

April 18, 2018
7:00 p.m.

The Town of Pink Hill held its monthly board meeting on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the town hall board room. Present for the meeting were Mayor Sykes, Commissioners Mike Hill, James Quinn, and Penny Murphy, Town Attorney George Jenkins, Public Works Director Timmy Kennedy, Police Chief Joey Thigpen, and Town Clerk Kimberly Mitchell. Fire Chief Tony Heath was not present.

Visitors present for the meeting were Trina Patrick, Luther Ledford, Robin Gilbert, Elizabeth Maxwell, Sue Hamilton, Jamie Kendall, Jessica Kendall, Andy Bailey-Senior Transportation Engineer with NCDOT, Wayland Humphrey-Zoning Administrator, Chris York- Eastern Carolina Rural Transportation Planning Organization, Jennifer Murphy, Ashley Keffer, Debbie Outlaw, and Jennifer Scott.

Mayor Sykes called the regular meeting to order and welcomed everyone who was here tonight. She said if you would please turn off your cellphones. Mayor Sykes asked Commissioner Hill to lead everyone in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Everyone stood and said the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Sykes said I need a motion to approve the agenda and amendments if needed. Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Sykes said do I have a seconded? Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said any discussion, if not, all in favor say "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Sykes said I need a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve the consent agenda with board minutes from March 13, 2018. Mayor Sykes said do I have a seconded? Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said any discussion, if not, all in favor say "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was Board Decision on Rezoning 2.0 Acres of Maxwell Family Trust Property from R-10 (Residential) to HC (Highway Commercial). Commissioner Hill said I make a motion to approve the 2 acres with Maxwell Family Trust Property from R-10 (Residential) to HC (Highway Commercial). Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said I have a motion and a seconded is there any discussion, if not, all in favor say "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Lenoir County Comprehensive Transportation Plan Presentation with Chris York and Patrick Flanagan. Chris York said thank you ma'am and introduced himself and said he works with Eastern Carolina Rural Transportation Planning Organization. He said this is actually Andy Bailey with the Department of Transportation. Patrick is down in Morehead City and unable to be here tonight. Chris said but thank you for the time and giving us some time on the agenda. We are here to discuss the Lenoir County Comprehensive Transportation Plan referred to as the CTP. Specifically the discussion will center around the recommendations that have been arrived at through the work up to this point which has been ongoing for over a year. Before we get started though I just want to say and encourage each of you as you are out and about in the public to promote some public meetings that we are going to be having, three public workshops in Lenoir County. One is going to be in LaGrange and two are in Kinston at the Livestock Arena and then at the Woodmen Center.

There is information on the town website that will direct you to all these materials which you have here: the maps and presentation and the recommendations list. There is also a poster that has on it internet website, our website where you can leave public comments. So if you can and you are out and about promote that whether through social media or just talking to people right here in the community. It would be really great because with a plan like this it is important that we get as much public comment as possible. This plan has been a long term arising 30 years. So you are looking at 2040's, somewhere in that ballpark, 2045. So the outcome of this work as planned as we go through the Department of Transportation process of selecting projects that would get funded ultimately will have an impact on people's lives for a considerable amount of time. But if you could please do that and Andy is going to do the presentation on the recommendations. He is a Senior Transportation Engineer with the Department of Transportation and I think he does a pretty good job, so I will sit down. Mayor Sykes said thank you.

Andy Bailey said thank you for having me tonight. I was going to do this with this thing or whatever but you know what it is going to be better to read it off the paper here. You have got in front of you about three packets of information. You have got the presentation itself. You have got a very long list of plans and plan recommendations and you have got some maps. I am going to try to weed through these specific to Pink Hill as much as I can. If you have any questions beyond the Pink Hill area, just let me know. So where are we in the process is the second slide. So back about a year and a half ago Lenoir County established a steering committee made up of county officials, stake holders, and such. And Wayland is a great instrumental part of that and I have been very thankful for his help on that and also giving the voice of the southern Lenoir Pink Hill park community as part of that. So through that steering committee we developed a vision about what we want in the county including Pink Hill and what we don't want and things like that. The county itself last year collected and predicted and predicted data into the future population and household data for the county. The Lenoir County Commissioner's endorsed that last year. So then based upon that growth that is going to happen, we analyze whether some of the transportation problems that are happening now versus what is going to happen in the future and we develop alternatives and we recommend a plan. Within what you have there in that packet there is quite a bit of detailed information about when to go on Page 3 with presentation. Kind of what a price in and around here so that is the biggest thing we would focus on tonight. The first thing I wanted to mention deals with the highway recommendations. So I am sure pretty much all of you are aware of the fact that there has been studies on a potential bypass of Pink Hill. There are a few other reasons including the fact that NC 11 is not quite as important corridor as it once was to the department as well as of course the desire of Pink Hill itself and the fact that there is really no projected need for the traffic projections in the future. There is no recommended bypass on this plan. So that is something that we are not recommending to do. However, as Wayland had indicated earlier, we are planning to have the idea of widening the road to a three lane section so that you will have a lot of turnoffs basically going between up near the Food Lion and down near the Duplin County line. And so it is basically to allow traffic to move off into the center section, make a turn, and keep the traffic moving through the town. The other small recommendation that we had widening NC 241 basically from the town limits itself toward the county line, widening that to a 12 foot lane section just for safety reasons and also some of the other traffic reasons.

Mr. Bailey said public transportation and rail I will say that for here there is a little bit of desire. If we need to work carpool, well sort of kind of we had an idea of cleaning that parking lot sort of near the Food Lion or maybe at the Food Lion location and it is just one of those things where when people can get together and they are commuting to Kinston or some other work location, they can park their car and go about doing that. A couple of other things, a couple of bike routes that do come through town here, Route #43 and #45. Really it is just to signify the fact that they are here, a little bit more signage potentially, and just some warnings that people like to know that bicycles do indeed share the road. There might be some especially with widening NC 11 we might be able to put some bike lanes in there just to give some safety for that.

Mr. Bailey said pedestrian accommodations, again with NC 11 widening that road adding the idea of having sidewalks up and down that road so people can walk from their houses to those places like the Dollar General, Family Dollar, your doctors and lawyers and whatnot throughout town. As well as Central Avenue itself to get down here to Town Hall from the main road. So Page 4 I'm doing the presentation for LaGrange, Lenoir County, Kinston, y'all and then I will be doing it for the RPO tomorrow morning which will also be in LaGrange. And then between April 23rd and May 25th we will have a public comment period. If anybody has any questions, comments, or concerns about these plans, then they can come and leave those with the RPO, leave those on our website, as well as of course the three public meetings that Chris had mentioned. One of which is the Live Stock Arena which is not too far from here on May 7th, 8th, and 9th. So that will be coming up and I think Chris will be giving flyers and information like that to the various towns. Chris said if they haven't already gotten them, I will send them. Andy said and then a final meeting will happen with the steering committee just to make sure we get all the public comments and make sure there is nothing adversely a problem with the recommendations that are made compared to what the public thinks. Then hopefully in June we will come back to you as well as the other towns and cities throughout the county and the county itself and adopt this plan and then hopefully by August the North Carolina Department of Transportation will mutually adopt the plan. And so what Chris was saying is one of the things that DOT now is looking for is if things are not on the plan, it is a lot harder to get funded. So once you have it on the plan, then it goes through a selective process with the RPO. If the RPO pushes it forward, they collect data from the counties and then all the three to four counties that have the RPO. Then they submit a list to DOT for possible funding of transportation approval. So things like the NC 11 project that has been proposed as well as of course things like US Hwy 70 and all that that is going up there in that northern part of the county. Those are things that go through this process and we have received the fruits of our labor finally because things are finally getting funded because there is a need there and it is actually being funded, compared to people choosing what they want versus a real need of what actually needs to be done. And so these are very much a quantitative need versus oh I just want to pick that one because I live in that area. Mr. Bailey asked if anyone had any questions. If you can't think of any right now but have a burning question later on, feel free to contact me. My information is on the back as well as my boss and of course Patrick Flanagan. Chris you have also given your information as well so they can contact you. Chris said that's right and the website is an open channel for comments to be left there.

Mayor Sykes said well once this or if and when it is approved, all of it is approved, how long would it be before we would see some actual work going on. Mr. Bailey said so we have every 2

years typically and that might change a little bit but every 2 years we have a call for projects and throughout the state. Then our counties can give that information to the RPO. The RPO will then submit it to the state and then the state will then rank those projects. If you have heard this before, I am sorry but I have got to say it again. There are three different tiers of types of projects. We have the statewide tier projects which are US 70's of the world. We have the regional tier projects which are the NC 11's of the world. We have the local projects which are the division projects which are pretty much everything else. If you submit for example NC 11, it won't be ranked at a statewide tier but ranked at a regional tier or a division tier. They cascade down if they don't get funded anymore. Mayor Sykes said well since we are a smaller area are we going to be low on the totem pole. Mr. Bailey said I am going to say this, I would say your chances of getting funded are probably not at the statewide or regional tier, probably not going to be as high as at the division tier. The division tier takes up a lot of small easy fix projects and quite honestly in looking at the scope of Lenoir County, the NC 11 project tends to be a smaller scale project that can potentially get funded there. He said and quite honestly they depend more on vocal input for that one than the higher level ones that are more of a statewide significance. Chris stated it would be some time, though, because we are now at the point where DOT has released the scoring for the statewide projects at the beginning of April and there is four months before the next phase starts and then a few months after that. So it will be at least 2 years before they can be entered into the system unless there is some other reason that they were selected. So it would be down the road a little bit.

Mayor Sykes said if we are funded, would it be in our lifetime that we would see this happen. Chris said that is the other thing is that when it comes through the prioritization process it is a 10 year window and right now we are working on 2020 to 2029 and there is two phases in that. There is the first 5 years which is referred to as delivery and the second 5 years which is referred to as development. So in the first 5 years there is a strong likeliness it is going to happen. Something will happen within that and the project will begin whatever that may be and the second half will have to be reprioritized. So it is a 10 year window. Mayor Sykes said so we probably or I won't be alive. Chris said with this process and recommendations this is informational, it gets adopted and we have that list. So in the RPO, Patrick and I will speak with Wayland, the town planning people, the madam mayor and everybody who lives here who has something to say about it. We will meet with them and identify those needs and then we can start plugging into the system. It is a process after that. It is sophisticated, it is quite sophisticated and complicated. You know there is also some other stuff that can be done because it is based on the amount of money that it cost the DOT. So there might be a project that they call low cost/high impact or high benefit. Andy said right there is cost to benefit impact. So for with the benefits to the area is quantitatively much better than the cost of it than it tends to be. It is very...I will say this having over 16 years' experience in this field, I am very lucky if at this point something I had originally planned has been funded so I am just trying to give you some realism here rather than basically once we do this plan and all of a sudden we are going to get funded. Unfortunately I have done plans throughout the entire state and in urban areas, it tends to take the process of first of all getting funded, but I do think because we have this streamline process of how to get it funded we do have a better chance on being able to prioritize our project to really understand what's next versus before this purchase process in the state. He said really what it was a bunch of people from different parts of the state that got together and made a decision with real quantitative data. But now really we have that data to back it up and I think

we are starting to see the US 70 project coming a very big highlight of the state's priority to get that to be interstate facility from Raleigh to port.

Mayor Sykes said well it seems like we would probably be last on the list but are they going to give out money if we are going to receive this. Would the state give out of money before they get to us? Mr. Bailey replied no, I mean this is continuous. Mayor Sykes said okay. Mr. Bailey said and quite honestly I will say this much, the legislature has even prioritized more money over the past couple of years. We're actually having accelerated several projects over the past few years. Again I can't say here obviously because there haven't been any projects that have come up yet. But hopefully with this process we will be able to enter in that mix within the next 2 years.

Mr. York said they are still looking at a lot even today. He said 350 projects have been selected for acceleration and because of the nature of things we have added 144 more that otherwise would not happen in some of those projects like the low cost/high benefit or high impact. If you look at the packet you know Andy's presentation is several slides but in the packet there was the list of recommendations and if you review that. See many of those were in Kinston or nearly adjacent to that area. There is a lot more activity up there. There is a lot of roads going on up there to the TransPark and so there is a lot of stuff going on. At the local level and that's what you are asking about, Pink Hill would be working with us. We'd work together to identify those needs. But we're looking at the system right so we got the statewide, regional, and division so we are looking at how things would benefit the whole system, everybody around here. He said Hwy 258 for example is a priority road. I mean it has really got a lot of eyes on it and people looking at it to see what they can do to do something with it. So you can see something happen there quicker than some other projects in Pink Hill probably, but the good news is I spoke with somebody at the library and she didn't want no bypass in Pink Hill so she got what she wanted.

Mayor Sykes said I think this is a much better project that we can accept than the bypass. That was not popular at all so I am glad to know that's gone because, that would have killed what little business we have I think and I think it is the consensus of everybody. I am glad to know that that is not on the agenda anymore. Commissioner Hill said I have traveled all over the eastern part of the state and when I go to these little towns that have been bypassed, there is nothing there anymore. Mr. York said yes and that is part of this process in that working with y'all we identify that and what the community need is. The department will not just drive a project through if the community is up in arms saying we don't want this. So we will have to work together as a partnership and owners of those projects. In for instance in Beulaville is what we are going through right now. We did the CTP for them recently. The recommendation for Beulaville was a bypass which initially they were okay with that but their concerns were yours. So now they have asked for whatever grows through there to stay on Hwy 24 and that we make improvements to that road to bring it up to a standard that is acceptable. You know you guys certainly y'all have some say in this process.

Mayor Sykes said well it seems to me like this plan is really good for us with the roads being widened and maybe it will be advantageous for us. Mr. Bailey said my business nowadays is not to bypass and all this kind of stuff. It is to do what is best and good for the economy, the people, and the region. Mayor Sykes said well we appreciate that. He said 20 years ago DOT would

have just gone around it and gone with it. Honestly the lack of traffic it doesn't warrant anything like a bypass and even in the future you may have more traffic but hopefully the improvements that are put forward in this plan will accommodate that traffic. Commissioner Hill said we appreciate it. Mayor Sykes said sounds good. Mr. Bailey said if you have any questions, feel free to contact myself or Chris or Patrick. We will be out at the meetings in May and hopefully in June be back here and move into the adoption phase. Mayor Sykes said good, we look forward to it. The board thanked them. Kim told Mr. Bailey and Mr. York that she would get that stuff put online tomorrow.

Ms. Elizabeth Maxwell said I have a question. Is there any way of knowing are we too far out from all of the 70 work that is going to be so much larger and bring so much more traffic. Will we feel any of that through here? Mr. Bailey said so I did some population and employment projections and across the majority of that development is going to be right around that corridor. You may see some of it down near Tyree Road, maybe a little further at Albrittons maybe but not just because of the distance quite honestly you are probably not going to feel the effect of anything on that. Just to give you some perspective, the Kinston bypass is slated to begin construction in 2024 and be done by 2027 and there is another interchange project over by LaGrange near Willie Beasley Road I believe that they are going to put in there about the same time period. And again little by little there is some work going on down in James City. Mr. York said well there is a whole bunch of work going on down there like bypasses. The idea of floating most people like. At the intersections there is five intersections once you get across the river, signal intersections. Hwy 70 is going to go over top of those and local traffic can go through. So the first three are already done. The second two of those five intersections right now are in the design development phase and are actually deliverable. And that is kind of assuming that now I told you this recently they received scores and we received scores. So from where Carolina Cutters is that road called Thurman out to where Havelock bypass is designed to go in, that has been approved for funding to bring that road up to interstate and highway standards. He said and then of course you may have seen on the news or heard that the Havelock bypass the issue with holding that up has been settled. There was a ribbon cutting and that project is set to begin construction in 2019 February so very quickly because it has been held up and there is going to be a lot of activity down there. So basically from the river down to Havelock is going to be under construction that whole section. So back to what you had said, during the construction phases you may see people because it is human nature, so you may see a little more traffic through town during those cycles. But down the road when it does occur granted it will be six years before they will get started on some of that stuff and you should be alright. They are real careful to try to minimize those impacts.

Mayor Sykes said one of these things, what do you call that thing they have done at Emerald Isle, a roundabout or whatever. We are not getting one of those? Mr. Bailey said there was discussion of potentially a roundabout on the intersection of 55/11 and Tyree Road and really in the plan what I have there is just simply operational improvements that allows anything to be done. It doesn't necessarily specify a roundabout or some other traffic coping mechanisms. Mayor Sykes said I was kind of joking there. Mr. Bailey said no, this is something that did come up and they got pushed back when the department tried to come in there and do it and the local area said no we would like for you to try something else. Mayor Sykes said I agree with that. Commissioner Quinn said it is a bad intersection. Mr. Bailey said mostly it is the alignment. I

actually came up 55 today just to see it and that is a really bad. Mayor Sykes said yes it is. Mayor Sykes said thank you all so much for coming and just remember Pink Hill. Commissioner Hill said and I would like to thank the planning board for what y'all do. Mayor Sykes said yes, thank you so much.

The next item on the agenda is Business Parking at Festivals. Kim said Wendy couldn't be here but she has done this every time we have had festivals. She comes to request that the board grant the business owners that they can put no parking signs up in front of their business during their business hours. So their customers can park in front of their business. Kim said Wendy asked her if she would bring it up and I talked to the mayor and I just think we probably, if we could just go ahead and do a motion saying that any business can put signs up and I think Joey said that they need to have the signs up there and the hours that they are going to be. Kim asked Joey didn't you say that it was towing would be enforced if they have their signs up. Joey said they have got to have that on there, what I was thinking they have got to have that on there. George asked have what on there? Joey replied like towing will be enforced at owner's expense. George said yes if you don't have that on there, you cannot tow it. Commissioner Murphy said are you saying we could do some sort of resolution so we don't have to do this every single time. Mayor Sykes replied I don't see why we can't do that. Kim asked George could they do a motion. George replied yes but you need to limit it to festivals so if you have a busy day in town. Kim said I would say festivals or special... Mayor Sykes said and say business hours and that would take care of everybody. Kim said that is what I told her if we could get a motion to say when festivals or special events take place in town. Mayor Sykes said I just wanted everybody to be on board and I knew they would be. Commissioner Hill made a motion that anytime we have a festival or special event in the town limits of Pink Hill, businesses can put no parking signs with towing enforced in front of their business during business hours. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said I have got a motion is there any discussion, if not, all in favor say "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Resolution of Support to the Pink Hill Area Preservation & Development Committee for the Redevelopment of the Old Pink Hill Media Center (Tabled from 3/13/18 meeting). Mayor Sykes said I would like to hear since I was not here last time what prompted this resolution because Pink Hill has always helped as much as they can. We can't do it money wise but I mean to promote the center so what prompted the resolution. Jennifer Scott said we as the preservation to the board just wanted to make sure that whatever develops there that the town would be supportive of it. Mayor Sykes said with the understanding that... Jennifer Scott said yes no monetary support just that you know if it ends up being a technology center. Mayor Sykes said I mean we would certainly be supportive of it you know that is just why I wondered about the resolution. Jennifer Scott said we are not expecting any monetary or any hours of work or anything because I suppose a word that... Mayor Sykes said we would certainly be supportive with what you have but I was just wondering why the resolution.

Commissioner Murphy said we left off an "s" in that third WHEREAS paragraph. Mayor Sykes said you go girl. Commissioner Murphy stated it is board of Commissioners in the first two and then it's just Commissioner in the third. George replied yes and it is now commissioners. Commissioner Murphy said okay, I will just amend my copy. George said thank you, I hit it just as you said that.

Mayor Sykes asked Kim if she had given Jennifer Scott and Alice Scott a copy of the resolution. Kim said I just gave it to them. Mayor Sykes said okay are we ready to...George said you will need a motion before you can discuss it. Mayor Sykes said I know, I was just waiting to see. Jennifer Scott said and the reason, one of the other things is just like way back Alice had mentioned when the Rosefest was created that there was a resolution that the town would support the Rosefest you know not monetarily but just...Mayor Sykes said okay.

Mayor Sykes said okay we have a resolution before us do I have a motion. Commissioner Hill asked Jennifer Scott and Alice Scott if they had finished reading it. Jennifer Scott said so the difference I mean I am still looking at it. Mayor Sykes said well go ahead and read it. Jennifer Scott said so just the word unanimously is going to be taken out. George said no it might get to stay in. It depends on what the vote is. Jennifer Scott said okay, gotcha I understand. Mayor Sykes said do I have a motion to adopt this resolution as presented. Commissioner Hill said I make a motion to adopt the resolution presented today. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said is there any discussion, if not, all in favor say "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously. Jennifer Scott said I guess you will give me a signed copy but I will keep this one for right now. Is that alright? Mayor Sykes and Kim both said yes. Mayor Sykes and the board thanked them for coming. Jennifer said thank you very much. Mayor Sykes said I hope something can become of the center. Jennifer said we as well hope that something develops there.

The Reminder of the Tiny House Festival April 27th-29th and Reminder of Fireman's Day/Rosefest May 19th was next on the agenda. Mayor Sykes just did a reminder about both events coming up in the town.

The next item on the agenda was Survey Completed of Road to Access Property on Spray Field (Dean Rouse). Timmy presented map to the board and George. George said from Point 17 back to Earl Howard Road which is Point 14. Does the town have any use for that property? Timmy said this is not ours. George said I didn't ask you that, I said does the town have any use for it potentially. Timmy replied right now no. George said in the future. Timmy said no because I feel like...there is a pond right here a natural pond right here in this area which is not written in there but we couldn't...You are talking about maybe expanding our spray irrigation or something like that. George replied no, what I am talking about is would it be advantageous to the town to have the right to go across this part at some point in the future. So that if like if you had something going on here, you could get on this road and go across back to Earl Howard Road. Timmy said in writing yes sir. I have already got that okay from Dean. George said I wanted to put that in the easement. Timmy said yes sir I think that would be great. George said that was what I was thinking. Timmy said he has already gave me...matter of fact he is going to put up a fence right here. We already have a fence that goes to about right here anyway. George said it goes to where? Timmy said we already have a fence that goes to about right here. It goes around the pond on his property. The property lines goes across the pond. Whenever they put the fence in they just went around it. He is going to fence all this in so that anybody and everybody can't access the road and we are going to get a key. George replied wonderful. Timmy said that is a gentlemen's agreement between me and Dean but I would like to see it written also. George said can you think of anybody other than the Town of Pink Hill and Marco

Enterprises or their successors, in other words whoever buys property from Marco or if Pink Hill sells it, other than those is there anybody that has any legitimate use for this road other than the Town of Pink and Marco Enterprises. Commissioner Hill said no, I wouldn't think so. George said can you think of any. Timmy replied the next piece of property is very wet. George said but no I am just saying do you have any...can you think of anybody else that would have any legitimate use for that. Timmy said not off the top of my head, no sir I cannot. George asked the board can y'all. He said what I am thinking about instead of general easement I am wondering about an exclusive easement for Marco to the town and from the town to Marco but not to anybody else and not assignable except by sale.

Timmy said something that I am going to have to bring up in my permit, my wastewater permit, is if the town owns all the property and all that for a road it is okay, but if somebody wanted to develop in some way form or fashion, somebody else buys that would be a different animal. George said I will tell you why I am asking. We had something come through the office the day before yesterday trespasser's hunting on property and they were using a dedicated farm path for ingress and egress. He said neither of the property owners the owner of the southern part where the road was or the northern part wanted anybody hunting on their property, but the easements were such that they could have granted that right to someone but hadn't but they could have. I am just wondering is there any reason why hunters could come on...Timmy said I would want it just between the town and Mr. Dean. George replied right what people or whoever he sells to. Timmy said and whoever he sells to yes sir. Commissioner Quinn said like if a hunting club leases that land or something to hunt on property like that. George said not so much a hunting club as a couple of guys in a truck with spot lights which is what we saw. Timmy said I wouldn't want to allow that.

Timmy said so what you are saying is this way it wouldn't be allowed. George said I want to make it exclusive. An exclusive easement that he grants the town and that the town grants him. Commissioner Quinn said so there will only be two parties involved. George said that is what I would recommend to you. Mayor Sykes said I think that would be the way to do it. Commissioner Hill said yes, that way if anybody is caught there, they can always be charged trespassing. George said either side can get or go back on it. He said either side can put up appropriate signage and probably you or he might agree that as soon as the road is built we need to put up posted no trespassing signs even though you do have a gate with a lock. Timmy replied okay. George said some people have bolt cutters. Timmy said some people crawl through the fence. George said I have heard of that too. Timmy said have you seen them, I think I called you about a couple of them. He said four wheelers. They ride the four wheeler down the highway.

Mayor Sykes said okay we need a motion on this. George said can I ask that whoever makes the motion that you make it an exclusive easement to Marco on condition that he gives an exclusive easement to the town. Commissioner Hill made a motion that we grant Marco Enterprises exclusive right of way and Marco Enterprises gives the town exclusive right of way as shown on the map. Mayor Sykes asked is there a second. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said all in favor of the motion say "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

George asked Timmy about Johnny Williamson. Timmy said he was on the way to Lenoir County. George said is he going to record it. Timmy replied no I am not sure if he was going to record it until we okayed it. So I will make a call to Johnny and let him know. George asked is he going to take care of getting it recorded. Timmy said as far as I know. Timmy said I only asked for two. I was going to keep one but I don't actually need one I guess. I wanted to make sure that the town had one on hand. That is the reason I got two but if you need one, the town needs the other one. Mayor Sykes asked after it is recorded will you still need it. George replied no. He said if he is going to record it this week, I will draft the easement next week and just do it off the recorded document and I won't have to take one and keep up with it. Timmy said I was just going to keep one at the shop but I can get one after it is signed and recorded that is fine.

The next item on the agenda was Request for Section of Pine Street to be closed on Fireman's Day/Rosefest. Kim said he is talking about from the cafeteria to Walnut Street. Timmy said we were going to start at where our driveway is for the cafeteria and go north as far as we needed to go. The general purpose and it may not have to be used is for the car show. We have got 50 parking places on Walnut Street right there by the Methodist Church and some on our side. I mean that street has already been asked for anyway. We were going to park them you know one this way and one that way and have a walking area in the middle. If there is more than 50 cars, we just needed somewhere for the overflow. We are expecting 60 to 75 if everybody comes and that depends on the weather. Commissioner Hill said from the cafeteria driveway to Walnut Street. Timmy replied yes sir, I hope that will be enough. Kim said to Walnut or do you think we need to go all the way to Broadway. Timmy said I was going to go...do we need to have a said amount though. I don't know how. Commissioner Hill said just say to Broadway. Jennifer Scott said just say to Broadway and that way if you should need it, you have already got it. Timmy said we will only close what we need. Commissioner Hill made a motion to let the Fire Department close from the driveway at the cafeteria to Broadway Street if necessary. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes asked if there is any discussion, if not, all in favor of the motion say "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

Timmy said just two cents worth we thought about using the bank parking lot but that would have been a liability issue for somebody else. Timmy said we are trying to keep it on the streets. Kim said as long as we keep it on the town streets we are covered by our insurance. Mayor Sykes said I want to and I don't mind seeing the Hispanic store across from the Wellness Center there. I want to make sure that they know that they can now put no parking signs out there because last year they blocked the front. I just happened to think out that. The front of the store was blocked. Timmy said none of the vendors will be on that street this year and that is one of the main reasons we are stopping. Jennifer said there weren't any there last year. Mayor Sykes said okay I didn't know if somebody might want to come there to park is the only thing. Commissioner Hill said thank you Timmy.

The next item on the agenda was Fire Department Report. Fire Chief Heath was unable to attend the meeting. Kim said everyone should have a copy of it. Mayor Sykes asked if anyone had any questions about the fire report. There were no questions from the board. Commissioner Hill stated still busy and Timmy replied yep.

The next item on the agenda was Police Updates. Chief Thigpen said we had 75 calls since it was an extended month before the meeting. Mayor Sykes asked if there were any questions or concerns there. Chief Thigpen said he is still waiting on the car. He said he ordered it in January and it was supposed to be 60 days. I called her today and she said that she would check on it and let me know but she said there was some confusion with the factory or something. That some of the cars were glitch or something, but she said she didn't think it was mine but she would give me an update tomorrow. Commissioner Hill said they appreciate the job they do.

Chief Thigpen said I have had some issues with my car with the lights coming on and not wanting to go in gear. I took it up there to the Pink Hill Body Shop or mechanic shop and he put it on the reader and told me to take it to the Dodge place because it had like 20 codes on it. It has cleared up now. He called it ghost codes and I said well there must be a ghost in it because one day it is fine and then the next day it will pop on and I can't get it in gear so I don't know.

The next item on the agenda was Water/Sewer Report. Timmy the surveying done by Stroud Engineering of the manholes, cleanouts, water valves, and drains. They are finished with the first portion of that. The next thing they will be doing is camering some of our out fall lines to see if we have anything and I am sure they are going to find some stuff that we are going to have to work on but that is in the near future. One thing that was asked of me by Stroud Engineering is if I had a vendor to do the camering and I haven't took the time to call you to see if you had a group that you recommended. Commissioner Hill said probably the best one to call is Dwight Lancaster. Timmy said I need to call him about our wastewater report permit. Commissioner Hill said he said he was waiting for you to call him. Timmy said I am going to need him. Commissioner Hill said and also I will be here June 12th to do what we need to do. I have got your water shortage response plan updated and also got a copy of the water supply plan at the house so I have got both of them at the house and I will get them to you. Timmy replied okay.

Timmy said since last month we have been on just chlorine this month since our last meeting and the plant has already started sending out chloramine water which has got ammonia added to it. We haven't changed over here yet. As a matter of fact as I was checking today we are still on chlorine water which is great. It is a breeze. When you add the ammonia it starts being a little bit of a chore to keep the residuals up. But I just wanted to let you know that you may get a little bit of a smell with the changeover.

Timmy said we have two spray irrigation pumps and Pearson Pumps came last week and pulled both of them. They were full of trash just what I thought was going to be. He said one of the good things about it is one of the pumps they cleaned it and put it back in the ground and it is working fine. Matter of fact I sprayed today but one of the pumps was so full up in it that they had to carry it back but the motor was good. I was scared that it was a motor problem because it had a vibration. It would shake, rattle, and rumble when you cut it on.

Timmy said both of the jobs on Old Beulaville Road they have been completed. They finished the asphalt. Evidently they done it yesterday whenever I weren't looking because I didn't see it. I rode through there today to read water meters and saw that they had finished it. He hadn't gotten his equipment up but he has got the asphalt there and it all looks good.

Timmy said since our last meeting we had a hydrant hit by Precision Lawn. They are the ones that are cutting the road there. They are DOT contractors. They are cutting the sides of the roads and parking right there by the Family Dollar and they hit one of our hydrants. I tried to repair it and that didn't work out. It was broke. They said they would turn it in to their insurance and we hired somebody to put another hydrant there. So that has already been done. The bill was \$4,800 altogether. Mayor Sykes said you did send them the bill I hope. Timmy replied me and Kim have got together or mostly her. Kim said we have not received payment yet. Timmy said right but we are waiting on payment back. The contractor charged \$2,900 and I had the hydrant on site. I didn't buy a hydrant because my budget is a little funny and I didn't know how long it would take them to pay.

Timmy said over this past month we had water and wastewater inspections and both of them turned out what I thought was well. Wastewater they wrote me up for not keeping records of how much time I spend actually on site. I need to be able to verify that I am on site one hour, two hours, three hours and all that and I am bad about keeping records. They wrote me up for not writing down whenever I clean the sprinkler heads or repair sprinkler head or something like that and they like to see all that maintenance written down. And on the water side he just asked me to update my Emergency Management Plan with update contact numbers and stuff like that which I thought both of those things were minor.

Timmy said it is time to renew our wastewater permit and the renewal was sent in February. It needs to be renewed by June 30th of this year and I sent it in February. They are looking it over and reviewing it. As a matter of fact I got a printout that I just printed off the computer that shows a map. The lady I have been in contact with is Ashley Kabat with NCDENR in Raleigh and from her map she says we are a little bit too close to some of the property lines and things like that as far as our setbacks and buffer zone. I cannot see why and the only thing I can think of that has changed in the last 20 years when the plant was built is the apartments have been built right on the edge of their property line. It is not our property. I mean they are still on their property. It is just our spray irrigation is too close is what she says. I made contact with Gary Hartong with the Wooten Company and he is working on getting me some up to date maps that show footages and all that kind of stuff, very detailed. After I get the new maps in my hands we will just have to go from there. Mayor Sykes said and it has been like that for 20 years. Timmy said since 1995 when the plant was built. The new apartments I am talking about is Hatteras Drive. The doublewide that she has got on one of the maps is Gary Sumner's. Commissioner Hill said I told him when I found out he bought the land, I said you are not supposed to put a house back there. Timmy said she is saying that particular part is a little bit too close and some of the ones on Earl Howard Road are too close. Mayor Sykes said what are you going to do. Timmy said that will be decided by Ashley Kabat. Mayor Sykes said well I think that they should be grandfathered in. Timmy said I just printed this off so I haven't had time to really look at it but I would be glad to go over with it. I just wanted to let you know that that was going on.

Commissioner Quinn asked is that over there where Teresa Byrd is at and all back over there off of Earl Howard back over that way Ash Davis and Earl Howard back in there. Timmy replied she doesn't mention in her maps... Commissioner Quinn said because I think of no other houses over there. Commissioner Murphy said there is a trailer down at the far end of the road that has just gotten there in the last little bit.

Timmy said this area here is in 7b when you turn into the spray field. This sprinkler head has been spraying right there since 1995 and now she says it is too close to the property line. Mayor Sykes said it seems to me like that would be grandfathered in anyway. Commissioner Quinn said those sprayers are well back off the road back there. Timmy said well that is the reason I called Gary and the map that he is sending is going to show right where the sprinkler heads are and how far they are back and if they are supposed to spray quarter turn or half turn and stuff like that. I told him that needed to be detailed. Commissioner Hill said all them out there on the road sprays quarter turn. Timmy said well they spray half. They just spray toward the field. They don't spray back out.

Mayor Sykes said well let me ask you something. It is what it is but what if we let it stay like it is. What kind of fine are they going to put on us, I mean after all these years. Timmy said I just got this information today and I just printed it off so I could have it in my hand to look at instead of looking at it on my phone or a computer screen. She has got a whole bunch of stuff here. Timmy said I am going to call Mr. Dwight. Commissioner Hill said Dwight used to work with the state.

Timmy said I was worried about this area right here (pointed to map). Right here is Hatteras Drive and Hatteras Drive has got all these apartments and you see the apartments are not even on her drawing. Here is another apartment right here. Commissioner Hill said you have got that buffer zone in the woods and then the buffer zone from the ditch from the fence all the way back up to the spray field. Timmy said she says it is not big enough. We will find out after Mr. Gary gets me some maps. Kim said well just like the house though, the doublewide she is talking about... Wouldn't the county, they had to get permits to put the doublewide there, shouldn't they have said hey there is a spray field there. Timmy said you can't put it but so far back. George said you lose your right to complain about the nuisance. Timmy said I had one sprinkler head that is too close to Gary Sumner's old place and I couldn't tell you who owns it now but somebody is living there now. Timmy said there is one or two sprinkler heads there spraying right there. He said I can cut those off and they are half turns now but if she says... Mayor Sykes said well I wouldn't belabor the point, I would just wait and let her come to me. Timmy said I just wanted you to be aware that is an issue I am working on because I had to call Mr. Gary Hartong it is probably going to cost the town a little money.

Timmy said what is kind of crazy and something that I don't understand is the Washington Regional Office Mr. David May, he is the main engineer for the wastewater side and he came with the other lady to come and do the inspection. We rode all over the whole plant. I showed him every monitor well and he even got out and walked around in the spray field. I showed him some wet areas which she told me just cut these off whenever it is ponding which I did and I do. Anyway even showed her where there is a natural run that goes through there. We get a two inch rain and water runs through the plant. When it is natural running water you can't do anything about it and I showed them all that and all the spots like that. Timmy said I ain't trying to hide nothing. Mayor Sykes said so was there a comment to that. Timmy said they said keep doing the good work. Mayor Sykes said well that is what we are going to do. Timmy said and then Ms. Kabat calls me and says we haven't got enough buffer zone on stuff.

Commissioner Hill said Rural Water had a WASA budget meeting yesterday. Me and Timmy couldn't attend. I talked to Barry Sutton today who is the president of WASA and he said no changes as far as rates. The committee recommended that the budget be approved the way it is and kind of similar as last years. No increase in price. Mayor Sykes said good.

Commissioner Murphy said and I don't know if this is the best to bring it up because we are talking about water and Timmy you are going to have to help me, because I didn't understand any of it. She said Jr. Westbrook stopped me the other day talking about something being wet on his property and it's the towns fault and something we can't afford to replace. Mayor Sykes said we have been hearing this for years. Timmy said water running across his property. It is not where his house is. Commissioner Murphy replied no, I know. Timmy said it is where his shop is right. She said right. Timmy said and his shop is on the creek side and water is all around him. Commissioner Hill stated water goes downhill and Mayor Sykes said it is wetlands. Commissioner Murphy said according to him it is something that if it were replaced it would fix problem and we can't afford to replace it is what he was told. Timmy said we have a sewer outfall line that runs right behind his shop runs right along the creek bed that is heading towards the old plant. Do you know where the old plant is? Commissioner Murphy said not really, but that is all right. Mayor Sykes said that has been a bone of contention with him for years but he shouldn't have built a building there. Commissioner Hill said we could be over there doing something and it will quit raining so everything is okay and then it will start raining again and it is right back to the same problem. Timmy said he wants me to go in there with some equipment and dig a big ditch out but you can't just put a piece of equipment in there because it is wetlands and that is a big ordeal. I have always been scared that he was going to do it himself but he hadn't. Mayor Sykes said well if he does, then that is him. Commissioner Hill said that is him. Commissioner Murphy said so there is no something that needs replacing that we can't afford to replace that would take care of the problem because that is what he was telling me. Timmy said no ma'am I don't think so. Commissioner Murphy said okay. He said the ditch really does need cleaning out and the creek actually needs dredging but that would need to be somebody bigger than the Town of Pink Hill and our budget to go through there and dredge it. Mayor Sykes said wouldn't you have to call CORE in to do that, Core of Engineers. Timmy said it would have to be federal people to come in there and do the work. Mayor Sykes said and approve it, yes. Commissioner Hill said you would need permits and that kind of thing. Kim said big money. Commissioner Hill said it is in the Trent River Basin but then Trent River goes to the Neuse River so that is probably the Neuse River Basin, so anything that goes in the Neuse River has to be permitted.

Timmy said something I failed to bring up and it is kind of pertaining to what you just mentioned. The beaver man has been working for the last couple of months and he is going to go over his budget this year, but that is because he put some extra dynamite in there and blew some bigger holes. So hopefully that is going to fix some of the problem because the beavers have got it backed up and the water keeps backing up in there on Jr. and other folks too. Timmy said that creek is open now. Hopefully it will stay that way. Mayor Sykes asked did he catch any beavers. Timmy replied yes ma'am. This guy was from, that they contracted to come up here, they were so busy the beaver guys that are contracted from North Carolina that they subcontracted somebody from I think he said he was from Wisconsin. I may be wrong with the state but he was out of state. He came up here and he trapped for a couple of weeks. He told

Phillip the beavers look just like they do in Wisconsin or whatever state it was only they are bigger here. That is what he told Phillip and he got right many. I think they said nine or ten. Mayor Sykes said wow, what do they do with them once they catch them. Do they sell them? Timmy said I have never asked so I don't know. Commissioner Quinn said I think they sell the hides. Commissioner Hill said yes, they sell the hides. Mayor Sykes said that is what I am talking about. Timmy said I think I was told and I hope I am not telling something wrong but I think I was told that they couldn't do anything with them. I can tell a difference in the creeks right there and the water that is along that road is very low because the beavers have been caught and the dams are busted. They did some more in Deep Run on our outfall line and we haven't had time to go up there on the six wheeler and see if the water but the last time we went in there was two foot of water over our sewer line and it was because of the beavers. I had to get rid of the beavers and beaver dams to get the water off the sewer lines. Mayor Sykes and the board thanked Timmy. Commissioner Hill said tell the other boys thank you too.

The next item on the agenda was Budget Amendments if needed. Mayor Sykes asked Kim if there were any budget amendments and Kim replied no just some transfers and they have already been done.

Remarks by Town Attorney was next on the agenda. George said first off I appreciate Timmy having everything spot on with this thing and having the gate in place and ready to go. He has thought through it and I appreciate it. I thank you all for accommodating me for the meeting tonight.

The next item on the agenda was Comments by the Board. Mayor Sykes said I want us to keep Penny and her family in our thoughts and prayers and we are sorry for the loss of her sister. We want to keep you in our prayers and we have been keeping you in there. Commissioner Murphy replied thank you very much for the plant. Mayor Sykes said you are very welcome. Commissioner Murphy said they were a Godsend and very beautiful.

Kim said you have this in your packet and it is from Monique. It is to go to the May 4th for the Mayor's Tent along the Neuse with Mayor Don Hardy and I need to RSVP or you guys can RSVP but she needs to know. Mayor Sykes said and that is when. Kim replied it is May 4th at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Sykes said they do this every year when the BBQ Fest is open and they always have a table for the mayors and town commissioners. Commissioner Quinn said he wouldn't know until he saw the schedule for May if I am going to be working that Saturday or not. He asked isn't it a Saturday? Kim replied no it is Friday and he replied okay. Commissioner Murphy stated it isn't until 6:30. Kim replied yes it is at 6:30 that night. Mayor Sykes said when does she need to know. Kim said it is saying by May 3rd. Mayor Sykes said I would like for y'all to go if you can. Commissioner Quinn asked if she was going. Mayor Sykes replied yes I will go. Kim said I will RSVP for three. Mayor Sykes said well go ahead and RSVP for everybody because if you don't go I mean it's not a big deal.

The board discussed the different dates to have their budget workshop, budget presentation, public hearing, and adopting the budget. Commissioner Hill made a motion to have a budget workshop on May 22nd at 2:00 p.m., budget presentation on May 31st at 9:00 a.m., and move the next town board meeting from the 12th of June to the 19th of June and have a public hearing at 6:45 p.m. Mayor Sykes said do I have a second. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion.

Mayor Sykes asked is there any discussion, if not, all in favor of the motion say “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Public Comment Period if needed. There were no public comments at this time.

The next item on the agenda was Closed Session if needed. There was no need for a closed session at this time.

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.