



TOWN OF PRINCEVILLE
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes (Teleconference)
May 18, 2020 7:00PM
3003 North Main Street, Tarboro, NC 27886

Teleconference in the wake of the Governor's Executive Order 121 relating to COVID-19

§ 143-318.13(a). Electronic meetings; written ballots; acting by reference. (a) Electronic Meetings. – If a public body holds an official meeting by use of conference telephone or other electronic means, it shall provide a location and means whereby members of the public may listen to the meeting and the notice of the meeting required by this Article shall specify that location. A fee of up to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) may be charged each such listener to defray in part the cost of providing the necessary location and equipment.

Board Present: Mayor Bobbie Jones, Mayor Pro Tem Commissioner Linda Joyner, Commissioner Alvin Jones, Commissioner JoeRoam Myrick, Commissioner William Johnson

Staff Present: Town Manager Glenda Knight, Attorney Dana Jones (Call in), Town Clerk Natasha Barret and Public Works Director, Rydedrick Porter, Chief Antwan Brown

I. Call to Order and Roll Call (Silence Cell phones please. State the date for recording purposes)

II. Invocation by Mayor Pro Tem Linda Joyner

III. Pledge of Allegiance cited by all

IV. Public Comments: (Limited to 2 minutes. Read by Clerk)

- 1) Ed Bridgers requested an update on the traffic light. He asked for an update on the dyke. Mr. Bridgers wanted to know why there is so much money being spent on the senior center. The Mayor responded that the Town Manager will address these topics under her reports.

V. Announcement (Read by Mayor)

- 1) COVID-19 testing resources - Freedom Hill Clinic is currently testing new and current patients for COVID-19.
- 2) Census update- Mayor Bobbie Bobbie Jones said the percentage of Princeville response is low. He emphasized the importance of completing the census for funding that the Town needs. The Clerk Natasha Barrett said the percentage was at 37.6 percent as of May 18th. She said census signs were placed throughout the community at Freedom Hill, Johnson Store, the stoplight near Greenwood Blvd and at the Town Hall.

VI. Adjustment to Agenda (Approved 4-0)

- 1) Edgecombe County Disaster Recovery report added as #6 on Department reports
- 2) Floodgates added as E under Town Managers report
- 3) 88 Acres as number 4 in executive session
- 4) Matthewson house as number 5 in executive session
- 5) Executive session number 1 and 3 switched. Fire department switched to 1 and bankruptcy is 3.
- 6) Mt. Zion added to old business as number 1.
- 7) 2020 Princeville graduates added under new business as number 2.

VII. Presentations (Limited 5-10 minutes. Ask presenters to speak from podium)- None

VIII. Approval of the Agenda- (Approved 4-0)

A. Consent Agenda

- 1) April 20, 2020 Regular Meeting and Executive Session Meeting minutes
(Approved 4-0)

IX. Department Reports (See attachments)

- 1) Senior Center- Mayor Bobbie Jones spoke on the death rate of people 65 and older. He said we have to incorporate a way to get the seniors citizens moving and exercising in the senior citizens program.
- 2) Edgecombe County Sheriff Office
- 3) Princeville Volunteer Fire Department- Chief Antwan Brown said the volunteer fire department will advertise a program on their facebook page that promotes health. The program will start in July. Chief Brown reported that they are about to have part-time staff and are now 100% volunteer. He said in June citizens will be able to request smoke alarms from the volunteer fire department. Town Manager asked for a copy of the fire departments budget for the Town's records. Mayor

Pro Tem Linda Joyner asked if there were any opportunities for students at the volunteer fire department. Chief Brown replied yes, anyone that is welcome to come to the volunteer fire department. Mayor Pro Tem Linda Joyner told Chief Brown that OIC has a program that place youth in training in different areas and would like to collaborate with the volunteer fire department.

- 4) Public Works- Public Works Director said pictures of the flood gates were taken and Edgecombe County has removed one of the beaver dams. Town Manager reported that each household should have one garbage bin and one recycle bin. She explained that what has been happening is when a person moves, the neighbor will go over and get the trashcan. She said if the household has more, the Town is charged. Public Works Director informed the board that vegetation code violations have been sent out.

5) Finance Reports (Expenditure & Profit vs Actual)

- a. Expenditures

X. Town Managers Report:

1) Recovery projects

- a. Town Hall- Town Manager explained that the Town Hall recovery project is at a phase that a decision must be made on building material. She provided the Board with a sample of stucco material for the building. Motion to use the stucco material by Mayor Pro Tem Joyner, seconded by Commissioner Alvin Jones.

(Approved 4-0)

- b. Museum- Town Manger said the contractors are having some ongoing collaboration with SHPO and will receive an update from them next week

- c. 53 Acres- Town Manager said that there is ongoing research for funding opportunities by S&ME (Engineers overseeing projects by the County) and hoping to take advantage of COVID-19 funding.

- d. Senior Center- Town Manager said they have a lower bid and the next phase is for the Board to select the contractor guided by Oakley Collier recommendation. She explained the reason so much money is being spent on the Senior Center is because the old building will be demo and rebuilt in the same location.

- e. Flood gates- Town Manager announce that NCORR will issue the Town own SRA in amount of \$600,000. She asked the Town to approve moving forward with the agreement after Attorney Jones approval. She stated that this is another

project that the Town can add to its autonomy. Commissioner Myrick motioned to approve the agreement, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Joyner. **(Approved 4-0)**

- 2) Digital Board- Town Manager provided the Board with color samples for the digital board to vote on. Motion to keep the color of the digital board blue by Commissioner Linda Joyner, seconded by Commissioner Alvin Jones. **(Approved 4-0)**
- 3) AmeriCorps Update- Town Manager Glenda Knight informed the Board that AmeriCorps employee Kelsi Dew started with the Town on May 11th and is doing a great job.

XI. Attorney Report

- 1) Land acquisitions (88 acres, 431 Mutual, 52 Center Street, 507 Beasley Street)- Attorney Dana Jones said the funds have been transferred for the 88 acres to the settlement Attorney. She said the Town has closed on 431 Mutual. She said 52 Center Street and 507 Beasley have been deed to the Town because the company went bankrupt.
- 2) USDA 2018 1099 miscellaneous income reporting- Attorney Jones explained that the form indicates that Princeville Development received funding. The Mayor said that the only thing that crossed his mind is when a Dr Sampson came to start a nonprofit organization. The company was supposed to put a building. Further research will need to be done to find out if there is any historical background and if it was linked to the Town of Princeville.
- 3) Legislation appropriation grant fund- Attorney Jones address the Board to make sure they understand that the grant fund had provisions in the agreement. If the funding was not used by June 30, 2021, the Town will lose the funding.
- 4) Upcoming Planning Board meeting (festival ordinance and proposed fees)-Attorney Jones said the ordinance has been passed and it is still on the list and will go before planning committee.

XII. Old Business

- 1) The Mayor asked if the 650,000 could be used for Mt Zion. He asked the Town Manager could get with Kelsi Dew to put it on registration for grants.

XIII. New Business

- 1) Expansion of the cemetery- Town Manager informed the Board that the cemetery is privately owned by different individuals and a property owner would like to expand the cemetery into his property with cost associated. The Board agreed to table the expansion of the cemetery until further research is conducted.

XIV. Executive Session: Motion to go into executive session by Commissioner Linda Joyner; seconded by Commissioner JoeRoam Myrick **(Approved 4-0)**

- N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(4) To discuss relating to location or expansion of industries agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations or to discuss matters relating to military installation closure or realignment.
- *N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1)(6) To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of the Chapter 132 of the General Statutes*
 - 1) Bankruptcy notification- The Town received a bankruptcy notification for a citizen in the Town. The Town will follow the proper protocol.
 - 2) Personnel- Attorney Jones informed the Board that she has responded to the personnel as they advised on April 20 meeting.
 - 3) Fire Department-Chief Brown explain the plumbing issues and the progress on the work that has been done. He gave recommendations on what they need for the completion of the Job.
 - 4) 88 acres- Attorney Jones provided an update on the property from the seller.
 - 5) Mathewson House- Town Manager gave a recommendation on how to proceed with the purchase of the Matthewson House. Motioned by Mayor Pro Tem Joyner to collect items to preserve, seconded by Commissioner JoeRoam Myrick.

XV. Board Comments- Mayor Pro Tem commented that she appreciates the Board coming together. She expressed that preserving Princeville is important.

XVI. Adjournment at 9:10pm

Bobbie D. Joyner 06/22/2020
JoeRoam Myrick 6/22/2020

