

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
PLANNING BOARD RETREAT
MARCH 5, 2010 – 12:00 P.M.
MARCH 6, 2010 – 9:00 A.M.
MINUTES**

The Town Council and Planning Board of the Town of Weddington, North Carolina, met in a Special Worksession at the Firethorne Country Club, 1108 Firethorne Club Drive, Marvin, NC 28173 on March 5 and 6, 2010, with Mayor Nancy D. Anderson presiding.

Present: Mayor Nancy D. Anderson, Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Barry, Councilmembers Werner Thomisser, Robert Gilmartin and Jerry McKee, Planning Board Chairman Dorine Sharp, Planning Board Vice-Chairman Rob Dow, Planning Board Members Jack Steele (Not Present on Saturday) and Scott Buzzard, Town Attorney Anthony Fox, Finance Officer Leslie Gaylord, Town Planner Jordan Cook and Town Administrator/Clerk Amy S. McCollum.

Absent: None

Visitors: Anthony Burman (Friday), Leonard Wheeler and Lisa Cool

Item No. 1. Open the Meeting. Mayor Nancy D. Anderson and Planning Board Chairman Dorine Sharp called the March 5, 2010 Special Town Council Meeting/Planning Board Retreat to order at 12:57 p.m. There was a quorum. Mayor Anderson thanked everyone for coming and introduced Mr. Leonard Wheeler and Ms. Lisa Cool who would be leading the retreat.

Item No. 2. Relationship Building and Board Communication. Mr. Wheeler and Ms. Cool provided the group with information regarding their backgrounds and discussed ground rules for the retreat. The group received a notebook of background information regarding different topics on the agenda. Mr. Wheeler and Ms. Cool led in a Workshop entitled “Maximizing Board Effectiveness”.

Item No. 3. Meet and Greet Reception. From 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., the Town Council hosted a Meet and Greet reception for the citizens of Weddington.

Item No. 4. Continuation. Mayor Anderson and Planning Board Chairman Sharp continued the meeting until Saturday, March 6, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Item No. 5. Reopen the Meeting. Mayor Anderson and Planning Board Chairman Sharp reopened the Special Town Council Meeting/Planning Board Retreat at 9:07 a.m. on Saturday, March 6, 2010. There was not a quorum of the Planning Board.

Item No. 6. Continuation of Relationship Building and Board Communication. Mr. Wheeler reviewed the results of the Leadership Profiles that were taken by everyone in attendance.

Item No. 7. Establishing Key Objectives for 2010 – 2012 and Map Out a Strategy to Accomplish These Objectives. The group listed the following items that were of interest to them: Schools, Traffic, Library, Water and Sewer, Open Space/Scenic Views, Farmland Preservation, Town Center and Keeping a Low Tax Rate.

After much discussion, the group came up with the following strategies for 2010-2012:

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2010-2012	CONTACT PERSON(S)	COMPLETION DATE
Planning Board to review Section 46-76 (l) of the Subdivision Ordinance regarding Connection to Public Water Lines. Planning Board to revise text to allow wells if County water is not available and to consider requiring developers to put in infrastructure to be used when water from the County becomes available.	Planning Board Jordan Cook	May Town Council Meeting
Leadership of Weddington should be involved with community schools. Consider initiating NFL – Play 60 in the Weddington Schools.	Nancy Anderson Robert Gilmartin Leonard Wheeler	
Union County Fire Study	Nancy Anderson Jerry McKee	
Maintain active relationship with NCDOT and Union County Agencies	Nancy Anderson Daniel Barry	
Downtown Core Transportation	Nancy Anderson Werner Thomisser Robert Gilmartin Jordan Cook	
Empower Planning Board to look at the Town Center Property including surrounding properties to make a recommendation regarding the Future Land Use Map	Planning Board Jordan Cook	April Meeting of the Planning Board
Look at Properties at New Town Road for Involuntary Annexation	Amy McCollum COG	April Town Council Meeting
Planning Board to review rezoning to Mixed-Use of the proposed involuntary annexation area	Planning Board Jordan Cook	
Come up with Green Space Concepts and consider Farmers Market Concept	Daniel Barry Scott Buzzard	May Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Tree Ordinance Research on Low Impact Logging Ordinance and how to protect Heritage Trees	Nancy Anderson Jordan Cook	
Receive quotes on Portable Wireless Sound System, Projector, and Town Council Laptops	Jerry McKee Amy McCollum	

The following items were also discussed:

- Does the Town want to allow more office space for physicians or allow expansion for current doctors?
- Mayor Anderson discussed the option of paid development rights.
- Councilmember McKee expressed his wishes for another Town Survey to be sent out to include Plan E which was developed by HadenStanziale.
- Update on the Relocation of Highway 84/Rea Road Extension and other traffic issues within the Town.
- The Council advised that they did not want to pursue an Invocation Policy at this time.

Item No. 8. Adjournment. Mayor Pro Tem Barry moved to adjourn the Town Council/Planning Board Retreat. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Thomisser, Gilmartin, McKee and Mayor Pro Tem Barry

NAYS: None

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Nancy D. Anderson, Mayor

Amy S. McCollum, Town Clerk