

TOWN OF COATS

Board of Commissioners  
March 8, 2012  
7:00 p.m.

**OFFICAL MINUTES**

**I. ABSTRACT:**

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on March 8, 2012 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room at Coats Town Hall.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Walter Weeks, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Linda Robinson, Commissioner J. C. Allen, Commissioner Don Pleasant and Commissioner Jerry Beasley were in attendance.

Commissioner Allen Mosby was absent.

Attorney Al Bain was present.

**III. CALL TO ORDER:**

A quorum being present, Mayor Weeks called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Jerry Beasley delivered the invocation and Mayor Weeks lead those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Change made to Agenda, move item V.A.- Consider a Proclamation Declaring March 11-17 as Girl Scout Week to follow item II.C.

**Resolution No. CR53-371**

RESOLVED, to approve Agenda with change to move V.A.- Consider a Proclamation Declaring March 11-17 as Girl Scout Week to follow item II.C.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DON PLEASANT: SECOND BY MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON.**

**APPROVED, AYES (4) MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON,  
COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, BEASLEY AND PLEASANT  
NOES (0)**

**IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Resolution No. CR53-372**

RESOLVED, to approve Item II.A-Minutes, II.B-Attorney Bill, II.C- Financial Statement.

**MOTION BY PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JERRY BEASLEY.**

**APPROVED, AYES (4) MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, BEASLEY AND PLEASANT NOES (0)**

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Consider a Proclamation Declaring March 11-17 as Girl Scout Week**

Town Manager Kenny Cole presented the Board a Proclamation Declaring March 11-17 as Girl Scout Week. March 12, 2012 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the USA.

**Resolution No. CR53-373**

RESOLVED, to declare March 11-17 as Girl Scout Week.

**MOTION BY PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JERRY BEASLEY.**

**APPROVED, AYES (4) MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, BEASLEY AND PLEASANT NOES (0)**

Mayor Weeks read the Proclamation and the Board congratulated the Girl Scouts that were present.

**VI. MANAGER & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Town Manager Kenny Cole updated the Board on:

- A. The Town of Coats Tree Ordinance. The Planning Board tabled any action concerning the Tree Ordinance until April's meeting.
- B. Codification Project: American Legal Publishing has agreed to make all corrections that were their mistakes.
- C. Zoning Ordinances on the Town Website: Has been sent to Harnett County IT.
- D. Town Safety Policy: All staff participating in monthly meetings and will begin viewing safety videos.
- E. Department Updates:

- a. Police Chief Jeremy Hall updated the Board of recent conference with GHSP and received updates on laws. Chief Hall reported 60 citations, 5 arrest warrants, 6 other arrest with person's failure to go to court, 4 MVA.
- b. Librarian Rebecca DallaMura gave update on activities at the Library and pleased with the participation.
- c. Recreation Director Mike Collins updated the Board on 13 Ball Teams for spring sign up, 5 nights a week activity scheduled and the excitement with Coats hosting the District games. Mr. Collins also informed the Board that background checks are being processed on all volunteers that are involved with the children.

Town Manager Kenny Cole reported on the Harnett Local Government meeting and informed the Board that Coats will be hosting the quarterly meeting. Mr. Cole also reminded the Board to turn in their forms from the Budget work session.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS:**

### **A. Appointments to Committees**

Town Manager Kenny Cole presented the Board with two (2) applicants for the Recreation Committee. Jay Smith, 1215 Carson Gregory Road, Angier and William Barefoot, 3606 Hwy. E., Coats.

#### **Resolution No. CR53-374**

RESOLVED, to appoint Jay Smith and William Barefoot to serve a one year appointment on the Recreation Committee.

**MOTION BY PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JERRY BEASLEY.**

**APPROVED, AYES (4) MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, BEASLEY AND PLEASANT NOES (0)**

Mayor weeks asked for clarification from Attorney Al Bain concerning Commissioners serving on other committees and Mr. Bain stated that there is a State Statute that the Board can appointment one of the Board members to serve on committees as part of their duties.

Commissioner J.C. Allen volunteered last month to serve on the Recreation Committee and reconfirmed his willing to serve.

#### **Resolution No. CR53-375**

RESOLVED, to appoint Commissioner J.C. Allen to serve a one year appointment on the Recreation Committee.

**MOTION BY PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DON PLEASANT.**

APPROVED, AYES (4) MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON,  
COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, BEASLEY AND PLEASANT  
NOES (0)

B. Discussion of Cemetery Committee

Town Manager Kenny Cole requested the Board to allow the staff to research previous minutes pertinent to the Cemetery Commission and appoint the Manager and Department Heads to act on the behalf of the Cemetery Commission until the matter to dissolve the Commission has been resolved.

**Resolution No. CR53-376**

RESOLVED, to authorize the Town Manager and Department Heads to serve on the Cemetery Commission until the Resolution to dissolve has been resolved.

**MOTION BY PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON: SECOND BY  
COMMISSIONER JERRY BEASLEY.**

Commissioner Beasley questioned about the people that are presently serving on this Commission and if we are taking them off the Commission. Town Manager Kenny Cole responded that he has spoken with the members and that they understand what the Town is working toward.

APPROVED, AYES (4) MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON,  
COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, BEASLEY AND PLEASANT  
NOES (0)

C. Consider Setting a Public Hearing for April 12, 2012 to amend the Town Ordinances to include Cross Connection Control.

Kenny Cole requested that the Board revise Public Hearing date to amend the Town Code of Ordinances to include Cross Connection Control to April 12, 2012 due to the time period between Board meetings and the requirements of advertising.

**Resolution No. CR53-377**

RESOLVED, to revise Public Hearing date to amend the Town Code of Ordinances to include Cross Connection Control to April 12, 2012.

**MOTION BY PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON: SECOND BY  
COMMISSIONER JERRY BEASLEY.**

APPROVED, AYES (4) MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON,  
COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, BEASLEY AND PLEASANT  
NOES (0)

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

B. Consider Naming the Town Library

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Linda Robinson shared her recommendation to consider renaming the Coats Library to Mark Parrish Memorial Library.

Commissioner Jerry Beasley agreed with Mayor Pro-Tem however would like to wait until after budget process to know more on the future of the Library.

Commissioner Don Pleasant agreed with waiting until after the budget process.

Mayor Weeks wanted to make clear that we were not saying that we were closing the Library.

**Resolution No. CR53-378**

RESOLVED, to table naming of the Library until after the completion of the 2012-2013 budget.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JERRY BEASLEY: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DON PLEASANT.**

Town Manager Kenny Cole confirmed that it takes a couple of months to go through the process of taking names in writing and taking nominations.

Mayor Weeks asked that the process of taking names be put into motion which would allow the Board to act on after the budget process has been completed.

**APPROVED, AYES (4) MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON,  
COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, BEASLEY AND PLEASANT  
NOES (0)**

C. Request for NCDOT to conduct a traffic study along Hwy 27W

Town Manager Kenny Cole presented the Board with a letter to NCDOT requesting a study for a caution light for NC Hwy 27 W. Due to the visual impairments in relation to the various intersections, Mr. Cole asked for the approval to contact NCDOT.

**Resolution No. CR53-379**

RESOLVED, to approve letter to be sent to NCDOT in reference to the study of NC Hwy 27 W.

**MOTION BY PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON: SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JERRY BEASLEY.**

**APPROVED, AYES (4) MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON,  
COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, BEASLEY AND PLEASANT  
NOES (0)**

**IX. PUBLIC FORUM:**

Mayor Weeks opened the floor for Public comments.

Robert Trogdon, 606 N. Orange Street, Coats, NC addressed the Board concerning cutting the trees in Town. Mr. Trogdon suggested having a plaque placed in the Library to help raise funds to help with the expense of the Library.

Mayor Weeks closed the Public Forum.

**X. ADJOURN:**

**Resolution No. CR53-380**

RESOLVED. to adjourn meeting.

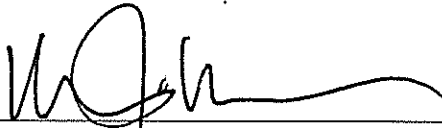
**MOTION BY PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON: SECOND BY  
COMMISSIONER JERRY BEASLEY.**

**APPROVED, AYES (4) MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON,  
COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, BEASLEY AND PLEASANT  
NOES (0)**

Mayor Weeks called meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Karen Wooten, Town Clerk

  
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Walter Weeks, Mayor