHALL: Why? You already bought furniture for it.  
What are they waiting on?

MS. MARTIN: Well. It has to be brought up to code as far as handicapped. We have to block off access to the upstairs.

MAYOR: We've got quite a bit of stuff that we have to have done prior to we can put it in to use. Just to be honest with you, we've got the handicapped access on the front.....emergency lights.....the bathroom accessible for handicapped. There's quite a few things that have to be done as a minimum. We know those things have got to be done.

MS. MARTIN: And we did, at the last work session – or the one before that – say that we wanted to get it done.

MS. MENDENHALL: I could've been able to use it a couple of times!

MAYOR: When was your target date?

MS. MENDENHALL: August 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>! It's a Saturday and a Sunday.

MAYOR: Well, that would be a good reason to work hard, Randy!

MS. MENDENHALL: We have a grandchild turning one – we need a place to have a birthday party. And then my second question is the park. How’s that coming along?

MR. SNOW: We – actually – received a notice from PARTF today that because of budgetary reasons, they have canceled their May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting to do the first round. They’re going to do it all in July. So, we won’t know until late July before they award those.

MAYOR: That’s not good sound, is it?

MR. SNOW: It’s not -- it’s not necessarily that the trust fund has less funds available I believe it’s just that the people who make up the authority are the local government officials and then people throughout the state and I think as far as travel expenses and such.....

MAYOR: .....That’s right. They’ve cut all expenses – cut travel expenses – so they can’t meet to determine how to spend that money.....

MR. SNOW: .....So rather than having two meetings this year, they’re only going to have the one I guess to cut costs in that area so we will we had hoped that if they had the May meeting we’d of hear then whether they approved it or not but looks like it’ll be I believe in late July before..... I’m working on a list of state officials for the council to contact and let them know that we do have a project in and for them to contact that authority to let them know to support our project. I should have that available for you next week.

Public Session was closed at 7:45 p.m.

## **REGULAR MONTHLY AND COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### **NOTE: IF NO MEETING – NO COMMITTEE UPDATES**

#### 1. STREETS AND ROADS COMMITTEE

Mayor said we received a report listing comments on several streets. He said he thought this was good because the man doing this, is from outside the town looking at the streets and we don’t always see the things that need to be done. There are several things that need to be changed. Mr. Mendenhall said that the committee has just been looking at roads. Mayor asked if there were any comments on the Melvin Lane petition that Charles Wheeler presented at the meeting tonight. Mayor said if he put himself in his shoes, that paving the street and paying for it would not be a top priority of his if it came to that or putting groceries on the table. Ms. Welch said that at least they gave them information as to what each family was faced with. Ms. Martin said she understands the petition and appreciates and, like the mayor, sees where the need is but that the council did make the decision on how to handle the streets a year or so ago. This would probably be discussed at a work session. Mr. Hester agreed, saying he thought we should discuss it more at a work session and anything we can, we’ll try.

#### 2. CONTRACT SERVICES COMMITTEE

This was already handled with the trash contract at tonight’s meeting.

#### 3. HOUSING CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE

Ms. Welch said that the committee was still waiting on the Consortium to come back and contact the client that we have and give us an update.

4. NORTHWEST PIEDMONT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT  
Ms. Martin said that there was a gentleman at the meeting that spoke on low cost loans for an extended 30-year period for fire equipment, etc. Interest rates would not be as good as a bank, but with a longer period to pay back.

**MINUTES AND OTHER INFORMATION:**

1. PLANNING BOARD MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2009

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> – MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY - TOWN HALL OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**

**TRASH PICK-UP - - - NORMAL PICK-UP SCHEDULE IN MAY**

**RECYCLING - - - - - DUE TO HOLIDAY, ONE DAY BEHIND  
EVERY OTHER WEEK – MONDAY**

**MAY            ROUTE A – 4<sup>TH</sup> AND 18<sup>TH</sup>  
                  ROUTE B – 11<sup>TH</sup> AND 26<sup>TH</sup>**

TOWN HALL IS ROUTE B

Town Council meetings:

Fourth Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.

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|------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>MAY</b>       | <b>28</b> | <b>JUNE</b>                           | <b>25</b> |
| <b>JULY</b>      | <b>23</b> | <b>AUGUST</b>                         | <b>27</b> |
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>OCTOBER</b>                        | <b>22</b> |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>  | <b>19</b> | – CHANGED DUE TO THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY |           |
| <b>DECEMBER</b>  | <b>17</b> | – CHANGED DUE TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY    |           |

Planning Board meetings:

Walkertown Library @ 3:00 on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday - - - - **MAY 5, 2009  
CANCELED !!!**

**MOTION:            TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 7:51 P.M.  
BY:                 RANDY MENDENHALL  
SECOND:           SARAH WELCH  
VOTE:              MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Submitted by:**

**Lynn McKinnie, CMC  
Town Clerk**