

MINUTES
TOWN OF PITTSBORO
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013
7:00 PM

Mayor Randolph Voller called the meeting to order and called for a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Commissioner Farrell.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Mayor Randolph Voller, Commissioners Pamela Baldwin, Jay Farrell, Michael Fiocco, Bett Wilson Foley and Beth Turner.

Staff present: Manager Bryan Gruesbeck, Clerk Alice F. Lloyd, Attorney Paul S. Messick, Jr., Public Utilities Director John Poteat, and Planning Director Stuart Bass.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Fiocco seconded by Commissioner Foley to approve the consent agenda with the addition mentioned below that was sent out by email earlier today.

The Consent Agenda contains the following items:

1. Approve minutes of the April 8, 2013 regular meeting with an addition to the minutes regarding debt services discussion added as follows: .

Commissioner Fiocco asked why the Debt Service expenditure was so low. Ms. Cartrette said our major expenditures come in May. We are billed annually for that. We will get a bill next month from USDA and US Bank. She referenced the Bond Schedule in the budget.

Commissioner Fiocco stated he wondered if we can save money by paying more frequently. Ms. Cartrette said they bill us we don't just pay. They send us one bill for interest and one bill for principal.

Manager Gruesbeck said they have had some preliminary discussions on possibly refinancing a couple of those just to see what types saving we can generate. He said the preliminary answer to that is he is not sure given the cost of financing we would generate a lot of savings.

Ms. Cartrette said they talked about that and there are expenditures associated with that for example, we would have to go before the LGC and have bond council. She said the financial institution they spoke with wants to shorten the terms which means our payment would increase but it would be a shorter amount of time that we would be paying this off and see some savings,

but you have to weigh the expenditures against that. Ms. Cartrette said they have only had preliminary discussions about it.

Motion carried 5-0

2. Review Resolution in Support of the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund.

Motion carried 5-0

3. Approve Resolution for Lyme Disease Awareness Month – May 2013.

Motion carried 5-0

Resolution in Support of the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund is as follows:

**A RESOLUTION TO MAINTAIN AND SUPPORT THE CURRENT INTEGRITY AND
FUNDING
FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION TRUST FUND (PARTF)**

WHEREAS, North Carolina is known for its unique and scenic natural resources and opportunities for recreation with a long tradition of its citizens and visitors enjoying parks, mountains, rivers, greenways, beaches and more. Generations of residents and visitors have delighted in these landscapes and park facilities; and

WHEREAS, The Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) was established with bi-partisan support on July 16, 1994 to fund improvements in the state's park system, to fund grants for local governments and to increase the public's access to the state's beaches and coastal waterways; and

WHEREAS, since its inception The Parks and Recreation Trust Fund has provided \$161 million via 722 grants to 370 local governments in 99 counties and has been matched with \$312 million of local and private dollars for the purchase of local park land, building and renovation of facilities and development of greenways and trails; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's population has grown to make it the 10th most populous state in the nation with projections for the significant growth to continue in the coming decades, and more state and local parks are needed to meet the increased demands; and

WHEREAS, parks are identified as key contributors to North Carolina's tourism industry that generates nearly \$20 billion in annual economic impact; and

WHEREAS, parks in North Carolina are experiencing record visitation levels including over 14.25 million to state parks in both 2011 and 2012; and

WHEREAS, The Parks & Recreation Trust Fund has leveraged funds that allowed our State to acquire land for state parks and state natural areas and protected nearly 83,000 acres and made major additions to the Mountains-to-Sea State Trail; and

WHEREAS, The Parks & Recreation Trust Fund has funded capital improvement projects in the state parks such as visitor centers and exhibit halls which provide tremendous opportunities to educate students and all citizens about North Carolina's outstanding natural resources, and other capital projects including campgrounds, picnic areas, boating facilities, trails and swimming beaches; and local capital projects including construction of community centers, athletic fields and greenways; and

WHEREAS, the annual economic impact to local economies of all tourists visiting the state parks system was estimated at more than \$400 million in sales and income, as well as nearly 5,000 jobs according to a 2008 study.

WHEREAS, a portion of The Parks & Recreation Trust Fund is designated for the Public Beach and Coastal Waterfront Access Program to improve access to beaches and coastal waterways by funding public boat ramps and public beaches accesses; and

WHEREAS, access to parks, recreation facilities and open space provides cost-effective opportunities for citizens of all ages to participate in health and wellness activities thereby reducing costs associated with obesity, heart disease, diabetes and high blood pressure; and

WHEREAS, research has documented that structured park and recreational opportunities in local communities can prevent crime and provide positive activities and directions for young people; and

WHEREAS, dedicated, recurring funding of the Parks & Recreation Trust Fund allows for structured and objective planning and efficient management of the system at both the state and local levels for today and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the success of The Parks and Recreation Trust Fund is due to the dedicated funding source provided by a portion of the deed stamp tax, and is recognized nationally as a model for efficiency and accountability; and

WHEREAS residents, businesses and visitors of Pittsboro NC have benefitted from PARTF funding for two local parks that contribute to our health, economic development and quality of life, and

WHEREAS the Town of Pittsboro wants other communities to have access to such funding in the future to enhance their parks and recreational facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Pittsboro does call on the members of the General Assembly to maintain dedicated revenues generated by seventy-five cents of the deed stamp tax for The Parks and Recreation Trust Fund.

The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the members of the General Assembly representing the people of Town of Pittsboro and the North Carolina Recreation and Park Association.

Lyme Disease Awareness Month Resolution:

Resolution declaring May 2013 Lyme disease Awareness Month in the Town of Pittsboro

Whereas, infected ticks carrying the bacteria, *Borrelia burgdorferi* which causes Lyme disease, continue to spread throughout North Carolina as 3 counties are now classified as “endemic” for Lyme disease; and

Whereas, the total numbers of both suspected and confirmed Lyme disease cases reported to our state health department continues to rise each year with over 1000 case events reported in 2012; and

Whereas, ticks commonly found in North Carolina have been known to transmit Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Ehrlichiosis, STARI, Babesiosis and Anaplosmosis to residents; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Division of Public Health encourages physicians and health care providers to consider the diagnosis of Lyme disease in patients who present the symptoms of infection, even if the patient has no travel history outside of North Carolina; and

Whereas, Lyme disease is difficult to diagnoses because it imitates other conditions and no reliable laboratory test can prove who is either infected or bacterial-free, which often leads to under-diagnosis or misdiagnosis; and

Whereas, early indicators of infection include: “bullseye” looking rash with flu-like symptoms, characterized by chills, headache, fatigue, muscle and joint aches and swollen lymph nodes; and

Whereas, weeks or months later, patients with untreated or under-treated Lyme disease can suffer from permanent and sometimes life-threatening damage to the brain, joints, heart, eyes, liver, spleen blood vessels and kidneys. For this reason it is imperative that all who may be exposed to Lyme disease receive immediate treatment; and

Whereas, the best solution to reduce the risk of contracting Lyme disease is awareness and education about the seriousness of this illness and the need for our residents, especially children, to practice personal preventive techniques when engaging in outdoor activities - such as frequent tick checks, use of tick repellent and proper tick removal; and

Whereas, the warm summer months are considered the most active time for ticks and when the majority of residents are exposed to ticks during outdoor activities. Therefore it is important that residents are aware of the potential for acquiring Lyme disease in our town and the preventive measures they can take to minimize the risk of infection.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Pittsboro Board of Commissioners that the month of May, 2013 be declared:

LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

in the Town of Pittsboro, North Carolina.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CITIZENS MATTERS

None

OLD BUSINESS

PROPOSED ANNEXATION: A-2013-01, REID/STARKWEATHER (JOHN POTEAT, STAFF)

John Poteat, Utilities Director stated in order from them to hook up to our water line they would have to do a road bore under 87 bypass to hook into the 12 inch and he would have to run it from the meter to their house. Mr. Poteat was doing a lot of referring to the map that was up. He stated the meter would have to be placed in the r-o-w.

Mr. Poteat said he had received prices on that once and it was two/three years ago and the estimate to go under the road were between 5 and 7 thousand dollars.

Mayor Voller said that is something that would be done if someone develops the property.

There was a discussion about the old 2" line that goes out by the May's property. Mr. Poteat pointed on the map where they think the lines go. But they are not sure because they have been told the line loops out into the woods and connects back in. They do know it goes back and ends here (pointing on map).

Mr. Poteat said about 8 years ago public works ran a line to loop it which helped the pressure a little bit. He said the most houses you can get on a 2" line is 25 and if it's looped you can get 50. But you are looking at a 2" line with maybe an inch opening so this line is to its maximum and we cannot put anyone else on there unless it is someone building on this street and we would have no choice but to do that.

Commissioner Farrell asked about the 2" line that is in a vacant lot (with a meter box). He said it is between 902 and Old Goldston Road. Mr. Poteat said some of the lines may be deceiving. You may see a meter here (pointing to map) but the line is running from elsewhere. They discussed this by looking at the map. Mr. Poteat said it is probably a direct connect off the 12 inch line because they don't have any 2" running anywhere else in there.

Mayor Voller asked if Hydrostructures had looked at replacing the line for fire protection. Mr. Poteat said he came before the board a few years ago with cost estimates for this line and the line at Hearne Hill at a cost of \$250,000 each. He presented the information and that was it.

Commissioner Fiocco said you stated you thought some of this line is going cross country. Mr. Poteat said some of the old timers that were around when the line was put in were always telling the story about how it was really run. Public Works only know what they have dug up.

Commissioner Fiocco asked what our policy is now to have lines underneath asphalt in the roadway. Mr. Poteat said we try not to but sometimes they have no choice.

Commissioner Fiocco asked does it typically go on the shoulder or the far side of the ditch. Mr. Poteat said they try to put it in the shoulder because it is easy to dig in the shoulder and encroachments are easier to get if you are in the State R-O-W.

Commissioner Fiocco asked what about roadways with curb and gutter. Mr. Poteat said you try not to do it and when you do you want a contractor to do it. Public Work doesn't do it.

Commissioner Fiocco asked isn't the line more protected under the roadway. Mr. Poteat said it is more protected but you get more movement with it being under the roadway and it is harder to repair under the roadway. The line could leak for years in the roadway and you would never know it. But on the shoulder you usually know pretty fast.

Commissioner Farrell asked if it is necessary to annex somebody to get water to them. He said we are looking to do a residential annexation, correct. The answer was yes.

Commissioner Farrell asked can we just approve them to hook on the city water at out-of-town rates and not have to go to public hearing for water. He said water is what they want, right. Commissioner Fiocco said clearly we can do that.

Jeff Starkweather said there are at least two or three places that have been annexed into town that only got water.

Commissioner Farrell asked Attorney Messick about information he provided at the last meeting regarding annexation. Commissioner Farrell stated it read: a non contiguous area proposed for annexation must meet all the following standards: The area must be so situated that the annexing city will be able to provide the same services within the proposed satellite corporate limits that it provides within its primary corporate limits. Commissioner Farrell said we are not going to be able to get sewer out there.

Dee Reid said you aren't providing sewer to others as well. Commissioner Farrell said that was done years ago.

Jeff Starkweather stated they would need exactly the same services as the subdivision across the street from them.

Attorney Messick told Commissioner Farrell what he told them is what the statutes says. He said Log Barn is not in town for the most part and they don't have sewer because the lots are five acres or more.

Attorney Messick said he is not sure Governors Commons has public water either. According to the map there are no water lines in there.

Dee Reid said they have public water. Mayor Voller said they have water but not sewer. Mr. Poteat said just this one side (pointed to map).

Mayor Voller said we have not ever denied an annexation since he has been here, so what's the problem. Attorney Messick said Townsends was denied.

Commissioner Farrell said he could understand if we were annexing a nice commercial property, factory or school or something up there and they really needed our services.

Mayor Voller said there has to be good justification to say we don't want it. Mayor Voller asked didn't we annex on Pittsboro/Goldston Road last year to help a fellow out. Attorney Messick said no, you didn't annex them. Mayor Voller said oh he didn't want to be annexed. Attorney Messick said no, you (the Board) didn't want him annexed. Mayor Voller asked what the reason was. Attorney Messick said he didn't know why.

Commissioner Fiocco said most financial analysis will tell you that residential property does not pay for itself. The services that one provides to residential property typically are not covered through the tax base so that is definitely a consideration.

Dee Reid said but you are only providing water and that's it.

Jeff Starkweather said actually let him correct you about the residential tax base. The cost of community studies has been done on counties and part of the factor why they don't pay for themselves is because of schools, which is a tremendous expense that the county has to do.

Dee Reid said they are actually paying the cost for reaching out to the town water pipe. They are going to pay city taxes and a water bill. So those are the only services they are going to get. Ms. Reid said the town is going to make money by annexing their property. She said for them it works better than trying to sink a well that appears where the water tables have gone dry. It has dropped considerably they are getting a base amount of water. It's not a good situation for them so they are reaching out to receive town water service. They are paying the cost for that, the Town is not.

Mayor Voller said there is an advantage if they were to bore, John Poteat could cooperate and put in a bigger pipe. Mr. Poteat said we would probably do an encasement for future use.

Commissioner Fiocco asked what the total cost would be - \$7,000 for the bore – would there be other fees associated with this. Commissioner Fiocco asked if capital recovery fees would apply. Attorney Messick said he would think so, plus access fees. Commissioner Fiocco said he thinks access fees are actually cost and capital recovery, he thinks it is an expensive proposition.

Dee Reid asked what capital recovery fees are? Planner Bass said he would have to look at the budget ordinance to determine the amounts. It is associated with the subdivision process and there would be an access fee.

Dee Reid said they are aware of the tap on fee, boring under fee and they are aware of putting the line across their property fee. She doesn't know what the capital recovery fee is.

Commissioner Fiocco said he has looked at Capital Recovery fees and they are \$2,400 per acre. Ms. Reid said this is the first time it has come up.

Mayor Voller asked if that's the case for anyone that request it, are we charging them an access charge per acre when they have asked to be connected to Town water. Manager Gruesbeck said he doesn't know anyone who recently connected. Mayor Voller said but even historically.

Commissioner Fiocco said you would want to know that.

Mayor Voller said the whole purpose of this is to set a public hearing, at that point you could take the same input.

Commissioner Farrell asked is it necessary to go through a public hearing for this. Mayor Voller said it is part of our code. Attorney Messick said if you are not going to annex it the answer is no, but if you are going to consider annexing you have to.

Motion made by Commissioner Farrell to allow them (Starkweather/Reid) to proceed with connecting to the water without annexation and if they want to hook onto city water it would be at the out-of-town rate. Motion died due to the lack of a second.

Mayor Voller said they are requesting annexation.

Ms. Reid said yes they are requesting annexation. It is more financially feasible for them.

Mr. Starkweather stated they are not here requesting water, they are here requesting annexation. They don't need to come before the board to request water.

Commissioner Fiocco stated the basis of the argument is that it is cheaper to tap onto the water line, extend the service, disconnect your well; re-plum your home and that you are going to use less water than is equal to the amount of taxes you will pay. Commissioner Fiocco said it seems like a net loss to him.

Ms. Reid said they think it is about the same but it is more secure. Commissioner Fiocco said it is definitely more secure.

Mayor Voller said it would be a public good to have that line and we could get other potential customers. He said it really should be a 6" line.

Commissioner Fiocco said in the analysis all those things are true and the equation is exactly the same whether you are in or out of town. The math that he has done suggests that it is less expensive for them to remain out-of-town, get the connection, pay the double rate and you are still going to spend less money than if you have taxes. If the argument is that it is less expensive he doesn't find that to be a completable argument because he doesn't think it is true.

Mr. Starkweather said that is not their only argument and it is not your job to decide what's in their interest. Commissioner Fiocco said precisely, but when you present an argument it is worth considering.

Mr. Starkweather said they want to be in town, they think it will make their property more valuable if they have a line in there. Someday they might want to develop more property.

Mayor Voller said the town needs an annexation study done. He said they are just asking to have a public hearing scheduled. If the board wants to change the policy in the future we can come up with a policy.

Commissioner Baldwin asked do we always have a public hearing when someone requests annexation. Attorney Messick said Townsends requested annexation they were denied but he believes we did have a public hearing on the request. He said the policy in the past is if you wanted water and sewer you had to request annexation, satellite annexation may occur if you are interested in one service or the other and those are very rare, that it is not normally that way.

Attorney Messick stated he doesn't remember anyone requesting annexation that didn't need both services. There are other services involved such as police, fire, etc. so it's not fair to say it is just water and sewer. It's garbage; it is a whole spectrum of things the town does for its residents, so if it is going to be an economic analysis those costs should be considered as well.

There was a discussion about the Partin annexation on Thompson Street that was done last year.

Mayor Voller said they are only requesting a public hearing be scheduled.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldwin seconded by Commissioner Foley to set a public hearing on the annexation request from Reid/Starkweather for May 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. and request a cost analysis.

Commissioner Foley said the board needs to take into consideration the future benefit of the road bore.

Commissioner Turner said staff needs to find out about the capital recovery/access fees and report back to the board.

Commissioner Fiocco asked if it is the town's policy that once annexation is granted it is a requirement they initiate the water service. Attorney Messick said the town has authority to require mandatory connections.

Commissioner Fiocco said he thinks it would make sense that if you are annexed you are a part of the system and that we would get another customer to the water system.

Vote Aye-4 Baldwin, Foley, Fiocco, Turner
Nay-1 Farrell

Attorney Messick said a motion needs to be made to authorize the Town Clerk to certify the sufficiency of the petition.

Motion made by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Baldwin to authorize the Town Clerk to determine the sufficiency of the petition.

Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

FY 2013-2014 BUDGET CALENDAR AND MEETING DATES

Motion was made by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Fiocco to schedule a budget work session for May 6, 2013 at the new planning office located at 41 Fayetteville Street at 6:30.

Mayor Voller said if additional meetings are needed they can be scheduled after the May 6, 2013 meeting.

Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

NEW BUSINESS

None

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

MANAGER'S UPDATE ON CAPITAL PROJECTS

PROJECT: Hillsboro St Water Main Transmission Line Replacement Project

Manager Gruesbeck reported the contractor began filling the trench containing the new water main with concrete and placed the first layer of asphalt over the new concrete. They were able to complete approximately 200' of work, beginning on the north side of the project (where water main is actually in the roadway). The contractor also began repairing and replacing asphalt on the side streets where they had opened holes in the road surface to replace valves or locate other hardware because they had to wait 4-5 hours for the concrete to dry so they have had time to work on the side street projects.

Manager Gruesbeck stated the State is not releasing funds until late June or early July. Therefore bidding out the project will not be earlier than July.

PROJECT: Improvements on 15/501 at Springdale Drive

Manager Gruesbeck said two (2) speed tables were constructed on April 11, 2013. He said you might recall that the Springdale speed tables were designed and built according to Town of Chapel Hill specifications, as requested. They are looking at making the speed tables 1 ½ bigger than they are now. They are looking at funding to make sure the money is available. They might consider placing a third speed table and additional cautionary (e.g., “Children Playing”) signage to ensure safe speeds on Springdale before we ultimately open access to Fox Chapel Lane in June.

Manager Gruesbeck said Ms. Smith will come back to give an update on the project at the next meeting.

PROJECT: Chief of Police – Hiring Process

Manager Gruesbeck stated he is in discussion with a candidate by the name of Percy Crutchfield. He said right now they are talking about some of the basics. His appointment would be subject to his acceptance of those terms as well as completion of the psychiatric exam and the background checks that are on going right now.

Manager Gruesbeck stated the Lt. McCollough resigned her position as Lt., effective today. He said what they are looking at doing is accepting letters of interest internally for that position. They will be accepting them until noon on Friday. Manager Gruesbeck said he and Interim Chief Collins will be looking them over and interviewing candidates for the Lt. position early next week.

He stated Lt. McCollough will be moving to Indiana to be closer to her husband’s family.

PROJECT: 15/501 Speed Study

Manager Gruesbeck said he has requested a Speed Study from NCDOT for the stretch of 15/501 from Northwood High School to an area just south of the traffic light in front of the Lowes/Powell Place developments. Our contacts at NCDOT indicate that they can complete a report within 30 to 45 days. Once he has their findings he will bring it to the board for review.

PROJECT: Planning / Engineering Space

Manager Gruesbeck stated the Internet is installed. Furniture should be arriving during the week of April 22. The cleaning contract will be modified to include the new facility in the scope of services. The parking lot will need TO be slightly modified to accommodate staff and public parking, subject to property owner approval.

OTHER NEWS:

- The Town Hall hosted a Chatham County Citizens College session on April 18, 2013. Charlie Horne, Chatham County Administrator, Bryan Thompson, Siler City, Town Manager and himself answered various questions from program participants.

- He attended the ribbon cutting for the new Bella Donna restaurant on April 17, 2013. There were many people at the event. He said even though they didn't get Rural Center funding they pulled out all the stops to get it completed.

Mayor Voller said it was a tremendous event with the opening of the courthouse. If the board agrees he thinks it would be nice if we sent a letter to the County about the great event we had with the reopening of the courthouse and each Commissioner could sign it. The board agreed it would be a good idea.

Commissioner Fiocco said to Manager Gruesbeck that he had mentioned they are going to be re-patching the side streets this evening – Lindsey, Midway and Launis. He said he can speak for the patching on Lindsey, he experiences it every day. His question is will they simply be re-excavating where the pipe has been laid, pouring the flowable fill and patching that trench or will they patch the entire disturbance they have done.

Manager Gruesbeck said it is his understanding they are going to dig out the trench, fill it with flowable fill concrete and it is his understanding they are going to be taking it out some from the trench itself to gain a smoother over ride. Commissioner Fiocco said he would say they have taken up about half the road, so if that patch extends to cover the entire area that has been destroyed that would be the job he would want them to do.

Commissioner Fiocco said he is hopeful they are doing that otherwise they have damaged the street beyond the scope of just putting in the water line.

Commissioner Fiocco said he would like to know where the project is financially, because we have had it happen in the past that we get close to the end of the project and all of a sudden change orders start coming in. We have argued in the past that that work was done six months ago (that additional service) and why wasn't the change order discussed at that time and the board said to not let that happen again because they won't find a sympathetic ear the next time.

Manager Gruesbeck said we will know more when we get a pay request on April 25, 2013.

Mayor Voller said we have to be clear that that is something we set forth in the past and we don't want to see 8 or 9 change orders come in the last two weeks of the project.

Mayor Voller said Commissioner Baldwin would like to go in closed session to discuss personnel matter and he would like to discuss a matter with the Town Attorney.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Commissioner Baldwin seconded by Commissioner Turner to go into closed session pursuant to GS 143-318-.11(a)(6) to consider a personnel matter and GS 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with the Attorney.

Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT

While the attendees were exiting the room Chief Griffin asked about approving the Fire Department Contract. The Board agreed it was their intentions that it was approved last meeting subject to the changes that were mentioned at that meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Baldwin to go out of closed session.

Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

REGULAR SESSION

COMMISSIONER CONCERNS

Commissioner Baldwin passed out information regarding Senate Bill 127 and House Bill 150 (S139) on some of the proposed changes in the legislature. She suggested that each Commissioner get in touch with our legislators. They are trying to move all power from the towns and counties. She stated there are more bills that will concern us and she will bring them to the next meeting.

Mayor Voller stated that Commissioner Baldwin is currently 1st Vice Chair at TJCOG. Commissioner Fiocco asked if that made him Alternate 1st Vice Chair and Commissioner Baldwin said yes.

Commissioner Turner asked what we can do after this. Mayor Voller said the Town can pass resolution against them. Commissioner Baldwin said she will bring the others to the next meeting so a resolution of opposition can be prepared.

Commissioner Farrell said he had asked Manager Gruesbeck what we were going to do about employee raises and he was going to talk with Mandy about it. He said he thought we were supposed to give a salary increase in January.

Manager Gruesbeck said he has followed up on it and there was not a salary increase budgeted. He thinks we were going to look at where the revenues were mid stream and it appears at first glance that property tax revenues for this past year were up a little bit. However, with that said, before the water increases not so much. Having said that we do have two months or so rate increases now that we are collecting and we may want to look and see how they are doing.

Manager Gruesbeck said he is still not real comfortable recommending a rate increase, but we can look at it.

Mayor Voller asked that he bring to the budget discussion how many users we have added since last fiscal year. He would like to discuss this issue at the budget sessions.

Commissioner Foley stated she would like for those that could to join the RetireNC Committee at the Senior Center on Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 1 PM when the Department of Commerce will come and give us our RetireNC designation.

Commissioner Foley said the conservation folks would like to start looking at ordinance and things like that even if they don't get funding. They just want to know if anyone had objections to them getting started.

Commissioner Baldwin said she doesn't have a problem with them doing it.

Commissioner Fiocco said he would like to know what the goal is and what we want to achieve.

Commissioner Foley said maybe that would be a start for them to meet with the board to determine what our goals are.

Commissioner Fiocco said with that in mind one of the things he would like is a unification of our ordinances. Right now we have five or six ordinances and they are scattered out and it could be more coherent if the regulations are combined in one document.

Mayor Voller said that is reasonable.

Commissioner Foley stated our Facebook page is taking off.

Commissioner Fiocco said he has two Main Street items and that progress has been made. Some benches have been put out and some façade grants have been approved.

1. Commissioner Fiocco has been contacted by a local antique dealer. Bob Mowery (the antique dealer) has been working with PBA trying to get an Antique Fair in Pittsboro and they didn't quite make the progress Mr. Mowery wanted to and so Mr. Mowery recently called him to see if the Town would get involved with this as a part of the Main Street Program.

Mr. Mowery said they want to have a fair in the fall. PBA has hired an event coordinator, Ira Planer is on board and wants to get involved. Commissioner Fiocco said he has met with Bob Mowery and Paul Horne to flush out how we might do this. One of the key features is advertising for this and the big show in Liberty is this weekend and the one in Cameron is in a couple weeks and both of those events is a great opportunity to get information out to the dealers.

Commissioner Fiocco said the idea is to do it the weekend of the street fair. They would do a Friday-Saturday Antiques Fair and they wanted it to be in close proximity. He wanted to know from the board if this is something they wanted to do.

Commissioner Foley said she thinks it would be great for the Town. Commissioner Baldwin mentioned the Fairgrounds as a possible location.

Commissioner Turner said she has read about the one in Liberty and it brings a lot of people.

Commissioner Foley said she is concerned about it being on the weekend of the street fair.

Commissioner Fiocco said they thought about that but one of the things they definitely need is a lot of traffic.

Commissioner Turner said we can start it on the day of the street fair and if it doesn't work we can look at another date.

Commissioner Fiocco said what they have talked about is we might need someone else representing the Main Street Program so he called Bill Terry today and he is willing to work on this. The Board agreed to move forward with this.

2. Commissioner Fiocco said last year he was talking about the idea of a Pocket Park downtown and the folks he was talking with have come back to him and they want to pick this up and run with it.

Mayor Voller asked what the location is. Commissioner Fiocco said it is next to the London House.

Commissioner Fiocco said his third concern has to do with the Mayor's role as NC Democrat Chair. He said a month or two ago there was some concern about his role in wearing both of those hats.

Commissioner Fiocco said he doesn't know but he would like to ask for confirmation. He thinks the Mayor missed our last meeting because he was doing a function for the Democratic Party as a function of his Chairmanship. Mayor Voller said yes, he did have to do a function, there was a scheduling conflict.

Commissioner Fiocco said his concern would be his priority must have been the Chairmanship with the Democratic Party.

Mayor Voller stated to Commissioner Fiocco that he had told him he would bring it up if it were an issue. Commissioner Fiocco said it was and he has brought it up because it was and is a concern of his.

Mayor Voller said point taken.
FYI -

1. Memo/Letter regarding Waste Industries FY 2013-2014 Price Increase
2. Courthouse Reopening Celebration Maps and Band Advertisement

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Fiocco seconded by Commissioner Foley to adjourn at 9:10 pm.
Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

Randolph Voller, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alice F. Lloyd, CMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk