

**Minutes
Board Meeting
Aberdeen Board of Commissioners**

March 9, 2009
Monday, 6:00 p.m.

Aberdeen Town Hall
Aberdeen, North Carolina

The Aberdeen Town Board met Monday, March 9, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. for their regular Board Meeting. Members present were Mayor Betsy Mofield and Commissioners Robbie Farrell, Pat Ann McMurray, Donna Shannon, Jim Thomas, and Walter Wright. Others in attendance were Town Manager Bill Zell, Planning Director Kathy Liles, Town Clerk Regina Rosy, Parks and Recreation Director Leigh Baggs, and Reporter for the Pilot, Laura Ebby. Planning Board members Elease Goodwin and Owen Gallagher were also in attendance for the meeting.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Betsy Mofield called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Application for Conditional Use Permit (Home Occupation) Case #2009254 submitted by Carolyn Smith to open a home daycare located at 108 Central Dr.

Mayor Mofield opened the public hearing for Conditional Use Permit Case #2009254 for Carolyn Smith to open a home daycare located at 108 Central Dr. for public comments and Board discussion.

Town Clerk Regina Rosy swore in Planning Director Liles. Planning Director Liles stated this is a request for a home daycare operation to care for eight children in her home which is located at 108 Central Dr. She stated the property is zoned R-20, as is all the surrounding property. Planning Director Liles read the findings of fact and the conditions. She stated she recommends the maximum number of children be five, an outside fenced area should be provided, operational hours of Monday – Friday from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., and no signage be allowed. The Planning Board recommends this item for approval with those conditions. Planning Director Liles also entered the staff report into the record.

Commissioner Thomas asked how Carolyn Smith could keep 8 children. Planning Director Liles stated the state recently changed their regulations and now allows for 5 preschoolers and 3 afterschoolers to be kept by one person. Planning Director Liles recommends the Board only approve for five children

because of the burden it can place on surrounding property owners. Planning Director Liles stated the state has removed the requirement for a fence but she believes a fence is needed, and the property owner has no problem with installing a fence.

With no public comments or Board discussion, Mayor Mofield closed the public hearing for Conditional Use Permit Case #2009254 for Carolyn Smith to open a home daycare located at 108 Central Dr.

2. Setting of the Agenda

Manager Zell stated an additional closed session needs to be held for the potential acquisition of property. A motion was made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner McMurray, to approve the setting of the agenda as amended. Motion unanimously carried.

3. Approval of the Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting on February 9, 2009, Regular Work Session on February 26, 2009, and Special Called Meeting on March 2, 2009.

Commissioner Farrell stated that on the minutes from February 26, 2009, Item 10 – Other Business, needed to be revised because CSX does not own the lines being referred to. Commissioner Farrell stated A&R owns those lines. A motion was made by Commissioner Shannon, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to approve the consent agenda as corrected. Motion unanimously carried.

4. Informal Discussion and Public Comment

Charlotte Gallagher, handed out a special report from the League of Women Voters that was titled “A Portrait of Poverty”. She stated this report displays the impact of poverty on children up to 18 years of age in Moore County, North Carolina. She stated the boys and girls club and the backpack pals are a great asset to the community. Mayor Mofield thanked Charlotte Gallagher for bringing this information to the Board.

Aaron Patelle, resident of Whispering Pines, was introduced by Mayor Mofield. Aaron told the Board he plans to put up directional signs on the walking trail at Aberdeen Lake for his eagle scout project. Aaron is from Troop 852 out of Carthage. The Board thanked Aaron for doing his eagle scout project in Aberdeen.

Manager Zell stated on March 24th the Moore County Chamber of Commerce will be hosting “State of the Economy” at the Pinehurst Members Club from 11:45 a.m.

– 1:30 p.m. He stated if any Board member is interested in attending to please let us know, and we can RSVP for them.

5. Financial Report

Manager Zell stated we have done a first this past month. He stated \$1,023,136.17 is the current year to date gain for the Town as of February 2009. He stated each of the departments have done a tremendous job at curbing their spending. He stated the current year to date gain for the Water/Sewer Fund is \$98,661.36.

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

a. Minimum Housing Violation – property located at 100 Bethune St.

Planning Director Liles stated this minimum housing violation has resulted in condemnation of the house. She stated the house is in shambles and the owners understand this results in placing a lien against their property. She stated she is asking the Board to adopt an ordinance so the Town can demolish this house. Commissioner Farrell questioned what the time table would be on demolishing this property. Planning Director Liles stated usually within 30 days the house will be demolished.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to adopt an ordinance to demolish the house located at 100 Bethune St. Motion unanimously carried.

b. Arbor Day Proclamation

Parks & Recreation Director Leigh Baggs stated that Aberdeen Elementary School will be coming on March 20th to Aberdeen Lake Park to plant a pink dogwood tree. She asked for the Board to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation so that she could read it at the Arbor Day Event on March 20th.

A motion was made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner McMurray, to approve the 2009 Arbor Day Proclamation. Motion unanimously carried.

c. Resolution for Stimulus Funding Package

Manager Zell stated this is the resolution the state wants us to approve in order to qualify for stimulus money. Manager Zell stated we have three sewer projects and one water project that are all “shovel ready” and the Town is hoping to receive some of the stimulus money for these projects.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shannon, seconded by Commissioner Farrell, to approve the resolution for stimulus funding package. Motion unanimously carried.

8. Other Business

Planning Director Liles stated the Town has drafted the bill for legislation action regarding the Midway annexation. Senator Harris Blake has agreed to sponsor this annexation. She stated we did meet the deadline and the legislation did go in.

9. Closed Session – Property Acquisition and Personnel

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Shannon, to go into Closed Session to discuss property acquisition and personnel.

10. Adjourn

The Board returned from Closed Session to Regular Session. With no action taken, a motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Regina M. Rosy, Town Clerk

Minutes were completed in
Draft form on March 10, 2009

Walter H. Wright, Presiding Commissioner

Minutes were approved
on April 13, 2009