



Town of Walkertown, North Carolina

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Walkertown Town Council Meeting

Walkertown Library Auditorium

THURSDAY

7:00 P.M.

APRIL 28, 2005

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Doc Davis at 7:02 p.m.  
The Invocation was given by Mr. Phillip Stephens, who is studying to be a U.S. Army Chaplain.  
The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilwoman Sarah Welch.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

**MOTION:**                   **TO APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**  
**BY:**                         **HORACE WARNER**  
**SECOND:**                 **WALLACE LARRIMORE**  
**VOTE:**                     **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MINUTES APPROVAL -**

- March 24, 2005 -- Town Council Regular Meeting

Mayor: I did have one comment on page 18 – it’s just a small one – in the middle of the page. That should have read “**Ike**” Zimmerman instead of “**Noble**” Zimmerman.

(NOTE: I REPLAYED THE TAPE FROM THIS MEETING AND MS. DUGGINS, MR. WARNER AND MR. DAVIS ALL SPECIFICALLY SAID “NOBLE” – NOT “IKE” BUT THE MINUTES WERE CHANGED TO REFLECT MR. DAVIS’ REQUEST. ....LYNN)

**MOTION:**                   **TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2005**  
**BY:**                         **DOT DUGGINS**  
**SECOND:**                 **SARAH WELCH**  
**VOTE:**                     **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO 3 MINUTES

Public Session was opened at 7:04 p.m. and closed at 7:10 p.m. with two speakers.

- 1) Jerry Lineberry  
5021 Walkertown-Guthrie Road  
Walkertown

“I just want to touch briefly with the Council because I’ve heard a lot in the town meetings lately and it’s been on the agenda a couple of times just for discussion and it’s concerning our position of “Code Enforcer”. Now, I don’t know how everybody else feels but I know that at my area, there are some severe problems that probably every member sitting at that table knows specifically who I’m talking about. How close are we, as opposed to where we were when we started considering this position, and how soon it would be? Now, my thoughts on this are if the Town Council decides to fill that position that we try our best to find someone outside the community so they can be objective; do a good job at it without worrying about hurting somebody’s feelings – simply getting the job done – getting our town cleaned up. I know there are some terrible eyesores around here that need some attention and we’ve discussed this before, I think, but I just was concerned about where we are on that position and if we are going to do it, and if we couldn’t just

sort of get that started. Summer's coming, everything's getting pretty and I sure would love to see a lot of this stuff gone – straightened up, cleaned up. Thank you."

2) Marilyn Martin  
2733 Martin Street  
Walkertown

"I recently read something in Jack White's column that appears in the *Kernersville News* a few weeks ago that although it is about Kernersville, it could've been about Walkertown and I'd like to touch briefly on some of those things. The name of the column was "Quality of Life Is Under the Gun" and he just, to briefly state what was in there, he was talking about that we live in perilous times and it's not always national or international. ".....*For example, people in Walkertown, Kernersville, Union Cross, Wallburg and eastern Winston-Salem are living in perilous times....*" And sometimes we don't perceive what that peril is. ".....*That peril is development. With the increasing demand for housing, industrial space and commercial enterprises, we stand exposed to making many mistakes.....The problem comes when developers wish to change the zoning pattern to make it more desirable for them...*" I'm kind of skipping around just to give you a synopsis. ".....*Too often, the residents' protests are not heard when developers request rezoning. Town officials ignore such things as quality of life, the residents' safety and promises to limit development when they consider rezoning matters.....*" And on down at the end, he says that it's time to slow down and he's talking about Kernersville. ".....*Our town officials should declare a one- or two-year moratorium on planning and zoning changes. These are perilous times and they should be treated as such.....*" Kernersville has been in the paper several times regarding developments in their area and are trying to correct some of their mistakes they made in the past. Walkertown could learn from their mistakes. There was an article about having to increase property taxes. The town manager said they would need a rate from fifty-two point five (\$.525) to fifty three point forty five cents (\$.5345) on every hundred dollar property value just to break even. And, we as a town, are in the position of mandating what we want for our town now and in the future. We know we do not have the infrastructure in place for hasty growth. It has already been stated in the *Winston-Salem Journal* that the widening of 158 will not start until the year 2012 and we also know that Highway 66 is not even on D.O.T.'s list for any changes. Please, I ask that when you're making decisions, remember, we can make restrictions on developers that want to develop property here and now is the time to do this. The developers are not giving Walkertown anything for free! Take into consideration that services will have to be provided – possible law enforcement, better fire protection if high-rise apartments are built in our town, and cost of road maintenance, etc. Kernersville is already dealing with these problems. Consider your neighbors. Would you put something in their backyard that you would not want in yours? I'm not against growth, but let it be slow, controlled growth that will maintain our small town and community atmosphere and enhance what our town already has to offer. Remember your children and future generations will reap what you sow today. Thank you."

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. PUBLIC HEARING #1 ORDINANCE #05-007  
AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN FOR ANNEXATION #10

**DISCUSSION:**

Mayor: Public Hearing for Ordinance 05-007 is next. There's five separate pieces of property that's involved in this Annexation #10. This was advertised according to statutes and our ordinances and it's been in the paper.

PUBLIC HEARING WAS OPENED AT 7:11 P.M.

No speakers for or against this Ordinance #05-007.

PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED AT 7:12 P.M.

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #05-007  
AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF  
THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN FOR ANNEXATION #10

**BY:** DOT DUGGINS

**SECOND: HORACE WARNER**  
**VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Warner: I appreciate our citizens remarks. As we take and do this, we realize we are taking responsibility for that property and we did have proper certification for this annexation. I want us to be sure that as we take responsibility, we realize that we are then responsible to our fellow man.

2. INTERN

Resume – for Summer Intern – Robert Dziewulski

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: There's a resume in your packet.

Mr. Linville: Two summers ago, we had an intern who was very helpful and I just want to see if the Council is interested in doing that again. The cost of the internship for, this would be May through August, will be \$4,500 and they'll work a normal 40-hour week. We have a resume from Bobby Dziewulski. Bobby has geared his career to at-risk youth and has done a lot of counseling kind of work but this is what he is getting his Masters in and he wants to try this realm of it and get away from the youth end of it for a while. So, with your permission, we'll interview him and see if he will work out and take him on for the summer.

Mr. Warner: Looking at the need of the town and the opportunity for what he could do, contribute to us, I don't see that we could justify this. I realize that this is a cooperative effort between Appalachian State and, what's the doctor's up there.....?

Mr. Linville: .....Marvin Hoffman.....

Mr. Warner: .....I don't see that we have enough need to justify that. Now, it's kind of like, do you go out and make work for something? Or do you deal with what you already have? So, I'm not too favorable of spending that money – particularly, on top of the fact that our citizens have just been hit with a reappraisal of their property – their tax dollars will go up – even though the rate does not increase, or whatever we decide to do with that. So I can't see that being justified.

Ms. Duggins: We have in the past, had a very good intern who was worthy of the money and the time that we had him. He certainly enhanced the office work and he did a lot of footwork on the annexation, the mapping and such as that. I'm not sure this fellow is ----- what did you have in mind? Could we interview somebody else?

Mr. Linville: We can.

Ms. Duggins: Well, I think we ought to interview him but I'm not sure he fits our needs. What do you think?

Mr. Linville: Well, he's had the same curriculum --- without interviewing him, I don't know. I am assuming with the curriculum he's had, that he knows local government. I was going to have him work on one of the major projects - code enforcement – and then he could help Lynn and I with some of the Planning and Zoning, get everything lined up. There would be plenty for him to do, especially if he works out as well as Josh did. Josh was very helpful, got a lot of work done while he was here.

Ms. Duggins: I think we'd be very foolish of us not to interview him and to see.

Mr. Linville: The question is, do you want a summer intern – not, do you want to hire this person? If you want an intern, I'll find you one.

Mayor: I really feel we need to know what the use of an intern is going to be. We need to have a roadmap if we're going to use an intern.

Mr. Larrimore: Well, I think he just explained that. I think we probably do need some help this summer with vacations and everything else and these guys are up to speed – education wise – and can help a lot - like a code enforcement and other things that we need. We meet once a month, it's kind of hard for us to keep up to speed. That's just my opinion.

Ms. Welch: I'd just like to know if there are other applicants, other than just this one. And a little bit more about the internship – we haven't offered it yet, have we?

Mayor: No. We're just discussing whether we need one or not.

Mr. Warner: I don't think we ought to do something here and spend the taxpayer's money unless we have an absolute need. I think what we're doing here is trying to find work for a person and trying to justify this on basis of "*It's the thing to do*". I still say if we had a need there, that I could go along with the \$4500 but on top of the tax dollar increase that the people have already had, I think we need to be better stewards than to go out and find work for a person. Now, we just eliminated one job and then we have eliminated several responsibilities of other places. I just can't see that we're going to add on.

Ms. Duggins: Mr. Lineberry just explained a need.

Mr. Warner: What we said is we wanted an experienced Code Enforcement officer if we go into that area because our town manager is going to speak to that later. The town manager does as far as he can and when he needs, beyond his abilities, we then can – in fact, I can read it right here. It was November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2004, "...Council to vote on additional code enforcement officer..." We said, and I believe it goes back to the minutes, that we said we would vote on it in December, which we didn't. I'm glad we didn't because if we don't need to pay for something, there's no need to just put it on to have another resume or another listing.... And I think our manager said he has the ability to do that up to a point. Then when he needs the outside – more "*teeth in the bite*" – then reach out and we pay on a use basis for that. I agree we need code enforcement – we need to go forward with this – and that's one reason I've held off on pushing for us to name the Appearance Beautification Committee because we do need certain things. We need to do it as neighbors rather than as a forceful thing, as much as we can do. In the end, we'll have to do some enforcing.

**MOTION:** **TO HIRE AN INTERN FOR THIS SUMMER**  
**BY:** **DOT DUGGINS**  
**SECOND:** **WALLACE LARRIMORE**  
**VOTE:** **MOTION FAILED**  
**FOR - DUGGINS AND LARRIMORE**  
**AGAINST – WARNER AND WELCH**  
**TO BREAK TIE - MAYOR VOTED AGAINST**

The Mayor said that since we don't have an outline, he would vote to decline an intern until we have such an outline, if we have one, later on, maybe at the next meeting.

3. TAX REFUNDS FOR WALKERTOWN  
RESOLUTION #

- 05-012 – \$28.80 - BILLY DISHER
- 05-013 - \$160.54 – HAIR IMAGES
- 05-014 - \$28.80 – ELICE JACKSON HOLCOMB TRUST
- 05-015 - \$42.18 – JOHN STEVENS

DISCUSSION:

This is just routine tax refunds from Forsyth County. Lynn said she had checked them out before preparing the Resolutions.

MOTION:

TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TAX REFUNDS:

- 05-012 – \$28.80 - BILLY DISHER
- 05-013 - \$160.54 – HAIR IMAGES
- 05-014 - \$28.80 – ELICE JACKSON HOLCOMB TRUST
- 05-015 - \$42.18 – JOHN STEVENS

BY:

WALLACE LARRIMORE

SECOND:

DOT DUGGINS

VOTE:

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -  
JANUARY, 2005

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Larrimore: This is for the month of March. Everything looks pretty good. The office staff is working on the budget for the coming year and the town, like I keep saying, is in great shape. If the ones of you that has the smirky smile on your face, take the first line, \$1,902,194.56 --- our budget is only \$1,093,390.00 so we have \$808,804 more in our first line budget than we have for the whole budget for the year. That's how good a shape we're in. You can laugh, you can cry, you can jump up and down, whatever! But, when we're talking about hiring somebody that will help the town, I don't think we'd bust the town. And, too, we did not raise the taxes. Forsyth County raised everybody's tax by raising your property tax and I probably pay about as much as anybody in here on property tax because we own right much and I'm not complaining. I can sell it. Anybody got anything to say about the budget?

Mr. Warner:

I would like to comment on the tax rate.

Fortunately, we've been able to maintain that tax rate and have accumulated some money but if we look back on the reappraises this year, as best as I can calculate, we average about 8 ¾ % increase on our citizens. Then if you go back four years, which we haven't had a tax decrease, I don't know what it was at that time – but we're probably somewhere between 15- and 20% total more than we were 5 years ago. And I think we ought to be conscious of that and maybe even consider a tax decrease because you don't tax people just to raise fund

balances. You tax people to provide services. I just kick that out as a thought. This is going to yield to us the tax evaluation last year plus the addition on ours, is going to yield to us about \$95,000 more money. I realize about a third of that probably will go to the fire department and other utility increases such as garbage services and all but the thing about it is, to be good stewards, we ought to be conscious of that. We're taking money from people that maybe we could let them keep their money. We're just stewards of theirs – that's all it amounts to.

Mr. Larrimore: I just want to point out that Forsyth County did it to them – not Walkertown and maybe they could give some of ours back and we wouldn't have to do this.

Mr. Warner: We're going to be forced to pay county taxes regardless. Main thing is if they would go ahead and fulfill their responsibility as they tax. And of course we get our portion based on their evaluation, true.

Mr. Larrimore: But the future looks great. We got in here some of these properties, like 44 houses going to built, and hundred and something houses to be built, and different things, and that's going to affect our bottom line. Just every little bit is going to help our bottom line.

**MOTION:** **TO ACCEPT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS PROVIDED**  
**BY TOWN CLERK LYNN**  
**BY:** **WALLACE LARRIMORE**  
**SECOND:** **DOT DUGGINS**  
**VOTE:** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **LYNN'S QUESTIONS**

1. Does anyone want to change Privilege Licenses?
2. Is it too early to discuss the Farmer's Market?

1. **PRIVILEGE LICENSES** --- Lynn just wanted to ask if any Councilmembers had any changes to the Privilege License fees as she is getting ready to send out the renewal letters.

The Council replied that no changes needed to be made.

2. **FARMER'S MARKET** --- Lynn wanted to see if there was any interest in the Farmer's Market this year.

The Council agreed to have a Farmer's Market this summer. They thought that Love's UMC would be the best place. We should open the market Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, from 7:30 a.m. til 9:00 a.m. Ms. Duggins said she would check with Love's UMC to make sure the Town could hold its market there.

### **MANAGER'S UPDATE**

1. **CODE ENFORCEMENT** – Mr. Linville said he has submitted about five cases to the County Code Enforcement folks and we'll see if their responsive enough for us. If that doesn't work, we'll look for other outside help. They've already helped us on some of the court battles. Mayor Davis asked for clarification on the five cases already sent; he said he wasn't familiar with what

we're doing with them. He said, "Do you turn it over to them and they take care of the going out and doing the personal contact and hands-on?" Mr. Linville responded, "These are all ones that we have already looked at and made contact but, yeah, I'm sure they'll start from scratch. They'll have to learn everything and get everything firsthand." Ms. Duggins said that how we have handled this in the past is by complaints from the citizens. "If you have someone in your neighborhood that you feel should be cutting their grass, or letting it grow too tall, or don't clean their yards up or have dangerous things lying around that children could get hurt on – abandoned buildings, that sort of thing. We depend on you to call in or write in to us these addresses so we can take a look at them." Lynn stated that we do take anonymous complaints. Mr. Warner asked if we checked first to ensure they are in code violation. For example, the UDO requires a fence with a screen on it and there is one in this town, maybe more, that could come under that. He asked if we look into that or does someone else look into it? Mr. Linville said that we look into that. Mr. Warner asked if we could put some type of time table on the complaint to which Mr. Linville said that it takes about a two-month turn around if the resident complies. If they don't comply, it can really drag on. Ms. Duggins requested that the council be provided with a list to let them know how things are progressing on certain ones that they have turned in. Mr. Linville said we could do that. Mr. Warner said that by word being out that we do have to abide by codes that we are going to enforce codes, that people will take a personal responsibility.

2. WELLS – Mr. Linville said we have gotten rid of the Fulp well – it's done. Steve has just about got the paperwork ready for the Moir Well, the one on Shirley Street. This property is a land swap from the original Moir Well, which is in the middle of a farm, so the rightful owner back to that would be John Samuel. Then if anyone else is interested, they can upset whatever bid Mr. Samuel submits, after we advertise.

Mayor Davis asked if anyone could bid and the answer is anyone can bid.

Mr. Garland: It's by contract. It's by offer and upset bid. So one party would make the offer on the property and then it would be just as we did with the Fulp Well. If you'll remember what happened was we brought that offer to you. You approved that offer and that then required a publication of the offer for ten days and then within that ten day period, after the publication, someone could come in with an upset bid and then there are procedures to keep upsetting if people wanted to bid against each other. It's not an auction where each party gets the right to submit a sealed bid. This procedure would have one of the parties start.

Mayor: Is there anything that determines who is allowed to start?

Mr. Garland: Not really. Again, I think on Fulp, we went to the party that you got the property from and asked them first if they were interested in offering on this property and I would assume we would want to do the same.

Mr. Warner: I assume that the Fulp Well has been completed, has been purchased by the parties.

Mr. Garland: Yes, sir.

Mr. Warner: Has there been any communication with the two parties that are interested as far as negotiating a price?

Mr. Linville: Steve is still researching what the deed stamps held on that old property because that was a land swap – no money changed hands. I think we can assign a value to it. But no offer has been made yet. The Dillon Water Tank is down and once we get finished with this well property, we'll either proceed with it or the Friendly Road. There is no interest in the other tank.

### PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

Mayor Davis: I need to make an announcement. At the next meeting, which is May 26<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Public Hearing and the Council may want to speak to this – we'll have a Public Hearing on Public Safety. We'd like to get the input from the public on how safe you feel that our community is. We are in talks now with Sheriff Schatzman and the Council is considering whether we need more law enforcement in the town – is there a need for it? Or is there not a need? Are you adequately protected...or do you feel you're not? These are the kinds of questions we want to hear from the town's people.

Ms. Duggins: It's very, very important, according to what Mr. Schatzman came and talked to us about and told us, --- very, very important for you, the public, to be here and to hear what they have to say. I'm assuming we will have Mr. Schatzman or someone from the Sheriff's Office to be here – hopefully him. And hopefully, we will have Gloria Whisenhut, who's head of, chairman of the County Commissioners, to be here also and Graham Pervier, the County Manager.....

Mayor: .....They will be invited!.....

Ms. Duggins: .....These three people we need. They are very important because Sheriff Schatzman can tell you what kind of shape we are in – response time and such as that. We're not the only community outside of Winston-Salem and has a need that depends on the Sheriff's Department. We are the only community that does not have, pay for a deputy to be in our town. So that is one of the things – they are needing money to add to their force and this is where they are coming to – because the County Commissioners have not given them the money they have asked for to add on deputies. Now. That's where we need to have them here for you to ask questions and to hear what they have to say because we already are taxed and you know our feelings on that. We are taxed – pay a county tax to have sheriff protection – so that's important for you to be here and hear what they have to say and so they can hear what you have to say. I personally think that we need to --- I'm not saying we don't need deputies here --- but I am saying we need to come down on the County Commissioners to use our tax money, possibly, in a better way to protect us or we've got to work together as a team. And it's important for them to understand that and for us to understand what we can do as a team.

Mr. Warner: Well said, Ms. Duggins, because I think you put the emphasis there where it be. Actually, law enforcement is a county responsibility and I can understand the Sheriff's decision where he needs to get money from wherever he can get it but then, again, if a tax rate has to be increased, rather than do it on a local municipality, it should be done overall since that's where the responsibility lies.

Ms. Welch: We do need more protection. If you read the paper, we had 157 felony cases for a period from March '04 through March '05. That's a whole lot and only 71 were assigned to the CID. What went with the others? People are not getting any response to things that are happening in the daytime around here. I can clue you in on that.

Ms. Duggins: And there are a lot of nuisance calls that the response time is extremely long so that's one of the areas in the daytime that's not addressed.

Mr. Larrimore: One thing that could help us I see in the paper he's got competition that's going to run against him. So we might get some promises from both of them. That's the way it works.

Mayor: Okay. That Public Hearing will be set and we will be inviting the Sheriff, the Chairman of the County Commissioners and the County Manager to attend. I don't know if any or all will attend but they all will be invited. That will be May 26<sup>th</sup> – our next meeting.

#### BUDGET WORKSHOP DATE:

Mayor Davis: Next item is setting the date for a Budget Workshop. How does May 17<sup>th</sup> look?

The Council agreed to a Budget Meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

#### RULES OF PROCEDURE

Mr. Warner: One other thing, we had spoken back in November about two things; first of all, revising the town rules. At that time, we approved the re-entry of "No Consideration" and Steve brought us the verbiage and I objected to the fact of having the 'first time entry only' and we revised that so then we need to finalize that; plus move forward on the other thing that we talked about. The only thing there is, and you have to, if you remember there, that I have brought forth, in fact, I have them with me today if anyone would like to ---- but we need to move forward to get that completed. Since we have already approved it, it's just a matter of the language. We need to change the meetings from(??) the fourth Tuesday --- from 1:00 p.m. second Tuesday and 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday and one-three(??) organizational meeting shall be the first in December but I think that the verbiage on that can count because it says "unless otherwise set by the Council" so we can do that on an individual basis. But the main thing is to try to go ahead and finalize the wording of that "No Consideration" and put it into the rules.

Mayor: What are you asking to be done then?

Mr. Warner: Well, actually, I'll read to you what we have here and this, of course, thanks to counselor over there. All we did was just revise.....

Mayor: .....Are you asking for something...Are you requesting something to be done tonight? Is that what you're saying???

Mr. Warner: No. No. I want it to be because we need to do this. We don't want to amend the agenda to do it. We have gone ahead and approved that "No Consideration" but now from the counselor over there, under Rule 16, Item C, would be for "*No Consideration*" --- *the verbiage would be "No Consideration. When an item is proposed for consideration, the mayor shall*

*proceed to call for discussion. Any member may object to consideration prior to a vote for approval or disapproval.” Now, remember, the thing there is prior to a vote for approval. “If no member objects the consideration prior to such vote, the right of the member to object shall be deemed to be waived.” So, it says this: that if an item is up and someone, whoever it might be, wants to delay for some reason or if they’re going to be absent and they ask someone else to move “No Consideration” so they can handle it when they get back, this would give them that opportunity. And then another thing, is under Rule 9 – “Unanimous Consideration Proposal”. There’s another thing that could be put in there with it that Steve has come up with.....*

Mayor: .....Back to my original question, what are you asking be done tonight?

Mr. Warner: ....I’m asking this – that we consider at the next meeting that we finalize.....

Mayor: .....Okay!.....

Mr. Warner: .....the verbiage. Now, it’s already been approved to be put in there – now we want to put the verbiage in.

Mayor: .....Ms. McKinnie, would you put that on the agenda for the next meeting, please?.....

Mr. Warner: ..... We can’t do all the update! But let’s change, also, the dates of the meeting.....

Mayor: .....Well, the dates have already been changed. All you want to do is put it on the schedule, is that right?.....

Mr. Warner: .....No, the dates have not been changed by council action. It’s just still in the Rules. But we have changed it to do it. We want to get it in the Rules now so it reads according to what we’re doing.....

Mayor: .....When you say the dates have not been changed by council action, we have voted to move.....

Mr. Warner: .....we have but we have not.....

Mayor: .....to the fourth Thursday of the month.....

Mr. Warner: .....but we have not entered it into the Rules.....

Mayor: .....Okay. So you’re saying make that part of the Rules....?

WARNER AND LARRIMORE SPEAKING AT THE SAME TIME:

Mr. Larrimore: .....That gets back to how many rules we need to change.....

Mr. Warner: .....For example, Rule 1. Regular Meeting. Council shall hold a regular meeting on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.....

Mayor: .....Okay.....

Mr. Warner: .....So what we want to do.....

Mayor: .....All you --- I understand --.....

Mr. Warner: .....is change this to agree with what we’ve approved already.....

Mayor: .....Ms. McKinnie, do you follow and add that as a separate item that we deal with? Okay.

Mr. Garland: .....My only comment was going to be that I'm actually going to miss the next meeting. Bo was going to be here at the meeting. I'll fill him in on this.

TAPE MESSED UP IN RECORDER AND MISSED SEVERAL COMMENTS.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO 3 MINUTES

Public Session opened at 7:51 p.m. and closed at 7:57 p.m. with two speakers.

COMMENTS ARE SUMMARIZED DUE TO TAPE NOT RECORDING.....

1. Peggy Leight spoke of the need for experienced help. The Planning Board could use someone to research into the UDO and Walkertown Ordinance code and sidewalk and curb and gutter ordinances. The Land Use could use help also. An experienced person could organize a zoning map. For trash and recycling, we could use a list of who is getting what picked up where! This person could coordinate with staff on ordinances and UDO and put together announcements on various things, sewer, etc. And also an experienced person could work on code enforcement. This person could also help Lynn in the office.

2. E. A. Jumper said we definitely needed an experienced Code Enforcement person – one who could keep it on an impersonal level. Also, with all the development coming along Highway 158, all the houses – we need to adopt legislation that developers be required to hook on to the sewer system. If it's not available, we need to make it available because with all the septic systems going in the land would be saturated in no time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**                   **TO ADJOURN AT 8:06 P.M.**  
**BY:**                         **HORACE WARNER**  
**SECOND:**               **WALLACE LARRIMORE**  
**VOTE:**                     **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Recycling in Walkertown continues every two weeks.  
MAY 02<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, AND 30<sup>th</sup>
- TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS: (4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAYS)  
7:00 p.m. at the Library Auditorium on:  
01-27-05      04-28-05      07-28-05      10-27-05  
02-24-05      05-26-05      08-25-05      11-17-05  
03-24-05      06-23-05      09-22-05      12-15-05
- PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS: (1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY)  
05-02-05      4:00 p.m.      Town Hall – Pre-Meeting Session

05-03-05 3:00 p.m. Library (Actual Meeting)

- LAND USE COMMITTEE:  
Marilyn Moniquette-John is back at work as of 04-19-05 and as soon as she can catch up, she will schedule a meeting.
- SCHOOL COMMITTEE:  
Monday, May 16, 2005, @ 5:30 p.m. @ Town Hall

MAYOR DAVIS BROUGHT UP THE PROPOSED APARTMENT COMPLEX (BRANDY ANGUS / MV COMMUNITIES' PROJECT) BEHIND THE LOWE'S FOOD STORE IN WALKERTOWN COMMONS. HE HAD ASKED FOR COMMENTS AND TAPE WAS CORRECTED AND PICKS UP HERE:

Ms. Duggins: .....Developer never once spoke of a lower-level income availability for these homes or apartments. And in this particular area, it had already been spoken as upscale. This is, in one way, a gateway in to our town. One of the main intersections in our town. I think we need to, the Planning Board, as well as the Council, needs to keep in mind here that particular point.

Mayor: Any other comments? I'm not asking you to act on this tonight. If you would, review it and I'm sure she will be calling back within the next couple of weeks for us to get our input as to which way we would be inclined to receive these or not.

**INFORMATION:**

- Lynn will be out of the office Monday – Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup> for vacation.
- The office will be closed Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Memorial Day Holiday.

**ATTEST:**

**TOWN OF WALKERTOWN:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Lynn McKinnie**  
**Town Clerk**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Kenneth R. Davis**  
**Mayor**