

Minutes
Special Called Meeting
Aberdeen Board of Commissioners

July 10, 2009
Thursday, 3:00 p.m.

Aberdeen Town Hall
Aberdeen, North Carolina

The Aberdeen Town Board met on Thursday, July 10, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. for a Special Called Meeting. Members present were Mayor Elizabeth B. Mofield and Commissioners Robbie Farrell, Pat Ann McMurray, Donna Shannon, Jim Thomas, and Walter Wright. Others in attendance were Town Manager Bill Zell, Town Clerk Regina Rosy, Planning Director Kathy Liles, Parks & Recreation Director Leigh Baggs and Town Attorney T.C. Morphis.

The meeting was opened to closed session by Mayor Mofield and motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner McMurray to open closed session. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board had three major problems with the contract and conservation easement. They were the conservation agreement, Mrs. Sandrock wanting the Town to pay the 2009 taxes, and that Mrs. Sandrock doesn't want a caretaker on the property.

Mayor Mofield said that the caretaker is not a deal breaker for her. She felt there needed to be a caretaker for the property to keep crime and vandalism to a minimum and the Board felt it needed to be a single person or older couple no children.

Commissioner Thomas was more concerned with repairs to the property. Parks & Recreation Director Leigh Baggs has proposed a budget for repairs. Planning Director Kathy Liles says that the second structure needs immediate roof repair. Three other major repairs for the damn were to fix the spill way pipe, manage vegetation and manage varmints. Commissioner Thomas believes that the initial cost is going to be about \$77,000 to purchase. Commissioner Wright wanted to know if there are any other grants to help with proposed budget costs. Mayor Mofield wanted to know if there are oil tanks or propane tanks below ground. Town Attorney T.C. Morphis stated he does not believe there are any tanks underground.

The Board did not have a problem with paying the 2009 taxes because they felt that the Town would receive part of it back from their portion in taxes received from the County.

Commissioner Wright had questions about the Conservation Easement. Page 5 paragraph C of the Purchase Contract the word recoding needs to be changed to recording. Page 3 paragraph B of the Conservation Easement 12 parking spaces is questioned because if meetings were held then more spaces would be needed. Commissioner Wright wanted to know if these are created spaces or refinished spaces. Commissioner Wright suggested up to 20 parking spaces. Planning Director Kathy Liles suggested for 12 improved/paved and 8 unimproved/unpaved parking spaces. Mayor Mofield asked how the number for foot bridges and observation decks came about. Town Attorney T.C. Morphis said that Mrs. Sandrock wanted these to be the maximum number. Commissioner Wright asked about all the structures being kept. Commissioner Wright wanted to know the price to take down the

building with roof issues compared to fixing. Commissioner Wright questioned if Page 4 paragraph G and H of the Conservation Easement includes dredging to include lilies under the nuisance species. Town Attorney T.C Morphis said that any nuisance whether lilies, poison ivy, beavers, and such are all included in the nuisance management. Page 5 of the Conservation Easement has two paragraphs 3, with one to be taken out. Page 5 paragraph M of Conservation Easement needs to bring parking spaces up-to-date with up to 20 spaces.

The Board wanted to know how much property on Bethesda Road is part of the property. Planning Director Kathy Liles stated that between the green house and dam only and then the property follows the outline of pond. Also, the Board wanted to know what the property is currently zoned. Planning Director Kathy Liles stated that currently the property is zoned R-10. If wanted the property could be rezoned as R-A(8) in the future. Total cost of dam is not known because all damage is not known. Commissioner Wright wanted to know how soon an estimate could be obtained on the cost to fix the dam.

Commissioner Thomas stated he believes that the Town should move forward with this property. Commissioner McMurray believes this property is a win-win for the Town and citizens.

Motion made by Mayor Mofield to approve contract consideration pending the caretaker issue, changes in conservation portion of parking issues as amended, and to pay the taxes. Motion made by Commissioner Wright to approve contracts as amended, seconded by Commissioner Shannon. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Farrell to close this session of the Board of Commissioners. Motion unanimously carried.

With no further items for discussion or review, a motion was made by Commissioner Farrell, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to adjourn the Special Called Meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Regina M. Rosy, Town Clerk

Elizabeth B. Mofield, Mayor

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