

**TOWN OF VASS  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 12, 2012**

In the absence of both the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, the Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Commissioner Blackwell. Commissioners in attendance were: Blackwell, Bridgers, Cirone, and Kellis. Mayor Callahan and Commissioner Callahan were absent.

**A. Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Kellis wanted to add the following items to the agenda: O. Limb Trimming Debris, P. Paving on US # 1, and Q. Banner and Outlet Locations. Commissioner Cirone 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 February 13, 2011 Regular Meeting
2. Minutes of February 27, 2012 Public Hearing
3. Minutes of March 7, 2012 Special Meeting
4. Police Department Report for February 2012

**C. Public Comments**

No one signed up to speak.

**Old Business:**

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

Stacey Mitchell from the Moore County Disc Golf Association spoke to the board about the sport and how it would be a low liability addition to the park and would attract people of all ages who play. Board members said they were hoping to see a proposed layout of the first 9 holes. Commissioner Kellis made a motion to table any action until the April meeting when we would have a layout of the 9 holes at the park and more information regarding the actual cost. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. Discuss quote for display case for meeting room.**

Commissioner Kellis made a motion to approve the drawings and quote WSW Designs in the amount of \$1241 for the case without lights. Motion carried unanimously.

**F. Discuss quotes for restriping parking lines on Seaboard Street.**

Board members reviewed the three quotes received:

Marsh Asphalt Sealing & Repair	\$ 600
Sanford Striping & Sealing	\$ 950
Pro Seal & Striping	\$1,213

Commissioner Cirone made a motion to approve the lowest bid of Marsh Asphalt Sealing and Repair. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Deel reported that he did perform a traffic speed study and the average speed was 48 mph and if you were to increase the speed limit to 45 they would be going well over 50 mph coming into town. His recommendation would be not to increase the speed limit since the DOT wanted to increase it from the town limits all the way to US # 1. Commissioner Bridgers made a motion that we not increase the speed limit on Vass-Carthage road based on the recommendation of Chief Deel. Motion carried unanimously.

**G. Discuss NCDOT planting plan for 690 interchange.**

Commissioner Kellis made a motion to approve the plan as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

**H. Discuss use of ball field by area church teams.**

Commissioner Blackwell said that several area churches wanted to organize a church slow pitch softball league and they would like to use our ball field on Sunday afternoons. The churches would help with maintenance of the field and would also provide a bucket truck to help with repair of the netting along US # 1. Commissioner Kellis made a motion that the ball field be reserved on Sunday afternoons for the church softball league. Motion carried unanimously.

**I. Discuss proposed changes to Recreation Commission Bylaws and new members for the commission.**

Commissioner Kellis said that attendance at "Park Committee Meetings has dwindled and if we are going to apply for a PARTF grant we need to have an active committee. Therefore, it was suggested that we revive the old Recreation Commission and change the name to the Culture and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Kellis made a motion to approve the proposed changes in the bylaws. Motion carried unanimously. Town Administrator was to send a letter to the current people who had expressed an interest in the committee with a copy of the bylaws of the new Culture & Recreation Commission asking if they would be willing to serve. If no responses they we will have to advertise for new members.

**J. Discuss proposal to replace 1993 and 1994 trucks with one truck in the 2012-13 budget.**

Board members were given information on dump inserts that could be installed on smaller trucks to make them become dump trucks and could still be removed to have a regular pickup. Board members said they would like more information on towns or business that are currently using one and see one in use. Town Administrator was to get more information. Commissioner Bridgers made a motion to table until more information is received. Motion carried unanimously.

**K. Discuss complaint by Ms. Robinson regarding her driveway.**

After discussion it was determined that Ms. Robinson has always had a problem with her driveway being lower than the street and it is not the town's responsibility to fix private property driveways. Commissioner Blackwell was to inform Ms. Robinson of the board's decision.

**L. Discuss possibly applying for Small Town Main Street Program.**

Commissioner indicated that they would like to see us apply for this program. In order to apply at least one person from the town must attend a workshop. Commissioner Cirone said she would like to attend. Commissioner Bridgers made a motion that the Town Administrator and Commissioner Cirone attend the workshop on April 5 in Benson. Motion carried unanimously.

**M. Discuss nuisance properties and possibility of a contest for "Most Improved Property."**

Commissioner Cirone said she had driven the streets of town and had a list of properties that are in violation of the nuisance and zoning ordinance with junk in the yards and unlicensed vehicles. The Town Administrator was to send notices of the violations to the property owners. Those with junk in the yards were to be given until the week after the Spring Clean up to comply with the nuisance ordinance.

There was also discussion about the proposal of a Most Improved Property contest with a cash prize. It was suggested that there be two awards; one for residential and one for business. Participants would have to take a picture of their property before the improvements and submit it as they application for the contest. Judges from outside of town would be reviewing the results and would select the winner. Commissioner Kellis made a motion that a cash prize of \$100 be awarded to the Most Improved Property for both residential and business. Motion carried unanimously.

**N. Set April 20 and 21 as dates for Spring Cleanup.**

Commissioner Kellis made a motion to set the dates of April 20 and 21 for Spring Cleanup when the dumpsters would be at the Maintenance Building. Motion carried unanimously.

**O. Limb trimming debris.**

Commissioner Kellis complained about all the debris left beside the streets where the company working for Progress Energy left the debris after trimming around the wires. He wanted the Town Administrator to send a letter to Progress Energy asking that they clean up the mess.

**P. Paving US # 1.**

Commissioner Kellis complained that the company that installed the sewer line down US # 1 for the Cameron School has not paved or fixed driveways. The Town Administrator indicated that would be a complaint for the Moore County School District since that was their project. Commissioner Bridgers said he had spoken with the people who did the work and was informed that they cannot do any paving until the line has been pressure tested.

**Q. Banner and electrical outlet locations.**

Commissioner Kellis passed out a map of the locations of the current banners and the electrical outlets once used for Christmas lights. Commissioners were to review it and discuss further at the next meeting as to where we wanted to place electrical outlets for future use of Christmas lights.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Kellis made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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George Blackwell, Commissioner

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Josephine E. Smith, CMC  
Town Clerk