

Town of New London
Board of Commissioner's Meeting
March 2, 2021

Mayor Tate Daniels welcomed everyone and opened the Commissioner's Meeting. Present for the meeting were Mayor Tate Daniels, Commissioners Bill Peak, Johnny Chestnut, Richard Kimmer, Christy Starnes, Marcus Mullis and Town Administrator Susan Almond. Visitors present at the meeting were Cathy Kimmer, John Kimmer, Elizabeth Chestnut, Derek Starnes, Bill Rogers, and Charles Curcio from the Stanly News & Press.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Johnny Chestnut. Mayor Daniels asked if there were any changes to the agenda. He requested a closed session be added to the agenda. Commissioner Mullis made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with the addition, seconded by Commissioner Chestnut. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Daniels asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the previous meeting on February 2nd. There being no corrections, Commissioner Mullis made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Peak. Motion carried.

Sewer Report- Commissioner Peak reported that the sewer system is working properly.

Code Enforcement- An updated Code Enforcement Report was distributed to the Town Board. Contact Commissioner Chestnut with any questions.

Sidewalks- Commissioner Starnes asked about repairing the sidewalk along 216 North Main Street. Mayor Daniels and Commissioner Kimmer will research this topic and report back at the next meeting.

Mrs. Almond reported on the following:

- **PARTF Grant Closeout-** We received the closeout letter from the Park Authority stating that the accounting documentation was approved, and the project was completed in accordance with the project agreement. We also received the remaining \$27,500 for the PARTF grant.
- **Recreational Needs Survey Response for Phase 2-** This is a requirement for the grant application process to obtain citizen's input on future park elements. The survey was mailed to all town residents and so far, we have about 40 that have been returned. Mrs. Almond asked the Board to help encourage residents to complete and return the survey.
- **Tarheel Challenge Academy Graduation-** Friday, March 12th
- **Limb Pick-up-** Saturday, March 27th

Mayor Daniels reported on the following:

- **Speed Radar Sign:** Quote was presented for 2 stationary signs with solar panels for a cost of \$5,299. Following discussion, Commissioner Mullis made a motion to accept this quote, seconded by Commissioner Peak. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Planning Board Recommendation-** The Planning Board met on February 16th to consider the request from Mr. Bill Rogers to rezone 7.86 of his property (tax record 20806) from R-20 to R-A. The Planning Board recommended this request be sent to the Town Board for consideration. Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing at the April 6th Board Meeting to consider this request, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Waste Management (WM)-** Our 5 yr. combined contract between Waste Management, New London, Richfield and Misenheimer expires on June 30th. We are in discussions with the WM Representative to get the most cost-effective method for the proposed contract effective July 1st. In addition, we are communicating with all the towns in the county to determine their rate structure for trash collection. More information will be presented at the next Board Meeting.
- **Cemetery Expansion-** The Cemetery currently has approximately 30 – 40 lots available for sale. Following discussion, the Board decided to expand the cemetery by having a survey completed in the new fiscal year to increase the number of lots that would be available for purchase.
- **Park Update:**
 - a. Tarheel Challenge Academy cadets picked up limbs and trash at the park last Saturday.
 - b. Pavers for corn hole area will be installed in the next few weeks.
 - c. Fenced area for dogs has been installed. Mulch will be spread inside the fence and benches will be placed in the next few weeks.
 - d. Restroom locks will be changed to open at 7:30 am and lock at 8:30 pm.
 - e. The contractor plans to put gravel on the walking path to Christ the King, remove the silt ponds, and install lighting in the next few weeks.
 - f. Ivey Family Plaque: Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to approve the following wording for the Ivey Plaque to be placed in the park: “With sincere gratitude, The Town of New London would like to thank the James Wallace Ivey, Jr. Family for their generous donation of the land to make this park possible,” seconded by Commissioner Starnes. Motion carried unanimously.

A Closed Session was called. The Commissioner’s Meeting reconvened.

The agenda being accomplished, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.
Minutes submitted by Susan Almond, Town Administrator.