MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING TOWN OF PRINCEVILLE TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM May 25, 2015

Board Members Present: Mayor Bobbie D. Jones; Mayor Pro Tem Ann B. Howell;

Commissioner Gwendolyn Knight; Commissioner JoeRoam Myrick;

Commissioner Pamela Ransome

Town Staff Present: Town Manager Byron Ellis

Town Clerk Calvin Adkins

I. Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

- II. Invocation was rendered by Former Commissioner Calvin Sherrod
- III. Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance
- **IV.** Announcements read by Mayor Bobbie Jones

V. Public Comments:

James "Ed" Bridgers : Concerned about speeding on Otis Avenue. He asked the town to place stop signs and speed limit signs along the highway.

Linda Worsley: Said the citizens do not feel safe since Edgecombe County took over the law enforcement duties. She asked the board to consider bringing the police department back with the 2015-2016 budget.

- VI. <u>Adjustments to Agenda:</u> Mayor Jones asked to add the discussion on the Drum Major Academy to the agenda. The issue failed due to a lack of a motion. Commissioner Gwendolyn Knight made a motion to add discussions on the facility at Heritage Park to the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Ann Howell; motion passed (4-0)
- VII. <u>Consent Agenda:</u> Commissioner Howell made the motion to accept the consent agenda; Commissioner Knight second; motion passed (4-0)
- VIII. Public Hearing Zoning Map Amendment: Motion made to open a public hearing to discuss changing parcels 474825703000, 47825807800, 478244882400, 474835012200 and 4748351260000 located on U.S. Highway 258 North in the town's extra-territorial jurisdiction, from R-1 to Commercial. Commissioner Howell made the motion; Commissioner Pamela Ransome second; (passed 4-0)

- Commissioner Knight made a motion to close the Public Hearing; Commissioner Ransome second; motion passed (4-0).
- IX. Zoning Map Amendment Motion made to amend zoning map to change parcels 474825703000, 47825807800, 478244882400, 474835012200 and 4748351260000 located on U.S. Highway 258 North from R-1 to Commercial. Commissioner Knight made the motion; Commissioner Howell second; motion passed (4-0).
- X. Zoning Map and Table of Permitted Uses Amendments The planning board recommended adding doublewide manufactured homes as an allowable use in zoning districts R-1. Issue failed to render a motion. Commissioner JoeRoam Myrick asked to table the issue. Commissioner Brown agreed.
- XI. <u>Disposition of Surplus Property</u> The town owns an old Baldwin Organ and an old refrigerator. Neither appear to be operable and are of no value to the town. Motion was made to dispose of the refrigerator. Commissioner Howell made the motion; Commissioner Myrick second; motion passed (4-0). Commissioner Howell asked the town to keep the Baldwin Organ until the donor is contacted.
- XII. Town Manager Report

Report available in Minute Book 2014-2015, Manager Reports - April 2015

Mayor Jones said Princeville joining the HBTS Alliance will assist the town with economic development opportunities and historic tourism. He suggested that Princeville sponsor an event and invite the members of the alliance to town.

- XIII. <u>Adjustment Agenda Item; Heritage Park Building</u> Commissioner Knight said the building is in dilapidated conditions and could lead to liability issues. She said the town should discontinue renting the building until it is repaired. Commissioner Howell made the motion; Commissioner Knight second; motion passed (4-0)
- XIV. Town Attorney Report:
 - ❖ No Report
- XV. <u>Law Enforcement Report:</u>
 - **❖** No Report
- XVI. Princeville Volunteer Fire Department Report:
 - * Report Submitted by Chief
- **XVII.** Senior Center Report:
 - * Reported and commented on monthly activities.
- **XVIII.** General Concerns of the Board:

Commissioner Knight: "We can't seem to get Sheriff Knight to a meeting. I feel like for \$200,000 we should be getting more than what we are getting. I'm very disappointed with the services we are getting from the county."

Commissioner Howell: "This board is on the same page

Commissioner Ransome: "I'm looking forward to getting the Police Department back." **Commissioner Myrick:** Said they hear the questions and concerns of the citizens. "We look forward to try to make some of those things happen.

Mayor Jones: No Comment.

XIX. Adjournment:

Motion presented to adjourn meeting by Commissioner Howell; seconded by Commissioner Knight; approved by 4-0 vote

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

