



TOWN OF PRINCEVILLE

Minutes

Board of Commissioners Meeting Edgecombe County Building County Commissioner Board Room January 30, 2017

Commissioners Present: Mayor Bobbie Jones, Mayor Pro Tem Linda Joyner, Commissioners JoeRoam Myrick, Pamela Ransome, Milton Bullock

Staff Present: Town Manager Daniel Gerald, Interim Town Clerk Tabatha Powell

I. Call to Order: Mayor Jones 7:00 p.m.

II. Invocation rendered by Mayor Pro Tem Linda Joyner

III. Pledge of Allegiance was recited

IV. Announcements:

- 1) Hurricane Matthew Hazard Mitigation Grant- Application Intake will take place on February 6, 7, 8th for Town of Princeville Residents. (Please see attachment for more information.)
- 2) Benefit Concert for the Town of Princeville by Elizabeth City State University on February 7, 2017 at 7pm.

V. Public Comments:

The following citizens made Comments:

- ❖ **Angela Mallory Pitt**– (*Princeville, NC*) Had questions and concerns about Flood Recovery Workshop held in Rocky Mount, NC.
- ❖ **Dr. Glenda Knight**– (*Princeville NC*) – Made announcements about ongoing grief coaching available for Princeville residents with no charge to residents. Comments about Flood Recovery Workshop and
- ❖ **Emma Wilkins** – (*Princeville NC*) Had questions and concerns about returning to her home and elevation.

- ❖ **Linda Whitest** – (*Princeville NC*) Had questions and concerns about mitigation options available to all residents. This process is stressful and feel as if something should be done to the dike.
- ❖ **Delia Perkins** – (*Princeville NC*) Had questions and concerns about the debris surrounding her home and throughout the town. Made comments about the rebuilding of the town buildings and insurance. Offered her help to the town officials and staff.
- ❖ **Calvin Sherrod** – (*Princeville NC*) Had comments/concerns about County Commissioner Viola Harris, different contracts in regards to the town. Also, made comments about the tires in his yard.

VI. Additions or deletions to the Agenda:

- 1) Motion made to add closed session after Senior Citizens Report; Motion accepted by Mayor Pro Tem Joyner; seconded by Commissioner Ransome; motion passed.
- 2) Motion made to add the discussion of monetary funds as New Business Item D; motion accepted by Commissioner Myrick; seconded by Commissioner Ransome; motion passed.
- 3) Motion made to add discussion in regards to purchasing home at the Princeville Heritage Park as New Business Item E; motion accepted by Mayor Pro Tem; seconded by Commissioner Ransome; motion passed.
- 4) Motion made to remove Consent Agenda from the agenda; motion accepted by Mayor Pro Tem; seconded by Commissioner Ransome; motion passed.

VII. Consent Agenda: REMOVED

VIII. PRESENTATION: Mr. Dan Brubaker P.E., of the North Carolina Department of Emergency Management

Mr. Brubaker gave an explanation and answered questions in regards to the advisory flood levels. A list of advisory flood levels for each home will be available at the Princeville Town Hall. The Princeville Board of Commissioners may adopt the advisory flood levels. All work to homes within Princeville should comply with the zoning for Princeville is Zone X protected by the levee. Insurance rates should not change.

Public Comments for Presentation:

- ❖ **Delia Perkins:** (*119 Neville Street, Princeville NC*) Had questions and concerns about the rezoning of Princeville.
- ❖ **Linda Worsley:** (*Princeville NC*) Had questions and concerns about Zone X and Zone AE.
- ❖ **Emma Wilkins:** (*Princeville NC*) Had questions and concerns about zoning for Princeville.
- ❖ **Delia Pekins:** (*Princeville, NC*) Had questions and concerns about the reconstruction of the town buildings.
- ❖ **Carlton Jones:** (*Princeville, NC*) Had questions about the availability of the advisory flood levels.
- ❖ **Curmilus Dancy:** Asked for clarification for three mitigation options and home owners insurance.
- ❖ **Carlton Jones:** Questions about newly constructed home elevation.

IX. New Business:

- A)** Motions presented to adopt the Resolution thanking Caterpillar Inc., for the donated Backhoe; motion accepted by Commissioner Myrick; seconded by Commissioner Ransome; motion passed **(4-0) (Attachment B)**
- B)** Motions presented to adopt the Resolution of consent identifying Disaster Management and point of contact from the Town of Princeville, North Carolina with the State of North Carolina, Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, with the addition of Commissioner Milton Bullock, as the second point of contact. Motion accepted by Commissioner Myrick; seconded by Commissioner Bullock; motion passed. **(4-0) (Attachment C)**
- C)** Motions presented to table the request from the County for a Sewer Line Easement until next board meeting. More information is needed. Motion accepted by Commissioner Myrick; seconded by Commissioner Bullock; motion passed. **(4-0) (Attachment D)**
- D) Discussion of Monetary Funds:**
 - ❖ There's a total of \$22,663.12 available as of January 30, 2017, in addition to a box of gift cards (amount and number of cards unknown now); and, the unknown amount of funds from the upcoming Benefit Concert for the Town of Princeville by Elizabeth City State University.
 - Suggestion 1** - Commissioner Bullock suggested funds be given to the residents with yellow and red tagged homes. Commissioner Myrick agreed and suggested another updated inspection be done if the board proceeds with this suggestion.

Suggestion 2- Mayor Jones suggested senior citizens with red tags without insurance.

- ❖ Motion presented to table the discussion of Monetary funds; motion accepted by Mayor Pro Tem Joyner; seconded by Commissioner Myrick; motion passed. **(4-0)**

E) Purchase of home at the Princeville Heritage Park:

- ❖ ECU Chapel Hill, town citizens, town officials and Skanska are in the begging stages of planning this multi-purpose facility for the town before October 2016. The following was presented to The Town of Princeville: The land located at 425 Mutual Blvd., Princeville, NC 27886; will need to be purchased to proceed with planning the multi-purpose facility, presented to the town by the fortune 500 company Skanska. Gaining access to this property will greatly benefit the size and structure of the proposed facility. Town Manger recommended that the town put a hold on purchasing home and land due to being in a state of disaster.
- ❖ Motion presented to allow Town Manager to negotiate the purchase of the home and property at 425 Mutual Blvd., Princeville, NC and/or seek Skanska to purchase home and property; motion accepted by Mayor Pro Tem Joyner; motion seconded by Commissioner Myrick; motion passed. (4-0)

X. Town Manager's Report:

- ❖ Daniel Gerald: Report available in: *Minute Book 2013-2014, Manager Reports- January 2017.*
(Attachment E)

XI. Town Attorney Report: NONE

XII. Law Enforcement Report:

- ❖ Report available for review in Minute Book 2016-2017, Police Reports

XIII. Princeville Volunteer Fire Department Report:

- ❖ Chief James Powell had concerns about funds budget for the fire department and the proposed purchasing of the home and property in Princeville. Chief Powell voiced his concerns about fire protection and

XIV. Senior Center Report:

- ❖ Senior Center Director Linda Worsley gave an update on preparations for the temporary Senior Center located at the Temporary Town Hall. The room in question cleanliness must be accepted by the Upper Coastal Plain. Inspection are completed and passed by the County. Applications will be accepted once the center are up and running again. Transportation is still being discussed, but will be provided if a driver is not found.

Added Announcement: GAP funding will be available for anyone who received FEMA funds, and does not have enough to repair your homes.

XV. Closed Session:

- ❖ Personnel Issues – Motion presented to go into closed session; motion accepted by Mayor Pro Tem Joyner; motion seconded by Commissioner Ransome; motion passed. **(4-0)**
- ❖ 9:49 pm - Motion presented to return from closed session. Motion accepted by Commissioner Myrick; motion seconded by Commissioner Ransome; motion passed. (4-0)

No action was taken in closed session.

XVI. General Concerns of the Board:

Commissioner Ransome: Thanked everyone for attending and being patient.
Commissioner Myrick: Thanked everyone for attending; informed citizens about the long process of recovering from this disaster.
Commissioner Bullock: Thanked everyone for attending; informed everyone to have their duct work doubled check for water with the possibility of the initial inspection being wrong.

XVII. Adjournment:

Motions presented to adjourn meeting: Motion accepted by Commissioner Myrick; seconded by Commissioner Bullock; motion passed. **(4-0)**

Adjourned

X Bobbie D. Jones

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Mayor

X Tabatha A. Powell

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Town Clerk