

MINUTES
of the Regular Meeting of the
WENTWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
February 2, 2016
7:00 pm
Wentworth Town Hall

Council Members Present: Mayor Dennis Paschal Jr., Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Conner, Cheryl Moore, Iris Powell, and Dennis Paschal III

A quorum was present.

Staff Present: George Murphy, Town Administrator
Yvonne Russell, Clerk / Finance Officer

Others Present: Patrick Kane, Attorney – Smith Moore Leatherwood
Jenny Edwards
T Butler
Glenn Bozorth
Norm Lehnhardt
Ira Tilley

Article I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dennis Paschal Jr. called the meeting to order.

Article II. INVOCATION

Councilmember Dennis Paschal III gave the invocation.

Article III. APPROVAL OF TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA

A. Requests and Petitions of Citizens

Mayor Paschal made a MOTION, *“We add to Public Comments, Article VII: Jenny Edwards at 507 Edney Ridge in Greensboro, T Butler in University Estates, Glenn Bozorth from Stoneville, Norm Lehnhardt from Bakers Crossroad, and Ira Tilley from Irvin Farm Road”.*

Councilmember Paschal III seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

B. Approve / Amend Agenda

Mayor Paschal made a MOTION, *“We approve the agenda as amended”.*

Mayor Pro Tem Conner seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Article IV. Approval of Minutes

A. Town Council Meeting – January 5, 2016

Councilmember Dennis Paschal III made a MOTION, *“The minutes stand approved as written”*.

Mayor Pro Tem Conner seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Article V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Sidewalk Construction Agreement Between the NC Department of Transportation and the Town of Wentworth – NC 65 near Tyre Dodson RoadGeorge Murphy, Town Administrator

Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP recently approved the final draft of the agreement.

Mayor Paschal made a MOTION, *“We approve the sidewalk construction agreement between the NC Department of Transportation and the Town of Wentworth”*.

Councilmember Paschal III seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee Appointments:

1. Appearance Committee

a. Beth Robertson (reappointment)

Mayor Paschal made a MOTION, *“We reappoint Beth Robertson to the Appearance Committee”*.

Mayor Pro Tem Conner seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

2. Recreation Committee

a. Jason Rakestraw (reappointment)

b. Bill Sinclair (reappointment)

Mayor Paschal made a MOTION, *“We reappoint both Jason Rakestraw and Bill Sinclair to the Recreation Committee”*.

Mayor Pro Tem Conner seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

B. Consideration of Wentworth Historic Preservation Committee Plaques

.....*Barbara Cooke, Chair*

Ms. Cooke reported the following:

- The committee is considering 17 buildings for ‘Historic Structure’ plaques.
- The plaques are made of oak wood with black lettering and will attach to the structure with black screws.
- The cost of each plaque will be \$20.

Mayor Paschal asked if the homeowner or the Town will decide where the plaque is placed. **Ms. Cooke** noted that the permission form under consideration states that the owner may decide.

Councilmember Paschal III asked Ms. Cooke what standard was used to determine if a structure should be considered for a plaque. **Ms. Cooke** explained that the committee used 50 years of age as a standard; however, some of the structures are older than that.

Councilmember Paschal III asked how the property owners will be contacted. **Ms. Cooke** said the owners will be contacted in person. The committee plans to go door to door with the permission form in hand.

Mr. Murphy noted that there may be additional cost to install the plaques.

Mayor Paschal made a MOTION, *“To approve the budget for putting up 17 plaques, to include the cost of the plaque and the installation of the plaques, and to approve the permission form as written”.*

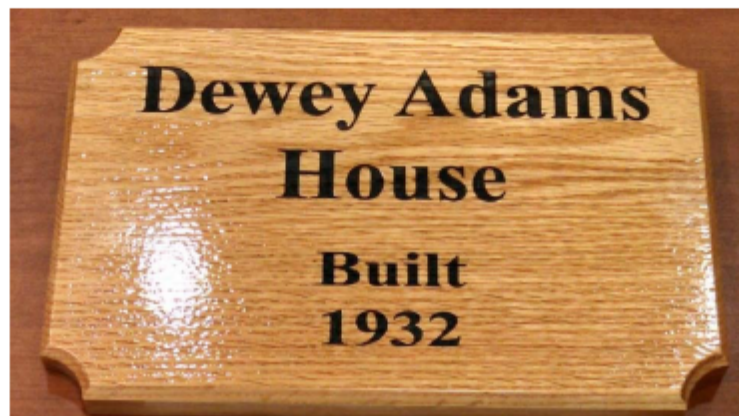
Councilmember Paschal III seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

(Note: A list of the 17 structures considered for plaques, a photo of the plaque, and the Plaque Placement Permission Form are herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

Historic Houses And Buildings Considered for Plaques In the Village Of Wentworth, N. C.

1. Scales-Reid-Reynolds-Gunn House - 1858
2. Smith-McMichael House - 1909
3. Thomas A. Ratliff-Powell House - 1860
4. Thomas A. Ratliff Store - 1859
5. Reid-Scott Law Office - 1905
6. Dillard-Settle-Martin-Irving House - 1852
7. Robert G. Mitchell Store -1907
8. Robert G. Mitchell House - 1909
9. Dewey Adams House - 1932
10. Charles Mitchell House - 1934
11. Rakestraw-Wimbish House - 1932
12. Frank Mitchell House - 1920
13. Ruffin McCollum House - 1906
14. Former Methodist Church Parsonage - 1859
15. Former Rockingham County Home - 1913
16. Former Rockingham County Courthouse - 1907, 1938,1970-71
17. Former Rockingham County Jail – 1910

SAMPLE OF PLAQUE:





Plaque Placement Permission Form

I, _____ [Property Owner], am the owner of record of the property

at _____ [Address]

located within the corporate limits of the Town of Wentworth ["the Structure"].

The Structure on the Property is identified by the Wentworth Historic Preservation Committee as being a "Historic House or Building" in the old village area.

By the execution of this document and agreement to the conditions herein, I hereby give permission to the Town of Wentworth, through the Town of Wentworth Historic Preservation Committee, to have a plaque affixed to the exterior of the Structure that states the name of the House or Building and the approximate date the House or Building was built ("the Plaque").

The Plaque will be approximately 8" x 12" and will be made of wood.

The Plaque will be paid for by the Town of Wentworth.

After consultation with representatives of the Historic Preservation Committee, I will be given sole discretion as to the location on the exterior of the Structure where the Plaque will be affixed.

I may choose to have the Plaque affixed to the Structure myself or I may elect to have the Town of Wentworth affix the Plaque to the Structure through the use of a duly-licensed and insured contractor. Should I elect to have the Plaque affixed to the Structure myself, I am responsible for the cost of that work.

Should I elect to have the Town of Wentworth affix the Plaque to the Structure, the Town of Wentworth will pay all expenses relating to the affixing of the Plaque.

Should I elect to have the Town of Wentworth affix the Plaque to the Structure, I agree to allow the contractor hired to affix the Plaque access to my Property at a date and time mutually agreed upon by myself and the Town of Wentworth.

Once the Plaque is affixed to the Structure, it is the responsibility of the Town of Wentworth to maintain the Plaque in good condition. I agree to allow the Town of Wentworth, or an agent of the Town of Wentworth, access to my Property for the purpose of maintaining the Plaque in good condition. Such maintenance will occur at a date and time mutually agreed upon by myself and the Town of Wentworth.

The Plaque may at some point become in such a state of disrepair that it needs to be replaced. The Town of Wentworth, through its Historic Preservation Committee, is the party responsible for determining if the Plaque needs to be replaced. If the Town of Wentworth determines that replacement of the Plaque is necessary, I may elect to remove and replace the Plaque myself or have the Town of Wentworth remove and replace the Plaque through the use of a duly-licensed and insured contractor.

Should I elect to remove and replace the Plaque myself, I am responsible for the cost of that work.

Should I elect to have the Town of Wentworth remove and replace the Plaque, the Town of Wentworth will pay all expenses relating to the removal and replacement of the Plaque.

Should I elect to have the Town of Wentworth remove and replace the Plaque, I agree to allow the contractor hired by the Town of Wentworth access to my Property at a date and time mutually agreed upon by myself and the Town of Wentworth.

At any time I may elect to have the Plaque permanently removed from the Structure. Should I elect to have the Plaque permanently removed from the Structure, I may elect to remove the Plaque myself and thereby be responsible for the cost of removal, or I may elect to have the Plaque removed by the Town of Wentworth through the use of a duly-licensed and insured contractor, in which event the Town of Wentworth will pay all expenses relating to the permanent removal of the Plaque except that the Town of Wentworth shall not be responsible for repairing any ordinary damage to the Structure reasonably expected to occur from the affixing of the Plaque.

If I elect to have the Plaque permanently removed from the Structure and perform the removal of the Plaque myself, I agree to notify the Town of Wentworth Historic Preservation Committee that I have elected to permanently remove the Plaque.

Owner's signature

Date

Owner's signature

Date

Witness

Date

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

C. Presentation of Plaque in Appreciation of Years of Service to the
Wentworth Planning Board – Lee Templeton

Mayor Paschal presented a plaque to Ms. Templeton in appreciation of eight (8) years of service on the Wentworth Planning Board.



Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

D. FY 2016-2017 Funding Request(s)

1. Project SAFE Rockingham CountyDaryl Crowder, Project Manager

Mr. Crowder reviewed the Project SAFE Rockingham County literature that he presented to Council. (Note: The Project SAFE Rockingham County Goals and Objectives, Description of Project, and Budget information is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

**PROJECT SAFE
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY**

Goals and objectives

This project/ Program is a partnership between Law Enforcement Officials and the community working together collaboratively. To improve the quality of life for all residents of Rockingham County by employing a comprehensive county-wide strategy to reduce gang related violent crime and illegal gun possession.

Objectives

- 1. To identify repeat, violent, and group offenders, particular those who illegally possess and use firearms.**
- 2. To notify those identified that it is time to stop the violence.**
- 3. To assist those who want to change their lifestyle, by putting them in touch with the right resources.**
- 4. To respond aggressively with a collaborative effort to further acts of violence.**
- 5. To vigorously prosecute in State and Federal court those involved in group and gang related violent or serious criminal behavior.**
- 6. To review every group or gang involved gun or ammunition case For State or Federal prosecution.**
- 7. To help offenders in becoming productive in society.**
- 8. Working together to make a safer community.**

**PROJECT SAFE
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY**

Description of Project

Project Safe Neighborhoods is a National Program. It connects Law and Enforcement and communities across the country with the initiative to make safer communities. It uses all resources working together to collaboratively achieve this goal.

Project Safe programs work hand in hand with Federal Prosecutors and Law Enforcement Officials to develop ways to counteract Gang Violence and illegal gun crime.

By having a Project Safe Program gives the Community, County and cities all access to best practicality practices in deterring crime. Project Safe Neighborhoods will continue to spread the Message that “Crime must stop”.

**PROJECT SAFE
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY**

Budget Numbers

A total of \$653.31 dollars was budgeted for 2015-2016.

These funds were used to pay Salary, mileage, printing, and miscellaneous funds for the program.

A total of \$ 683.91 dollars is being requested for the 2016-2017 year. These funds will pay for the same items as above. The budget was increased for the program to cover costs for training this year. There was no money budgeted the previous year.

PROJECT SAFE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY
2015-2016 BUDGET WORKSHEET

REVENUE

<u>Location</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Rockingham County	12,834.69	12,834.69	9/8/2015	-
Eden	3,626.73	3,626.73	7/1/2015	-
Madison	520.40	520.40	7/20/2015	-
Mayodan	579.02	579.02	7/20/2015	-
Reidsville	3,388.94	3,388.94	7/20/2015	-
Stoneville	246.91	246.91	7/16/2015	-
Wentworth	653.31	653.31	7/13/2015	-
	<u>21,850.00</u>	<u>21,850.00</u>		<u>-</u>

EXPENDITURES

Salary	20,300.00	1,420.00	7/23/2015	11,790.00
		1,800.00	8/28/2015	
		1,540.00	10/2/2015	
		1,450.00	10/28/2015	
		1,175.00	11/30/2015	
		1,125.00	12/31/2015	
Mileage	1,050.00	79.50	7/23/2015	766.50
		51.50	8/28/2015	
		47.50	10/2/2015	
		40.50	10/28/2015	
		28.00	11/30/2015	
		36.50	12/31/2015	
Printing	100.00	40.35	8/28/2015	53.95
		5.70	10/2/2015	
Miscellaneous	400.00	81.64	7/23/2015	(34.30)
		64.45	10/28/2015	
		55.50	11/30/2015	
		232.71	1/7/2016	
	<u>21,850.00</u>	<u>9,273.85</u>		<u>12,576.15</u>

To-Date Revenues Less Expenses 12,576.15
1/11/2016

Project Safe Rockingham County

2016-2017 Budget

Revenue

Location	Proportional Request
Rockingham County	\$13,480.83
Eden	\$3,805.11
Reidsville	\$3,559.54
Madison	\$546.21
Mayodan	\$605.88
Stoneville	\$268.52
Wentworth	\$683.91
TOTAL	\$22,950.00

Expenses

Salary 812 hrs. at \$25 per hours (67.7 hrs. per month)	\$20,300
Mileage (\$0.50 per mile)	\$1,050.00
Printing/Materials	\$600.00
Training	\$1000.00
TOTAL	\$22,950.00

- All participating agencies provide their share to the City of Eden for distribution. A 2016-2017 Budget Worksheet will be presented at each PSRC quarterly meeting for review by the board. In addition, the detailed worksheet will be provided to each participating agency at the end of the fiscal year.
- All funds remaining in this account on June 30, 2017 shall be reverted to the participating agencies using the same formula to fund this program.

Chief Robert Hassell, PSRC Chair

Mike Rutherford, PSRC Vice-Chair

Reviewed and approved by the RSRC Board on this _____ day of _____.

Stats for PSRC

19 out of 285 has recommitted a major crime from the big four/ homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. For a little over 93% compliance rate.

110 of the 285 that have been notified; including gang members have been present for a call in.

12 out of the 19 that have recommitted have attended a call in, in the past. Giving 12 repeating out of 118 offenders. For a 90% rate. (One of the twelve repeats charges were dismissed.)

7 out of the 19 repeat offenders were a part of the first gang call in and were not present at any call in.

(Keep in mind that we are speaking of repeat offenders, meaning those who recommit one of the big four Homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.) Not tracking misdemeanors.

Gun Screen: After September Gun Screen 56 adopted cases out of 152 cases presented. Over 1/3 percentage. Giving us a 36% adoption rate. These percentages are not 100% accurate.

- Note: I cannot attest to these stats being 100% accurate. I can only attest from what was left behind and going forward, this is what I have determined with the figures I was provided.

Mr. Crowder explained that the Reidsville Police Department is writing a grant to fund a position that will concentrate on gang related activity throughout the county, and they are considering absorbing Project SAFE.

Councilmember Paschal III asked if that position would be in addition to Mr. Crowder's position as Project Manager. **Mr. Crowder** confirmed it would be an additional position.

Councilmember Paschal III asked if Project SAFE currently works on gang related activities. **Mr. Crowder** said they have been and still work on tactics to combat gang activity; however he could not comment on the steps they are currently taking.

There were no further questions. **Mayor Paschal** thanked Mr. Crowder for his presentation and noted that Council will consider his request during their annual budget work sessions in March and April.

Article VII. Public Comments

The following five (5) citizens signed the speaker register to comment on the subject of hydraulic fracturing, also known as "fracking".

1. Jenny Edwards of 507 Edney Ridge Rd, Greensboro NC. Ms. Edwards is a Project Manager for Dan River Basin Association.
2. T Butler of 628 Cedar Lane, Wentworth NC.
3. Glenn Bozorth of 724 Webster Rd., Stoneville NC.

4. Norm Lehnhardt of 1999 Baker Cross Rd, Reidsville NC.

5. Ira Tilley of 606 Irvin Farm Rd, Reidsville NC.

Each person was given time to speak and the following is a list of concerns gleaned from their comments:

- Hydraulic Fracturing is the process of digging deep into the rock, injecting it with a toxic mix of water and chemicals, cracking open the rock, and releasing gas or capturing gas through that process.
- The Dan River Basin Association considers hydraulic fracturing a major threat to the effort of initiating and resourcing recreation trails and river accesses to improve the quality of life, and to inspire people to come from other areas, spend their money, have a good time, and go back and tell their friends what a great place Rockingham County and Wentworth is to visit.
- It is thought there is not a large amount of gas to be found in Rockingham County.
- Rockingham County does not have the labor force with the skill set needed for hydraulic fracturing; therefore, outside workers would be brought in to do the job.
- The considerable spike in large truck traffic would cause significant damage to roads.
- The methods of disposing of the water used during hydraulic fracturing (reinjecting water into the ground, storing the water in a pond next to a river, or putting the water back into the river) are major environmental concerns.
- The depth of the shale gas is low enough that fracking could pollute our water table. There is a geological study on the Good Stewards of Rockingham website (www.goodstewardsofrokingham.org) which lists the shale gas findings in the Dan River Basin. The following is the Dan River Basin synopsis:

Dan River Basin synopsis

- ▣ Half-graben, hanging wall on west
- ▣ 64,000+ acres in North Carolina, more north in VA
- ▣ Original basin depth estimates of 15,000 ft.; now 0 to 5500 ft.
- ▣ Width ranges from pinch-out (Stokes Co., NC) to 6 miles (Rockingham Co., NC) - NC portion
- ▣ Two organic lacustrine members:
 - ▣ Lower member - ~450 ft. thick, 22 miles long (deeper water lakes); TOC mean = 3.12 (n = 63)
 - ▣ Upper member - ~1500 ft. thick, 6 miles in NC, continues northward into Virginia (shallower water lakes); TOC mean = 1.38 (n = 42)
- ▣ Post-Triassic cover (Stoneville Fm.) is estimated from 0 to 4100 ft.
- ▣ Thin, persistent coal present (Stone, 1910)
- ▣ Some oil reported in thin sections (Robbins, 1982)
- ▣ %Ro avg. = 2.07; min. = 1.23, max. 3.02 (four data points - one drill hole) - Lower member; additional %Ro work pending
- ▣ Three shallow vertical core holes in Lower member



Each speaker implored Council to hold a public hearing for a “time limited moratorium on fracking”.

Mayor Paschal thanked the speakers for their information and explained, “We’ve always been protective of our water resources here. As a matter of fact, when they started the push to build a landfill on one of the rivers around here, I think we were one of the first towns involved, and we gave money (for Dan River Basin Association counsel), and I sat on the Board (Rockingham County Solid Waste Committee) during that period of time.” He added, “Our water is one of our most valuable resources. I have already been in the process of talking to our Town Administrator and Planning & Zoning about it...we won’t have a vote tonight, but we will be coming up with some kind of action in the next month or so.”

Article VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Paschal made the following announcements:

- The next regularly scheduled **Planning Board** meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Town Hall Council Chambers.
- The next regularly scheduled **Town Council** meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Article IX. ADJOURN

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, “*We adjourn*”.

Mayor Pro Tem Conner seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____

*Yvonne Russell, NCCMC
Town Clerk*

Approved by: _____

R. Dennis Paschal Jr., Mayor