

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION
APRIL 29, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.
WEDDINGTON TOWN HALL
1924 WEDDINGTON ROAD WEDDINGTON, NC 28104
AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Determination of Quorum
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Discussion and Possible Consideration of Resolution R-2024-03 A Resolution in Opposition to HB5 To Remove Certain Described Property from the Corporate Limits of The Town of Summerfield
5. Discussion of Park Amenities
6. Adjournment



The Weddington Town Council recognizes that the State of North Carolina has oversight over all municipalities and respects the limitations and requirements established by state statutes. We are grateful to the state legislators for their dedication and desire to address the state-wide housing issues, however we believe that local decisions, particularly those impacting community planning and zoning, are best made by local governments who are guided by the needs and desires of their residents.

The legislation proposed in HB5 is of great concern to the Town of Weddington and many other municipalities in North Carolina. The provision within this legislation that proposes deannexation of specific property within the Town of Summerfield will severely diminish and possibly eliminate the ability of local government to determine what is best for its community. Public input or involvement in the decision-making process will be eradicated. This bill would undermine the regulations that local municipalities have in place to create and maintain the type of town that voters, residents, and visitors enjoy and desire.

The Weddington Town Council was elected by the citizens to protect and preserve the quality of life in our town. On behalf of the citizens of Weddington, we implore you to use restraint when exercising legislative de-annexations from becoming law and urge cooperation in working with cities and towns statewide to find better ways to advance housing opportunities. Addressing the various issues facing our state and residents should be a partnership between state legislators and local officials creating a collaborative approach to moving our communities forward.

Respectfully,

The Weddington Town Council
Jim Bell, Mayor
Tom Smith, Mayor Pro Tem
Brannon Howie, Councilmember
Jeff Perryman, Councilmember
Darcey Ladner, Councilmember



TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO HB5
TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD
R-2024-03

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly will be considering House Bill 5, which provides for the de-annexation of certain described property from the corporate limits of the Town of Summerfield; and

WHEREAS, provisions within this legislation would be contrary to the will of the vast majority of Summerfield's residents and would severely diminish or even eliminate the ability of local government to determine what is best for its community or even allow community input or involvement in the decision-making process; and

WHEREAS, the proposed de-annexation of this property would usurp the Town's ability to preserve its history and threaten the Town's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, if the North Carolina General Assembly were to follow through on the proposed de-annexation of the property within the Town of Summerfield it would set a harmful precedent diminishing the role of local government granted by the Constitution of the State of North Carolina and would be contrary to democratic principles and to the notion that land use decision should be local and not dictated by the State; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Weddington Town Council is opposed to the proposed de-annexation of certain described property from the Town of Summerfield; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Weddington Town Council urges the General Assembly to use restraint in exercising legislative de-annexations, so that they are rare, limited in scope, and do not overrule local zoning decisions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Weddington Town Council stands with the Town of Summerfield and seeks to uphold the rights of all municipalities in North Carolina to self-determination within the parameters established by state statutes.

Adopted this the 29th day of April 2024.

Jim Bell, Mayor

Attest:

Karen Dewey, Town Administrator/Clerk