

MINUTES WENTWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

May 2, 2023

7:00 pm

Wentworth Town Hall

124 Peach Tree Road, Wentworth NC

The Wentworth Town Council held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting at the Wentworth Town Hall, on Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023, at 7:00pm.

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

Council Members Absent: Daryl Crowder

A quorum was met.

Staff Present: Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk/ Finance Officer
Hunter Wilson, Accounting Clerk/ Deputy Clerk

Others Present: Ellis Martin, Attorney, Fox Rothschild LLP – Town of Wentworth
Lynn Cochran, Planner
Brian Washburn – Washburn Investments LLC
Valencia Abbot, Museum & Archives of Rockingham County
Rockingham Update - Media

Article I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dennis Paschal Jr. called the meeting to order.

Article II. INVOCATION

Mayor Paschal gave the invocation.

Article III. APPROVAL OF TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA

- A. Requests and Petitions of Citizens
- B. Approve/ Amend Agenda

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, *“To add Valencia Abbott to the Agenda under Public Comments”*.

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

Article IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Town Council Meeting – April 4, 2023

Mayor Pro Tem Conner made a **MOTION**, *“The minutes stand approved as written”*.

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

Article V. **OLD BUSINESS**
There was no old business.

Article VI. **PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. **Consideration of Case W20023-02, A Request for a Rezoning from Residential Protected (RP) and Residential Agricultural (RA) to Residential Protected Mixed-Conditional District (RM-CD) and Residential Agricultural (RA)**
Applicant: Washburn Investments LLC
Identification: The property is denoted by Tax PIN: 7977-00-61-0292
Location: 9736 NC Highway 87, Wentworth

Mayor Paschal called the public hearing to order.

Lynn Cochran, Planner reviewed the Staff Report and supporting documentation for Case W2023-02. He explained the applicant would is requesting to rezone the road frontage portion of a 6.27 acre parcel on NC 87 from Residential Protected to Residential Mixed-Conditional District so that he may convert an existing building to a duplex apartment unit and a smaller existing building to a single apartment. The portion of the parcel that Mr. Washburn wants to be rezoned is approximately one acre in size. The remainder of the parcel would keep the zoning designation of Residential Agricultural.

Mayor Paschal closed the public hearing.

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, *“To approve this request to rezone the subject parcel to the requested zoning districts based upon the Consistency and Reasonableness Determination statements that are included in the agenda, submitted during the rezoning presentation and as may be amended, incorporated into the motion, to be included in the minutes.”*

(Note: The Consistency and Reasonableness Determination is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

**TOWN OF WENTWORTH
ZONING AMENDMENT
CONSISTENCY AND REASONABLENESS DETERMINATION**

The Wentworth Town Council has reviewed **Case W2023-02**, rezoning to **Residential Mixed-Conditional District (RM-CD) & Residential Agricultural (RA)** and as required by NCGS § 160D makes the following findings:

1. The proposed action is consistent with the adopted *Town of Wentworth Comprehensive Land Use Plan*. This zoning amendment is supported by the intent and descriptions of the **Residential Land Class**.
 - A. This parcel is located in the Residential Land Class of the *Town of Wentworth Land Use Plan and Future Land Use Map*. This land class is characterized by “low to medium density residential uses, single-family homes in neighborhoods, and uses which support or complement residences.” (p. 51)
2. The proposed action is found to be reasonable because:
 - A. The size of the area to be rezoned and the size of the total parcel exceed the minimum necessary in the specified zoning district are common for the area;
 - B. The area features a mix of residential zoning districts and uses, indicating that the proposed uses allowed in the requested districts are appropriate for the land, considering the effect upon landowners, neighbors and the community;

Councilmember Cheryl Moore seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

(Note: The Staff Report and supporting documents for Case W2023-02 are herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

**TOWN OF WENTWORTH PLANNING & ZONING
STAFF REPORT: PLANNING BOARD & TOWN COUNCIL
CASE W2023-02: ZONING MAP AMENDMENT (REZONING)**



Request: A request for a Rezoning from Residential Protected (RP) & Residential Agricultural (RA) to Residential Mixed-Conditional District (RM-CD) & Residential Agricultural (RA).
Applicant: Brian Washburn
Identification: The property is denoted by Tax PIN: 7977-00-61-0292
Location: 9736 & 9744 NC Highway 87 – Wentworth Township

1. Acreeage and Location of Parcel:

The total area of this parcel measures (+/-) 6.27 acres according to the Rockingham County Tax Map. The area to be rezoned runs roughly parallel to NC Highway 87 and equals approximately one (1) acre. This portion equals the portion that is currently zoned Residential Protected (RP). The rear portion of the property will remain Residential Agricultural (RA).

- 2. Utilities:** This property is served by public water and individual septic wastewater disposal.
3. Previous Zoning History: 1988: This property was dually zoned Residential Protected (RP) and Residential Agricultural (RA).
4. Zoning Classification of Uses of Surrounding Parcels:

This parcel directly abuts others that are zoned Residential Protected (RP) and Residential Agricultural (RA). Neighborhood zoning districts also include Residential Mixed (RM).

5. Land Use Plan:

- a. This parcel is located in the Residential Land Class of the *Town of Wentworth Land Use Plan and Future Land Use Map*. This land class is characterized by “low to medium density residential uses, single-family homes in neighborhoods, and uses which support or complement residences.” (p. 51)

- 6. Environmental:** This parcel is located in the protected area of the Dan River WS IV Watershed.

7. Staff Notes and Analysis:

The following factors were considered by the staff before making a recommendation:

- a. *The size of the tract in question.* The proposed portion of the parcel to be rezoned to Residential Mixed-Conditional District (RM-CD) exceeds the minimum allowed lot size of 25,000 square feet. This portion and the total parcel acreage of (+/-) 6.27 are both common in the area.
- b. *The compatibility of the zoning action with the comprehensive plan.* This zoning request is supported by *Town of Wentworth Land Use Plan* descriptions of the Residential Land Class.
- c. *The benefits and detriments resulting from the zoning action for the owner of the Rezoning, the neighbors, and the surrounding community.* This rezoning request will allow specified uses and disallow others in the Residential Mixed (RM) zoning district. This zoning pattern is compatible with current zoning patterns on abutting and nearby parcels, which include a mix of residential zoning districts.
- d. *The relationship between the uses envisioned under the rezoning and the uses currently present in adjacent tracts.* The specified uses to allowed and those to be excluded in the Residential Mixed (RM) district and the uses allowed in Residential Agricultural (RA) district are generally harmonious with uses currently in place among abutting parcels and in the nearby area, which are overwhelmingly residential in nature.

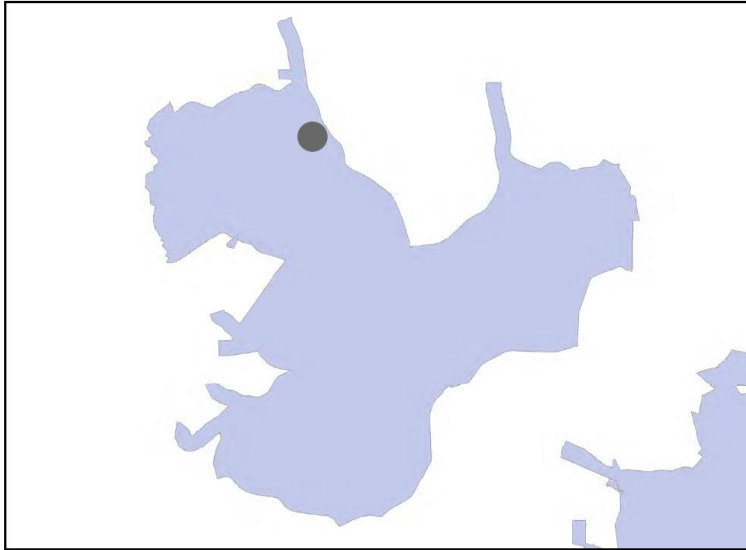
Staff Recommendations:

After reviewing the application, Staff concludes that sufficient information has been provided for the Planning Board and Town Council to consider the request. As a whole, staff proposes that this zoning amendment is reasonable and consistent with the descriptions of the Residential Land Class of the *Town of Wentworth Land Use Plan*.

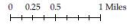
Thus, Staff recommends approval of Case #W2023-02, a request for Rezoning to Residential Mixed-Conditional District (RM-CD) and Residential Agricultural (RA).



CASE W2023-02 WASHBURN REZ VICINITY MAP



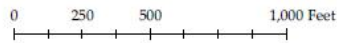
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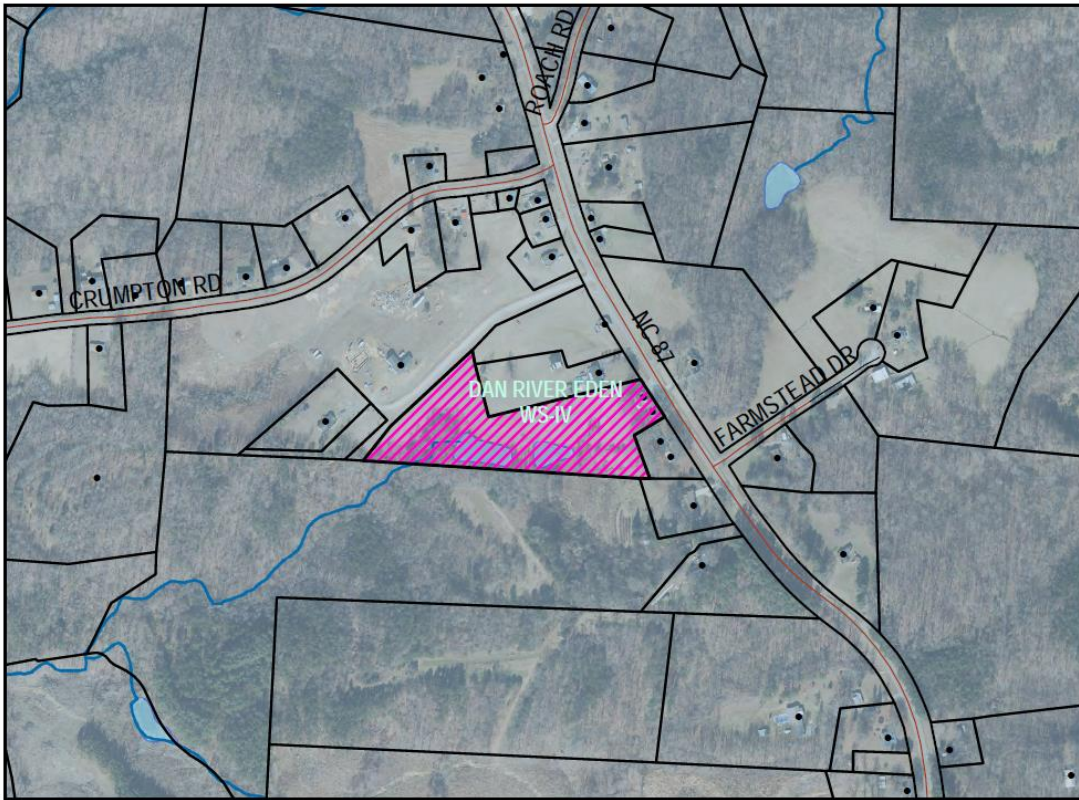
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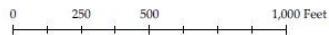
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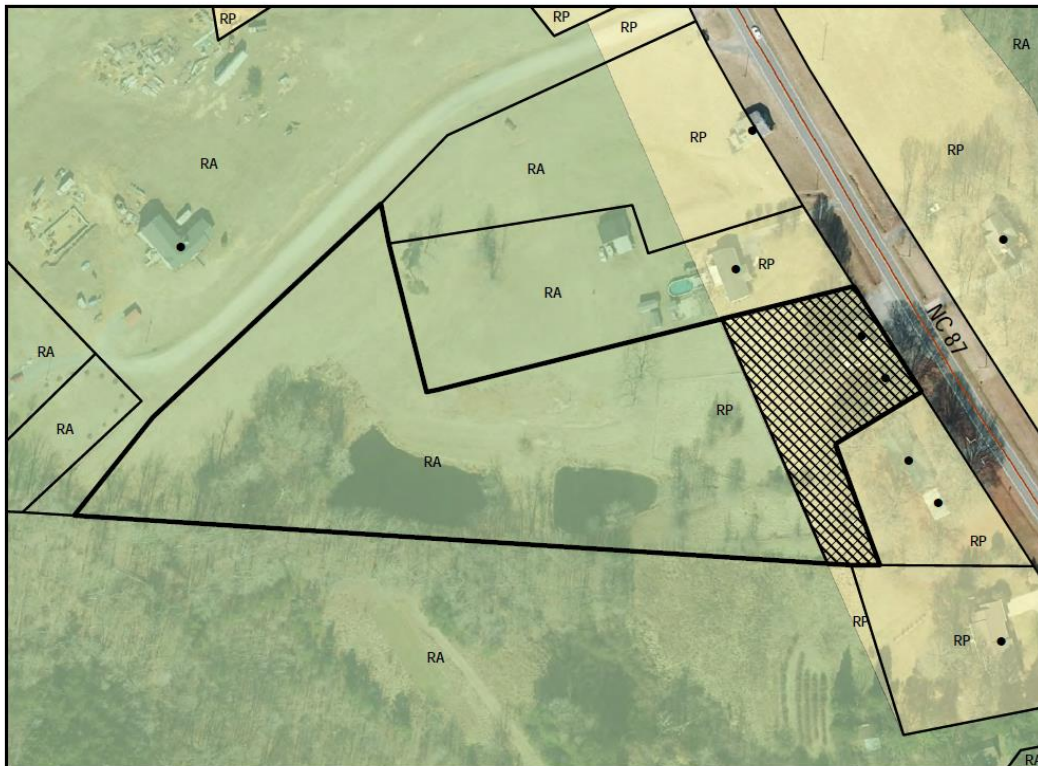
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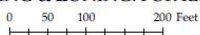
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☀ CASE W2023-02 WASHBURN REZ PARCEL MAP



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APPLICATION FOR ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

Date of Application/Fee: March 15, 2023

Property Address: 9736 NC Highway 87, Wentworth

Parcel No / Tax Pins(s): 7977-00-61-0292

Current District: Residential Protected (RP) and Residential Agricultural (RA)

Proposed District: Residential Mixed-Conditional District (RM-CD) and Residential Agricultural (RA)

Acreage requested for rezoning: A portion of the parcel fronting NC Highway 87, equaling (+/-) 2.0 Acres (according to the Rockingham County Tax Map)

Owners: Washburn Investments LLC

Mailing Address: 971 Butter Road, Reidsville NC 27320


Telephone: (336) 552-8032 email: washburn_invest@yahoo.com

Applicant: Same as Above

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ email: _____


Signature of Owner/Applicant


Staff Signature

Planning Board Hearing Date: 4/19/23 _____

Town Council Hearing Date: May 2, 2023 _____



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APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

Owner Signature

(complete one for each alternate owner)

I, Brian Washburn, owner of the property denoted by Rockingham County Tax PIN 7977-00-61-0292, do hereby request that the property be granted a Rezoning from Residential Agricultural (RA) & Residential Protected (RP) to Residential Mixed-Conditional District (RM-CD) with the conditions made part of the application. I understand that the requested conditions are binding on the property. As the property owner I accept and acknowledge the proposed conditions. I also understand that the Wentworth Planning Board and Wentworth Town Council may add conditions that will be binding on the property. I feel this will serve my best interests.

Brian Washburn
Signature

3-15-2023
Date

971 Butter Rd.
Mailing Address

Reidsville NC 27320
City, State, Zip

(336) 552-8032
Phone Number

[Signature] 3/15/2023
Staff Signature

**USES IN THE RESIDENTIAL MIXED ZONING DISTRICT
TOWN OF WENTWORTH**

Uses Permitted by right. Zoning Permit required.

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| 1. Accessory uses | 12. Fire, Sheriff and Emergency Services |
| 2. Agricultural uses | 13. Golf courses |
| 3. Auction sales, temporary, one-time use | 14. Home Occupations |
| 4. Beneficial Fill | 15. Major/Minor Subdivisions |
| 5. Cemetery | 16. Rooming house |
| 6. Churches and their customary uses,
including child care on premises | 17. Residence, apartments, condominiums,
townhouses |
| 7. Clubs and lodges, private, non-profit | 18. Residence, duplex |
| 8. Community centers, public or private
non-profit, for assembly and recreation | 19. Residence, single family detached |
| 9. Condominiums – residential | 20. Sign, on premises |
| 10. Day care, 5 persons or less | 21. Temporary buildings, incidental to
development |
| 11. Family Care Home | |

Uses Permitted with Design Standards or other standards. Zoning Permit required.

1. Agritourism Activities – Design Standards
2. Athletic fields, recreation building, playgrounds, swim and racquet clubs (no commercial gain) – not lighted
3. Bed & Breakfast Home
4. Family care homes (must be at least ½ mile from any other family care home)
5. Kennel (8 or less domesticated animals)
6. Mobile home (manufactured housing on individual lot) Class AA, A (foundation and screening requirements for towing apparatus)
7. Mobile home (manufactured housing on individual lot) Class B (permitted in certain instances, foundation and screening requirements for towing apparatus)
8. Outdoor Storage Area (residential)
9. Temporary Manufactured home for Custodial Care – Design Guidelines
10. Temporary Storage Unit

Uses with Special Use Permit, Zoning Permit also required

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| 1. Day care, 6 persons or more | 7. Planned unit development |
| 2. Group homes | 8. Public utility substations (including
public water/sewer plants) |
| 3. Kennel (more than 8 domesticated
animals) | 9. Schools, academic, business, trade |
| 4. Mobile home park | 10. Travel trailer parks |
| 5. Mobile homes, temporary residential | 11. Tourist home |
| 6. Nursing and rest homes | |

Article VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation of Proclamation to Iris Powell – 100th Birthday

Mayor Paschal presented the following Proclamation to Iris Powell for her 100th Birthday.



Proclamation

WHEREAS, longevity of life is a blessing for an individual and for a community which benefits from the knowledge, creativity, and experiences this individual brings to all; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wentworth recognizes the contribution of senior citizens to our community and the important role they serve in our society; and

WHEREAS,

IRIS SMITH POWELL

Born in Rockingham County, has resided in Wentworth, North Carolina, for over 70 years, and has demonstrated in countless ways her dedication to her family, her community, and her church, earning the respect and affection of people from all walks of life and all ages; and

WHEREAS, Iris Smith Powell has been described as a leader, a worker and a joiner, wise, witty, and adventurous – one who on this day should be honored for her 100 years on this Earth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the TOWN OF WENTWORTH, I do hereby deem it an honor and pleasure to express our congratulations on her 100th Birthday, with sincere and best wishes for many more happy, productive years.

R. Dennis Paschal, Jr.
Mayor

April 22, 2023

Ms. Powell was also presented with a card and flowers. She has served the community of Wentworth for many years; 22 of those on the Wentworth Town Council. The Town of Wentworth is very appreciative of Ms. Powell's contributions.

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS
B. National Day of Prayer Proclamation

Councilmember Paschal III read the following proclamation:

**TOWN OF WENTWORTH
NORTH CAROLINA
PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
MAY 4, 2023**

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer tradition predates the founding of the United States of America, evidenced by the Continental Congress' proclamation in 1775 setting aside a day of prayer. In 1952, Congress established an annual day of prayer and, in 1988, that law was amended, designating the National Day of Prayer as the first Thursday in May; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation and enables us to recall the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions; and

WHEREAS, The National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for Americans of all faiths to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her citizens; and

WHEREAS, May 4, 2023, has been officially designated as America's 72nd Annual Observance of the National Day of Prayer, to pray for our nation, its people, and its leaders; and

WHEREAS, the theme for the 2023 National Day of Prayer is "Pray fervently in righteousness and avail much." (James 5:16B), it is fitting and proper to give thanks to God by observing a day of prayer in **The Town of Wentworth**, when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them;

Now, therefore, I, Dennis Paschal, Jr., Mayor of the Town of Wentworth, along with the **Wentworth Town Council**, do hereby proclaim the first Thursday in May, 2023, to be designated as

"A DAY OF PRAYER IN WENTWORTH"

Proclaimed this the 2nd day of May, 2023.

Dennis Paschal, Jr. - Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Hunter Wilson - Deputy Clerk

Deputy Clerk Hunter Wilson announced that Dr. Travis McGuirt, Pastor at Calvary Baptist Church, would lead prayer at 12:00 noon at the Wentworth Park shelter on May 4, 2023. All are invited to join.

Article VII. NEW BUSINESS

C. Submission of Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Mayor Paschal announced the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 has been submitted to Town Council and is available for public review in the Town Clerk's Office at the Wentworth Town Hall.

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION** to set a public hearing to consider the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance for June 6, 2023 at 7:00pm.

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

Article VII. NEW BUSINESS

D. Discussion of Rental Rates for Advertising on Town Hall Digital Sign

Mayor Paschal discussed allowing advertising on the Town Hall's digital sign for Special Events taking place at the Wentworth Park. He clarified that he is not talking about rentals of the picnic shelter, but instead, rentals of the entire park for an event or rentals of the amphitheater for an event.

Council discussed and agreed to allow advertising on the Town's digital sign for special event rentals of the amphitheater or the entire park for the price of \$10.00 for a seven-day period.

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, "We set the rental rate for advertising on the Town Hall digital sign for the amphitheater and whole park rentals for \$10.00 for somebody to use it to put up a notice up to seven days before their event".

Councilmember Moore asked, "Is that just their choice if they want to?"

Mayor Paschal replied, "Yes, that's their choice".

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

Article VII. NEW BUSINESS

E. Wentworth Consolidated School

1. Consideration of Proposals from Stonewall Construction – Gym

Mayor Paschal reviewed the proposals submitted by Stonewall Construction for the gymnasium at the Wentworth Consolidated School. He noted that project 3 and project 8 were optional, and he suggested excluding those at this time.

(Note: The proposals submitted by Stonewall Construction for the gym at the Wentworth Consolidated School are herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)



April 4th, 2023
Wentworth Historical School
Attention: Town Team

Subject: Phase One – Multiple Projects

Team,

Thanks for the opportunity to serve you with this information. Please find our scope of work and pricing for your consideration. If any task needs to be completed other than items/breakdown below, then it will be considered as AWR (Additional Work Request).

SCOPE OF WORK

Project 1 – ADA Main Entrance with Double Doors Added

- Project Management – \$900.00
- Haul in (5) loads of 57 stone to compact side building area for concrete landing & ramp \$2,550.75
- Dowel in re-bare into the existing buildings and sidewalk to secure newly poured concrete \$500.25
- Form up & pour a 30' x 12' concrete ramp with landing to tie into existing sidewalk \$6,870.00
- Seal new concrete with all weather – water base sealer \$800.00
- Demo double window and metal frame at exterior hallway for new ADA entrance \$1,250.35
- Demo brick & block from underneath & side of window opening for placement of BPJ \$1,650.75
- Provide & install 3/8 thick, metal Bent Plate Jam to encase raw edges of block & brick \$2,350.00
- Provide & install new double hollow metal frame with (2) hollow metal doors \$2,850.00
- Add (2) – 18" x 18" vision kits on doors for see through while opening \$450.00
- Provide & install new panic hardware kits and closures per fire code \$1,575.00
- Paint frame, doors and BPJ with (2) coats of oil base paint to match surrounding doors \$950.00

Total - \$22,697.10

P&O @ 12% - \$2,723.65

Complete Total - \$25,420.75

Tax @ 6.75% - \$1,715.90

Complete Above Total - \$27,136.65

Accepted By: _____

Date: _____

Project 2 – Adding (4) Commercial Ceiling Fans in Gym

- Project Management – \$1,100.00
- Lift rental fee & (6) sheets of plywood to cover gym floor \$1,750.00
- Frame in center support with 18G metal at four locations to attach new ceiling fans \$755.25
- Provide & install (4) – 8' commercial grade ceiling fans and completely wire in \$23,212.74

Total - \$26,817.99

P&O @ 12% - \$3,218.16

Complete Total - \$30,036.15

Tax @ 6.75% - \$2,027.44

Complete Above Total - \$32,063.59

Accepted By: _____

Date: _____

Project 3 – Replacing All Ceiling Lights in the Gym

- *Project Management –* \$750.00
- *(1) – dumpster pull for demoed materials* \$600.00
- *Lift rental fee & (6) sheets of plywood to cover gym floor* \$2,210.00
- *Demo all ceiling lights in gym and disconnect wiring* \$1,854.75
- *Provide and install all new LED lights in place of all demoed existing lights* \$19,774.26

Total - \$25,189.01

P&O @ 12% - \$3,022.68

Complete Total - \$28,211.69

Tax @ 6.75% - \$1,904.29

Complete Above Total - \$30,115.98

OPTIONAL

Accepted By: _____

Date: _____

Project 4 – Adding ADA Stalls in (2) Existing Bathrooms on Main Hall

- *Project Management –* \$1,300.00
- *(1) – Dump Trailor Pull* \$300.00
- *Final clean up* \$500.00
- *Remove (2) sets of wall divider stalls* \$750.75
- *Cut tile and concrete to reset toilets for ADA accessibility* \$2,750.34
- *Move toilets in both rooms* \$2,465.89
- *Provide and install new tile in areas that was demoed for plumbing additions* \$5,772.43
- *Add new divider partitions for newly created stalls* \$1,438.50

Total - \$15,277.91

P&O @ 12% - \$1,833.35

Complete Total - \$17,111.26

Tax @ 6.75% - \$1,155.01

Complete Above Total - \$18,266.27

Accepted By: _____

Date: _____

Project 5 – Complete Heater PKG for Gym

- *Project Management –* \$5,575.00
- *Lift Rental & plywood for floor* \$3,200.00
- *Demo (4) existing ceiling heater units* \$1,250.00
- *Provide and install (4) new gas-powered heater ceiling units* \$38,515.75

Total - \$48,540.75

P&O @ 12% - \$5,824.89

Complete Total - \$54,365.64

Tax @ 6.75% - \$3,669.68

Complete Above Total - \$58,035.32

Accepted By: _____

Date: _____

Project 6 – Panting & Trim Work in Multiple Areas

- Project Management – \$1,500.00
- Lift Rental & plywood for floor \$2,600.00
- Provide & install new chair railings and base moldings that was demoed during Abatement \$3,882.65
- Add 2x2 lay in ceiling in both front existing restrooms and foyer area at main entrance \$3,644.21
- Add new lay in LED lighting in both restrooms and foyer area \$2,815.75
- Add new lay in ceiling and lights in ceiling at stairway that was abated due to Lead \$2,445.23
- Patch tile areas in restrooms where toilets and sinks were - with filler patch \$550.75
- Patch all masonry cracks in wall, inside gym with mortar before any painting \$1,425.88
- Paint all white walls & metal supports (Goals) in gym with Lead Blocker paint material \$12,545.32
- Paint (1) staircase, walls, and railings – along with bottom exit area \$4,865.25
- Painting of front entrance & bathrooms that are now closets \$2,900.81
- Painting of back middle room in gym storage area \$980.50
- Painting of all trim that was added new – except doors & frames (done by others) \$1,212.75
- Painting of new trim around all added windows \$3,850.65

Total - \$45,219.75

P&O @ 12% - \$5,426.37

Complete Total - \$50,646.12

Tax @ 6.75% - \$3,418.61

Complete Above Total - \$54,064.73

Accepted By: _____

Date: _____

Project 7 – Installation of all New Gym Windows

- Project Management – \$850.00
- Exterior terrain lift - rental fee \$3,600.00
- Install customer provided windows in the gym (both sides) & wrap with wood material \$24,775.50
- Install customer provided windows in back storage area, staircase entrance & front entrance \$3,522.74

Total - \$32,748.24

P&O @ 12% - \$3,929.79

Complete Total - \$36,678.03

Tax @ 6.75% - \$2,475.77

Complete Above Total - \$39,153.80

Accepted By: _____

Date: _____

Project 8 – Field House Upfit

- Project Management – \$500.00
- (1) Dumpster pull \$600.00
- Demo existing shingles & plywood off the roof of the field house \$1,900.00
- Provide and install new plywood along roof rafters \$2,400.00
- Repair rafter tails for complete overhang \$800.00
- Install new shingles on roof with 20-year material warranty with ridge vent \$1,944.50
- Wrap both eaves with new vinyl siding and ventilated soffit \$950.25
- Add new gutters and downspouts \$824.32
- Paint complete exterior & interior of building back white \$2,644.75

Total - \$12,563.25

P&O @ 12% - \$1,507.59

Complete Total - \$14,070.84

OPTIONAL

Tax @ 6.75% - \$949.78

Complete Above Total - \$15,020.62

Accepted By: _____

Date: _____

Mayor Paschal also reviewed a quote from Reidsville Building Supply Company for windows and framing for the windows. The total cost for the windows materials is \$37,458.71 and the total cost for the framing materials is \$5,541.89.

Mayor Paschal mentioned that SCIF grant funds would be used for these expenses.

Councilmember Paschal III asked, “We’re not using ARP money; this is all SCIF?”

Yvonne Russell, Finance Officer explained, “Adding these projects that you’re talking about tonight will pretty much use all of the SCIF grants. With the Grant Project Ordinance, if you want to use some of the ARP funds, then we would appropriate Fund Balance from the General Fund for that and under Capital Outlay have a transfer to the Grant Project Ordinance for the school.”

(Note: Council and staff are using the term “ARP Funds”. To clarify, the funds allocated to the Town of Wentworth from the American Rescue Plan Act have been obligated to cover governmental expenditures made by the Town from March 2021 – March 2023. Those funds are now in the Town’s Fund Balance and are technically no longer labeled as ARP Funds.)

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, “*We approve the proposals from Stonewall Construction except the field house upfit and the new lights in the gym, and include the quote for the windows and installation for a price of \$271,724.00.*”

Mayor Pro Tem Conner seconded the motion.

Councilmember Paschal III mentioned the need for bleachers in the gym.

Mayor Paschal informed Council that Ms. Russell has been getting prices on aluminum bleachers. Ms. Russell said she could include the price of bleachers in the Grant Project Ordinance Amendment she will bring in June which will also include the projects approved tonight.

Mayor Paschal asked if there was any more discussion. There was none; therefore, he requested a vote on the Motion that was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Conner. **All voted in favor and the motion carried.**

Article VII.

NEW BUSINESS

E. Wentworth Consolidated School

2. Consideration of Quote for Windows – Gym

This agenda item was addressed and voted on with the proposed projects from Stonewall Construction. Council approved the quote for the windows and framing.

Article VII. NEW BUSINESS

E. Wentworth Consolidated School

3. Discussion of Rental Rates for Ballfield

Mayor Paschal said he has received inquiries from people about using the ballfield. He said because the Town has an interlocal agreement with the public schools in Wentworth, those school programs would not be charged a fee for using the ballfield. However, he feels it would be appropriate to charge other users. He suggested \$15.00 per hour, which is what the Town has charged in the past for use of the gym. **Mayor Paschal** also suggested requiring renters of the ballfield to drag the infield after each use, and he noted there is a tool on site that can be used for that purpose. Council agreed.

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, *“We set the rate for the ballfield rental at \$15.00 per hour”*.

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

Mayor Paschal asked Ms. Russell about a rental application.

Ms. Russell said she could add the option of renting the ballfield to the existing rental agreement for the gym.

Article VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Valencia Abbott addressed Council regarding the Civil Rights Marker for the Griggs vs. Duke Power Company United States Supreme Court case.

Ms. Abbott stated, “I am Valencia Abbott, and I have been a history teacher for almost 20 years and have been on the planning committee of the Museum and Archives of Rockingham County (MARC) for half that time. In 2018 during a planning committee meeting, it was brought up about the Griggs vs. Duke Company United States Supreme Court case, realizing then that 2021 would be the 50th anniversary of that Supreme Court decision. I also came to realize that most of the people I encountered did not know about the case and had yet to learn that Rockingham County was the starting place of an action that would make its way to the United States Supreme Court. In 1966 fourteen African American employees of the Duke Power Steam Station in Draper filed a complaint with EEOC. With the assistance of the Reidsville Chapter of the NAACP, it would become a testimony of faith and resilience, with the end result being a unanimous decision by the Court. In the five years since I was sitting at that table at the MARC helping to plan programs, the narrative of the Griggs vs. Duke Power case has become more known and with intentional placement in the story of the Civil Rights Movement. The 50th anniversary was acknowledged with a webinar, and each year has been marked with a program on the decision date. We (MARC) and Lindsey Pegg of Rockingham Tourism applied for a Civil Rights Trail Marker through the North Carolina African American Heritage Commission and were awarded one. Only 50 will be issued through the state.”

Ms. Abbott continued, “A year before the 50th anniversary of Griggs vs. Duke Power, I applied for a NC State Historical Marker; due to a lot of hiccups along the way, due to funding and circumstances with DOT, there was a lot of delays, and it was not going to be done in 2021. Applying for the Civil Rights Marker, we were told that the NC Historical Marker probably would be approved. But that was not the case. The Griggs vs. Duke Power Company will be given a NC State Historical Marker. There are only about 25 for Rockingham County and only 2 highlight people of color. The dedication for the Civil Rights Trail Marker will be on August 1st at 5:30pm at the MARC, and the NC Historical Marker dedication ceremony is being planned for October. This is a wonderful opportunity to not only highlight the courageous and miraculous feat of these fourteen men, but also to highlight Rockingham County. I just want to stand here before you to let everyone know what a wonderful thing the MARC is doing, but also to make sure that we highlight and appreciate this history.”

Ms. Abbott noted the NC Historical Marker will be located in Eden between the hospital and the library.

Mayor Paschal thanked Ms. Abbott.

Article IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Paschal made the following announcements:

- The next regular meeting of the **Wentworth Planning Board** is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 16, 2023**, at **7:00 pm** at the Wentworth Town Hall.
- The next regular meeting of the **Wentworth Town Council** is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 6, 2023**, at **7:00 pm** at the Wentworth Town Hall.
- The **Town Hall** will be closed **Monday, May 29, 2023** in observance of **Memorial Day**.

Article X ADJOURN

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

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

Respectfully Submitted By:

Yvonne Russell
Town Clerk & Finance Officer

Approved By:

Dennis Paschal, Jr.
Mayor