

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Wade held a public hearing August 9, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at the Wade Town Hall for the purpose of receiving public comment on the Cumberland County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**Board Present**

Mayor Huell Aekins  
Commissioner Joseph Dixon  
Commissioner Ann Long  
Commissioner John Nunnery  
Commissioner Raymond Edwards  
Commissioner Johnny Lanthorn

**Visitors**

Mr. John Jackson, Town Attorney  
Mrs. Denise Sykes, JPB  
Mr. Donovan McLaurin, JPB  
Mr. Gene Booth, Cumberland County Emergency Services  
1 Wade Citizen

Mayor Aekins called the public hearing to order and opened with prayer.

**Agenda Adoption**

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Cumberland County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Mayor Aekins informed the Board that no one had signed up to make comment on the Plan. He asked if Board Members had any questions of Mrs. Denise Sykes. Mrs. Sykes stated that the Plan was required in order for the Town to receive any Federal assistance following a disaster. She explained that the information from the original Plan approved five years earlier had merely been updated. She informed the Board that these updates included vulnerability assessments due to property revaluations, the inclusion of annexations and the incorporation of Eastover. Mrs. Sykes also explained that the updates included a change for Wade to include a designated flood area due to new firm maps. She stated that the goals of the Plan stayed the same and that two hazards volcanoes & tsunamis were removed from the Plan. Mrs. Sykes informed the Board that FEMA & the State had approved the Plan stating that all the requirements had been met. She proceeded to introduce Mr. Gene Booth of Emergency Services and stated that he too was available to answer questions about the Plan. There were no other additional comments.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Long to adjourn the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

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Huell Aekins, Mayor

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Cindy C. Burchett, Town Clerk  
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The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Wade met in regular session August 9, 2011 following the adjournment of the public hearing for the Cumberland County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Mayor Huell Aekins called the regular session to order.

### **Cumberland County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolutions**

Board Members reviewed Resolutions to adopt the Cumberland County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update and the Wade Hazard Mitigation Plan as part of the Cumberland County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Lanthorn to approve the Resolutions. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Minutes**

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Lanthorn to approve the Minutes of the July 12, 2011 regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Financial Reports**

Board Members reviewed and discussed the reports. Following a question and answer session with Town Clerk Cindy Burchett, Commissioner Nunnery made a motion to approve the Reports as presented. Commissioner Lanthorn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Water Department**

Board Members discussed the unusually high rate of unaccounted for water. Discussion was held regarding the fact that NCDOT may be using water from the fire hydrants. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett informed the Board that she had notified Mr. Howard Smith of the loss and that he had not found any breakage, leak or other problem that could have caused the significant loss. Town Attorney John Jackson suggested asking the Sheriff's Department for assistance in monitoring the Town's hydrants. It was suggested that a license plate number or cell phone picture could be used to identify the culprits. Commissioner Long made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to approve the July Water Report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Agenda Business Items**

#### **Speakers from the Floor**

Mayor Aekins informed the Board that no one had signed up to address the Board under the Speakers from the Floor agenda item.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Beautification** – Commissioner Lanthorn stated that it had to been too hot and too dry for beautification projects and that once the weather changed work could begin again.

**Park** – Commissioner Dixon stated that there were several trees at the park dying or that were dead. Discussion was held regarding the park benches. Commissioner Lanthorn stated that he had sandblasted one of the benches; however the rubber coating was still intact and so any paint used must adhere to this coating. A general discussion was held regarding the type of paint needed. It was suggested that Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks & Recreation should be contacted to see how they handled this type of problem at their parks. Commissioner Edwards reported that the grass needed cutting and the entire area needed spraying. Commissioner Edwards reported that the gate at the soccer field had been

repaired. Mayor Aekins informed the Board that he had talked to someone at Bell's Seed Store about the chemical Lindane and found that it was no longer available; however the MASA chemical was available and there would be no problem using it in the park. Mayor Aekins stated that Bell's Seed did have a chemical that could be used to spray on the trees, but he felt that if the Board wanted to spray that perhaps a professional should be contracted instead of using Mr. Christian. He explained that he had spoken earlier to Jeff Strickland who stated that he could perform this task. Mayor Aekins stated that a decision needed to be made regarding how many trees should be sprayed. A general discussion was held regarding whether all trees should be sprayed or merely those that had the beetle problem. Mayor Aekins agreed to contract Jeff Strickland regarding an estimate for spraying the trees.

**Streets** – Mayor Aekins reported to the Board that no estimate had been received for the street repairs. It was suggested that Diamond Paving should be contacted about possibly giving an estimate.

### **Cape Fear High Athletic Booster Club Request**

Mayor Aekins informed the Board that the Cape Fear High Athletic Booster Club had requested that the Town purchase an ad in their booklet to show support to the student athletes of Cape Fear. Board Members reviewed the information and held a general discussion concerning the issue. Town Attorney John Jackson advised the Board that it should be mindful of how it spends taxpayer's money and to remember that expended funds should benefit all citizens. Following discussion of the issue, Commissioner Lanthorn made a motion seconded by Commissioner Long to approve the purchase of the business card ad for \$75. Commissioners Lanthorn, Long, Edwards and Dixon voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Nunnery opposed the motion and the motion passed by majority vote.

### **Announcements**

Donovan McLaurin reported that the Planning Board would be working on a few zoning cases. He also stated that they would be having codes committee meetings regarding the Subdivision Ordinance and municipal influence areas.

Commissioner Dixon stated that work should soon begin on Founder's Day 2012 and that a chairman needed to be appointed so that vital contacts could be made and the overall process could get started. A general discussion was held regarding Founder's Day and Commissioner Long made a motion to elect Commissioner Dixon Chairman of the Founder's Day Committee. Commissioner Nunnery seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lanthorn informed the Board that Wade had received 4 nominations from the Joint Appearance Commission at its award ceremonies. He explained that the Old Bluff @ McAllister Farms Subdivision won an award for the best housing development or neighborhood.

Mayor Aekins informed the Board that the Cumberland County Attorney stated at the Mayor's Coalition Meeting stated that he was working on the municipal interlocal agreements for the Tethering Law and the Code of Ordinances. Mayor Aekins asked Board Members to report to the Town Hall any problems with smell from the sewer system.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Huell Aekins, Mayor

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Cindy C. Burchett, Town Clerk