

MINUTES
TOWN OF PITTSBORO
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 25, 2003
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Nancy R. May called the meeting to order and gave invocation.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Mayor Nancy R. May, Commissioner Max G. Cotten, Burnice Griffin, Jr., Chris Walker and Clinton E. Bryan, Jr. Commissioner Gene T. Brooks was absent.

Others present: Manager David Hughes, Clerk Alice F. Lloyd and Attorney Paul S. Messick, Jr.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Bryan seconded by Commissioner Cotten to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2003 meeting.

CITIZENS MATTERS

NONE

Mayor May reported the Special use permit request for a woodworking shop at 2664 Old Graham Road has been withdrawn.

PRESENTATION – MELISSA FREY

Ms Frey spoke about starting “Chatham Marketplace” in downtown Pittsboro. It will be a co-op grocery. She is requesting approval of a Resolution Supporting the Mission of Chatham Marketplace, Inc. and would like consideration for a Community Development Grant in the amount of \$15,000 to go towards start-up expenses for Chatham Marketplace. She also asked that each member purchase their individual household ownership shares in Chatham Marketplace.

Commissioner Cotten stated he had no objection to passing the Resolution but he had a problem with appropriating \$15,000.00 when it was not included in our budget.

Commissioner Walker stated he was also in favor of passing the Resolution.

Motion made by Commissioner Walker seconded by Commissioner Cotten approving a Resolution Requesting Public support of the Existence and Mission Of Chatham Marketplace, Inc.

Vote Aye-4 Nay-0

DAN DEACON – SITE PLAN EXTENSION

Mayor May stated Mr. Dan Deacon would like consideration of the approved site plan for property he owns on Thompson Street.

Mr. Deacon felt that circumstances would warrant an extension – mainly that the agreement to give a variance on parking space requirements had not been agreed upon.

Motion made by Commissioner Walker seconded by Commissioner Griffin to approve the extension of the site plan for one additional year from June 10, 2003 and the contract with Dan Deacon.

Commissioner Bryan stated when the property was given to the Town it was to be used by the Town so he has a problem with the parking spaces being put on the Town property for use by Mr. Deacon.

Manager Hughes stated the parking spaces are not reserved for his business; it is just like having the gravel parking spaces except they will be paved.

Attorney Messick said there was no problem with the property deed – it will be for public use.

Vote Aye-3 Walker/Griffin/Cotten
Nay-1 Bryan

COMMISSIONER CONCERNS

Commissioner Walker stated Triangle J would like to see Chatham County start up a Transportation Advisory Committee for long term planning.

Commissioner Cotten asked if we were going to do anything about sidewalks up to the post office.

Commissioner Bryan stated he felt we need to think about this and it should be put on the agenda for next meeting.

Commissioner Bryan had concerns about the Indoor Batting Cage Business Establishment on US 15-501 North.

Manager Hughes stated Mr. Oldham needs to prepare a site plan and get it approved before he can open his business.

Motion made by Commissioner Bryan seconded by Commissioner Walker to adjourn.

Vote Aye-4 Nay-0

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk