

**TOWN OF VASS  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 9, 2012**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Callahan at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners in attendance were: Blackwell, Bridgers, Callahan, Cirone, and Kellis.

**A. Approval of Agenda**

The Town Administrator wanted to add Item J. Finance Officer Bonding and Commissioner Kellis wanted to add K. Ordinance Compliance. Commissioner Blackwell made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions and the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Consent Agenda**

Items approved by motion above were:

1. Minutes of March 12, 2012 Regular Meeting
2. Police Department Report for March 2012

**C. Public Comments**

No one signed up to speak.

**Old Business:**

**D. Report concerning Disc Golf at the park.**

No one showed up to show a plan for placement of the 9 holes at the park.

**E. Discuss maintenance of NCDOT planting plan for 690 interchange.**

Commissioners reviewed a copy of the agreement that the town will need to sign stating that the town will assume responsibility for maintenance of the plantings one year after planting. There was discussion as to how much it would cost for mulch, pruning and watering. Commissioner Cirone made a motion that the town agree to maintain the plantings. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Commissioner Bridgers opposed.

**F. Report on possibility of applying for Small Town Main Street Program.**

Commissioner Cirone reported that she and the Town Administrator attended the mandatory workshop in Benson. The biggest hurdle in applying for and being accepted in the program would be that we have to demonstrate recent events that have been planned with the cooperation of the citizens and the town and that we can get an active citizen participation in the program. Board members were to look the application over and mark what they feel are the priority areas that we feel we need help with. Board will reconvene on Monday, April 16 to discuss the results of their priorities for the application. The application deadline is May 31 at 5:00 p.m.

**G. Discuss deadline for Most Improved Property Contest.**

It was decided that the deadline would be May 31 for the final “after” pictures and that the winners would be announced on June 11.

**H. Firm up locations for electrical outlets for future use of Christmas lights.**

Town Administrator is to contact Progress Energy and find out how much each outlet will cost and go over locations with Progress Energy and the Town Maintenance Technician to determine the easiest and safest locations with concentration on the Seaboard St. (downtown) block area.

**New Business:**

**I. Proposal by Chief Deel for purchase of police vehicles in 2012-13 budget.**

Chief Deel reviewed his written proposal for the purchase of three new vehicles and the sale of the two oldest vehicles the 2002 Explorer and 2006 Crown Vic. Board members said they would continue to discuss the proposal as they begin discussions on the 2012-13 budget.

**J. Finance Officer Bonding**

The Town Administrator reported that while attending a meeting at the League of Municipalities the topic of bonding insurance came up. We currently have the minimum amount of \$50,000, but in an email from the Local Government Commissioner it was recommended that when you have fewer checks and balances that you increase the amount to cover a possible loss. Commissioner Cirone made a motion to increase the bonding for the position of Finance Officer to \$150,000. Motion carried unanimously.

**K. Ordinance Compliance**

Commissioner Kellis wanted to know if we were going to stick to the letter of the law when it comes to regulations regarding unlicensed vehicles and should the notices be sent out to everyone or only those where we have received a complaint from a citizen.

**RECESS**

Commissioner Bridgers made a motion at 9:00 p.m. to recess and reconvene on Monday, April 16 at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Henry E. Callahan, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Josephine E. Smith, CMC  
Town Clerk