

**TOWN OF VASS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
October 14, 2013**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem M. Callahan at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners in attendance were: Blackwell, Callahan, Cirone and Kellis. Mayor Callahan and Commissioner Bridgers were absent because they were at the League Conference.

A. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Kellis made a motion to approve the agenda and consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Consent Agenda

Items approved by motion above:

1. Minutes of September 9, 2013 Regular Meeting

No one signed up to speak.

Old Business:

D. Update on Harvest Festival.

Chief Deel updated the Board on the committee's progress. So far we had \$1945 in sponsor donations. They had received 50 vendor applications for food and craft items. Town Administrator was to check into purchasing a one day insurance policy because our insurance with the League of Municipalities will not cover inflatables.

E. Update on foreclosure proceedings for property on Lincoln Ave.

Town Administrator reported that the county still has no idea when foreclosure action will begin because there is a mapping problem. She did say that at a code enforcement workshop she attended they said the town should always pay for the asbestos inspection rather than to make it a requirement of the contractor who bids the job. The inspection itself can cost \$1,000 or more depending on how many samples they take and if there is a lot of asbestos it could cost several thousand to abate it. She is to check with NCDENR to see if they would come to check the two buildings for asbestos or if we had to hire a licensed inspector. Commissioner Cirone made a motion to table any action at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Update on outside storage of property and vehicles at residence on Ridge Street.

Mr. Buckland appeared before the board. He was told the issue with his unlicensed car was put on hold pending further review of possible changes in the ordinance. The nuisance abatement issue of all the items in the yard and under the carport was discussed at length. Commissioner Kellis made a motion that they would have a 10 day extension in which to abate the nuisance. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Discuss Recommendations of Planning Board

Based on the recommendation and review of the planning consultant, the Planning Board had recommend the Board of Commissioners hold a public hearing to rezone property being considered for development to a PUD. After reading the opinion prepared by the town attorney in which he stated that a PUD was not a zoning district, but rather an overlay for the already established districts, Commissioner Cirone made a motion that a public hearing is not necessary. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Discuss Possible Early Renewal of Health Insurance Plan with FirstCarolinaCare.

After reviewing the recommendation of the Town Administrator, Commissioner Kellis made a motion that we wait until July to renew. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Review Ad for Recruiting of Town Administrator/Clerk.

Board members reviewed the final copy for the ad for recruiting for the Town Administrator/Clerk who will be retiring in June 2014. The ad will be placed in the local papers the first of November and deadline for resumes is November 30.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Blackwell made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

TOWN OF VASS

Henry E. Callahan, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Josephine E. Smith, CMC, Town Clerk