

**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF PRINCEVILLE
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
DECEMBER 22, 2014**

Board Members Present: Mayor Bobbie D. Jones; Mayor Pro Tem Ann B. Howell;
Commissioner Pamela Ransome; Commissioner Gwendolyn Knight;
& Commissioner JoeRoam Myrick

Town Staff Present: Town Manager Byron Ellis
Town Attorney Benn Brewington III &
Town Clerk Tabatha Powell

Guests:

- I. Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Invocation was rendered by Commissioner JoeRoam Myrick.
- III. Pledge of allegiance was recited.
- IV. Announcements

V. **Public Comments:**

The following citizens made Comments:

- ❖ **Delia Perkins:** *(119 Neville Street, Princeville, NC)* had comments and concerns about the changes taking effect within the Town.

VI. **Adjustments to Agenda:**

Motion presented to move agenda item New Business(c) to New Business (a) and to move New Business (a) with New Business (c); Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Howell; seconded by Commissioner Myrick; approved by unanimous vote. **(4-0)**

VII. **Consent Agenda:**

Motion presented to approve the November 24, 2014 minutes with corrections made; Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Howell; seconded by Commissioner Ransome; approved by unanimous vote. **(4-0) (Attachment A)**

VIII. Old Business: *Proposed Amendments to the Princeville Code of Ordinances Regarding destructive animals.*

Motion presented to adopt the proposed amendments to the Princeville Code of Ordinances regarding destructive animals; Motion by Commissioner Myrick: seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howell; approved by unanimous vote. **(4-0)**

IX. Public Hearing: *Public Hearing Regarding Rezoning*

Motions presented to open Public Hearing regarding Rezoning; Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Howell; seconded by Commissioner Myrick; approved by unanimous vote. **(4-0)**

Public Comments:

- ❖ **Delia Perkins:** *(119 Neville Street)* – Had comments and concerns about the reason for the rezoning change.

Motions presented to close the Public Hearing regarding rezoning; Motion by Commissioner Knight; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howell; approved by unanimous vote. **(4-0)**

X. New Business:

- A)** Motions presented to authorize the Town Manager and Town Attorney to move forward with a contract to transfer ownership of the Princeville water/sewer system to Edgecombe County. Motion by Commissioner Myrick; seconded by Commissioner Ransome; approved by 3-1 vote with Commissioner Knight voting “nay”. **(3-1) (Attachment F)**
Commissioner Knight went on record stating this may be a great idea only if the citizens aren’t charged extra taxes and fees.
- B)** Motions presented to donate the remaining LE Equipment to the Princeville Volunteer Fire Department. Motion by Commissioner Knight; seconded by Commissioner Myrick; approved by unanimous vote. **(4-0) (Attachment E)**
- C)** Motions presented to adopt the proposed employee handbook as-presented: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Howell; seconded by Commissioner Ransome; approved by unanimous vote. **(4-0) (Attachment D)**
- D)** Motions presented to designate \$3,000 from the events budget for the 130th Birthday Celebration: Vote was as follows: Commissioner Howell voted “**nay**”: Commissioner Ransome voted “**yay**”: Commissioner Myrick voted “**yay**”: Commissioner Knight voted “**nay**” (2-2) Mayor Jones voted “**yay**” breaking the tie; the motion was approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Howell went on record stating that she was opposed to expenditure because the money was not being used for the benefit of the Town, there's no positive knowledge of how the money will be spent.

- E) Motions presented to attend the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Commemorative Banquet with the purchase of a table for the BOC priced at \$250.00; Motion by Commissioner Knight; seconded by Commissioner Myrick; approved by unanimous vote. **(4-0)**
- F) Motions presented to approve funding for three streetlights on Lowe's Court, Princeville, NC: Motion by Commissioner Knight; seconded by Commissioner Myrick; approved by unanimous vote. **(4-0)**

XI. Town Manager's Report:

Report available in: *Minute Book 2013-2014, Manager Reports-December.*
(Attachment G)

XII. Town Attorney Report:

❖ No Report

XIII. Law Enforcement Report:

❖ No Report

XIV. Princeville Volunteer Fire Department Report:

Chief James Powell reported and commented on:

- ❖ Activities for the month of November
- ❖ Brief summary of business plan for future location

XV. Senior Center Report:

❖ No Report

XVI. General Concerns of the Board:

Commissioner Knight: Thanked everyone for attending; wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Stated November 2015 would be her last month on the Board.

Mayor Pro Tem Howell: Thanked everyone for attending; wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Made comments about the changes in the Town.

Commissioner Ransome: Thanked everyone for attending; wished everyone a Merry Christmas

Commissioner Myrick: Thanked everyone for attending; wished everyone a Merry Christmas

Mayor Jones: Thanked everyone for attending; made comments about upcoming events. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

XVII. Adjournment:

Motions presented to adjourn meeting: Motion by Commissioner Ransome; seconded by Commissioner Knight; approved by unanimous vote. **(4-0)**

Adjourned

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Bobbie D. Jones
Mayor

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Tabatha A. Powell
Town Clerk