



Town of Indian Trail
Minutes of Town Council
April 26, 2011
Civic Building
6:30 P.M.

The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor: John J. Quinn

Council Members: Robert Allen, Gary D'Onofrio, Jeffrey Goodall, John Hullinger, and Darlene Luther.

Absent Members: Town Clerk Peggy Piontek.

Staff Members: Town Manager Joe Fivas, Town Attorney Keith Merritt, Finance Director Marsha Sutton, Deputy Clerk Trena Sims, Town Engineer Scott Kaufhold, Tax Collector Janice Cook, Economic Development Coordinator, Kelly Barnhart, Civil Engineer Adam McLamb, Events Coordinator Rebecca Jones, and Planning Director Shelley DeHart.

Press/Media: Jillian Leamy of the Enquirer Journal, and Marty Minchin of the Charlotte Observer.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Quinn called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Jeffrey Goodall made a motion to approve the addition of add an Events planning discussion as item 9e Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Gary D'Onofrio made a motion to approve the agenda
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shirley Howe, 6205 Clearwater Drive, Indian Trail, NC expressed her concern about item 9b which calls for concealed weapons being allowed on government property. Although she believes in safety she does not feel concealed weapons are appropriate. Ms. Howe suggested improving the lighting at both the Administration and Development Services buildings, have a deputy present during the entire Council meeting including closed sessions, have a security check at the door by researching the cost of machines that can detect fire arms, in the meantime a wand should be used on each person as they enter the meeting room. It's her belief that these ideas can improve security and present a level playing field for all involved.

PRESENTATIONS

a. Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Quinn read the Proclamation and presented it to Dr. Roger Fish the Park, Trees and Greenway Committee Chairman.

b. Sharon Rosche - Union County Chamber President

Ms. Rosche the Union County Chamber President introduced herself and updated Council regarding the Economic Development information from the Wingate study confirming that the County is 85% residential and 15% commercial and it is hopeful that they can create a committee/task force of representatives from municipalities to change those numbers. They are not advocating a 50/50 %. They plan on taking immediate action and hopefully have a positive impact on the community at the end of it.

Mr. Goodall and Ms. Rosche discussed the importance of widening Old Monroe Road and that the entire County will benefit from that road improvement, therefore it should be a County effort, not just Indian Trail.

Ms. Luther and Ms. Rosche discussed if the upcoming actions would be different than the previous actions and if so, why did they not get changed sooner? Ms. Rosche advised there have been positive things done all along and we can continue to build on the foundation that is here and now that the recession appears to be coming to an end providing us with a good opportunity.

Mr. Goodall asked if Ms. Rosche would encourage municipalities that do want to increase their commercial tax base to create an Economic Development Department or should it be left as a County issue? Ms. Rosche advised that we are entering into a strategic visioning, as Union County, Monroe and now Indian Trail have Economic Development personnel and she feels it's clear that Indian Trail's needs were not being met by the County. She feels that it makes a lot more sense to do it together.

Mr. D'Onofrio feels that he has noticed that small businesses need help after they open their business. He also feels there is a large appetite for entertainment but he thinks about office space and the benefits it creates for local business for shopping, eating and errands during the lunch hour. Ms. Rosche feels the Chamber can provide free opportunities for small business owners to learn, as well as local professionals creating a committee to offer their

expertise to the small business owners for free such as legal advice.

Mr. Allen asked Ms. Rosche, after reading the study what the two things are that stood out and how she would address them. She replied that the biggest item is the commercial/residential percentage, the challenge is that it's 14 municipalities within the County and getting the right players from each community to help figure it out as a whole; getting over their own agendas and look at it from a realistic perspective. The other thing is there are some very good things in Union County that is not known and needs to be branded.

Mayor Quinn asked Ms. Rosche why she thought the County Government has borrowed money to continue to provide services. She advised that there was a lot of growth, inspiring hope and bringing prosperity and then the economy took a turn for the worse. She believes we just got ahead of ourselves. There was a discussion about the six business types thought to be the most beneficial with Ms. Rosche advising that is something that will be a big questions as they contact each community because it's not what one would assume but does support what we already have which is what the purpose was. Mayor Quinn inquired about the commercial vs. residential population in Pineville and their tax rate being more than double ours. Ms. Rosche advised that is a complicated issue, but Pineville will tell you that it requires an increase in staff, police force, infrastructure in an attempt to support the economic development.

Mr. D'Onofrio referred to the six industries listed in the study (advanced metals, aerospace, medical products, building products, e-commerce retail and data centers) advising that it points out the labor income and output added to the County economy. He feels these are interesting because they are low resource draws on local communities for law enforcement etc. with high output which he feels is a good reason to focus on them. Mr. Goodall congratulated the Chamber on "shop Union County" branding and believes we should be another Cabarrus County due to our close location to the city center of Charlotte and feels we are not due to a lack of good transportation issues. Mr. Goodall advised that the widening of Old Monroe Road will be critical and vital to all of Union County and feels we should have a united front on this issue.

Ms. Luther asked Ms. Rosche how important incentives are, in her opinion. Ms. Rosche replied that they are important that it shows the company you mean business and are willing to go the extra mile, sometimes it's not the dollar amount, just the willingness to play. Ms. Luther commented that the Monroe Bypass, once again, is being contested and delayed for an undetermined amount of time and suggested that all the energies should be put on widening Old Monroe Road. Ms. Rosche agreed. Council thanked Ms. Rosche for coming.

Mayor Quinn announced Indian Trail's Community Pride Week being held April 30 - May 7 and the grand opening of Crossing Paths Park to be held on May 14.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of April 12. 2011 minutes
- b. Budget Amendment
- c. Stormwater Maintenance Contract Renewal

John Hullinger made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. CZ2010-001 AUSTIN VILLAGE

Ms. DeHart presented this amendment of the original Conditional Use District which is a request to add some additional uses to the already existing authorized zoning of RZ2000-002 and advised that it is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Board heard this matter on March 15, 2011 and the following findings were made are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan:

1. Goal 1.3.1 Quality of Life: The proposed conditional zoning district will meet the quality of life goal by creating a unique identity for the Town with common urban design elements associated with the Austin Village development.

2. Goal 1.3.2 Land Use: The proposed conditional zoning district will meet the goal of land use by creating a more balanced tax base by promoting new commercial development.

3. The request for this zoning reclassification is a reasonable request and is in the public interest because it promotes the goals of the adopted Indian Trail Comprehensive Plan in the area of Quality of Life and Land Use and is consistent with the adopted plans within the Town. The Planning Board also recommended the following draft conditions and recommends approval:

Draft Conditions:

1. The subject property shall comply with all conditions and requirements of the approved Conditional Use Permit (RZ2000-002) dated February 14, 2001 recorded in Book 1504, pages 263-271 at the Union County Register of Deeds
2. A convenience store with fuel sales and/or car wash or drive through restaurant shall be added as a permissible use to the list of permissible uses of the original permit (RZ2000-002).
3. A shared building consisting of fuel sales and drive through restaurant is prohibited.
4. The two properties shall be combined prior to development. This is to ensure minimum lot sizes and setbacks are met.
5. Building materials shall compliment and be compatible with existing construction.
6. The building(s) shall consist of double faced design to include windows or faux windows on each exterior wall.
7. The site shall adhere to the Village Center concept of the Comprehensive Plan by promoting pedestrian friendly aspects such as building orientation close to the street with parking and vehicle canopies behind the building.
8. The site shall develop according to the road typology set forth in the Comprehensive Plan, including a 10 ft sidewalk along the road frontage.
9. A pedestrian connection shall be installed from the public right of way to the site.
10. The applicant shall secure appropriate sewer availability from Union County Public Works prior to development.
11. If a convenience store includes fuel sales, it shall be allowed to electronically display gas prices as part of their monument sign. Electronic display is limited to the gas prices only on the monument sign

Mayor Quinn opened the public comments portion of the hearing.

Ken Chapman, 521 East Morehead Street, Charlotte, NC, as the developer of the project confirmed that they are in agreement with the conditions; the current tenants are in favor of it and believe it will bring in additional business. Council asked a couple of questions, topics included were the drive-thru restaurant, Circle K, car wash, how much development Mr. Chapman does in Union County. Mr. Hullinger inquired how Mr. Chapman would rate his experience with this project. Mr. Chapman advised it has been a favorable experience with staff and explained a phone call he had with a business that day who did not want to go to Union County because of the sewer and water issues. General conversation pursued between the Council and Mr. Chapman.

Mayor Quinn closed the public comments portion of the hearing.

John Hullinger made a motion to concur with the findings and approve as presented for CZ2010-001 Austin Village. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

b. ZT2011-002 TEMPORARY USE AMENDMENT

Ms. DeHart presented a request to amend Chapter 440 - Temporary Use Permit to allow for construction sales and or construction trailers when associated with a permitted development and it would be allowed in both commercial and residential zones. Criteria includes setbacks for the lot, underpinning & crawl spaces must be screened and landscaped, off-street parking must be provided, pods or sea containers shall be screened or stored out of general view within all residential developments and are authorized for one year. The Planning Board heard this matter on March 15, 2011 and made the following required findings and transmits a recommendation of approval:

1. The proposed UDO amendment is consistent with the following goals:
 - 1.3.2 of the Comprehensive Plan - Land Use because the amendment provides criteria by which a temporary use is to operate reducing the potential for land use conflicts between neighboring properties.
2. This UDO ordinance amendment request is reasonable and in the best interest of the public because it provides clear guidance with the temporary use process for better efficiency and consistency.

Mayor Quinn opened and closed the public comments period as no one had signed up to speak.

John Hullinger made a motion concur with findings and approve a presented. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Unionville Indian Trail Road Sidewalk - Right-of-Way Phase

Mr. Fivas advised that we have received all the State and Federal Permits to move forward on this project, we are ready to start acquiring property and are recommending approval of the project. Mr. Fivas informed the Council that this is in large part a Federal Grant with a smaller local match.

John Hullinger made a motion to approve Unionville Indian Trail Road Sidewalk - Right-of-Way Phase Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

b. Building reuse and restoration Grant application

Mr. Fivas presented this is the first economic development Grant that we've applied for. This project is partnered with the Partnership for Progress, who indicated they were contacted by WM Goodyear Company who needed help with relocation. Staff researched this grant and WM Goodyear would receive a minimum of \$80,000. If they relocate here, it has the potential to create 10 full time jobs and also fill an unoccupied building within Indian Trail. He advised that the owner has been contacted by their bank to inform them they will not be ready by the May 2nd deadline, so we will be targeting the June deadline. Mr. Fivas said this is one of the basic building blocks in doing these proactive things for business growth and he believes that the State has given a favorable indication that this will be approved.

Mr. Hullinger inquired if there was any cost for the Town. Ms. Barnhardt advised we will be providing "in kind" sponsorship. He believes this is the kind of information that we should advertise to help dispel what's out there now and help the reputations of the towns.

Mr. D'Onofrio asked how this originated. Mr. Fivas advised the business contacted Partnership for Progress, who contacted us and Ms. Barnhardt has been in conversations with the State, business owner and Partnership for Progress.

Ms. Luther inquired that if the funds go to the town and we release them to the business, what happens if the company defaults. It states that the town is not required to make repayment but is required to take any means necessary, including litigation, in order to recoup that money. How can we protect the town in that regard? Mr. Fivas advised we will hold the funds until most of the requirements have been made. Ms. Barnhardt advised they have the option to invoice us at the end or invoice us job by job, because the initial expense is coming out of their pocket. The owner implied to make it easier on paperwork; they would probably bill it at the end in one lump sum.

Mr. Goodall inquired what a tier 3 rating is. Ms. Barnhardt replied it's a good rating and is based on our standing demographically, population, income, current business, more or less our abilities to attract new business.

Robert Allen made a motion to approve Building Reuse and Restoration Grant Application. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Council took and returned from a brief break.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. US 74 Revitalization Plan

Mr. Fivas advised this plan is spearheaded by Union County, staff has met and discussed this and now they are looking for a grant from MUMPO. We have heard that MUMPO would be willing to consider a grant for up to \$80,000. Union County will match up to \$20,000, Monroe will match up to \$20,000 and both Indian Trail and Stallings are discussing it tonight. The overall project is \$250,000; with presentation to MUMPO for analysis will be access management issues (curb cuts etc), intersection issues, beautification issues, land use and economic development issues along there. We have been asked to bring this to you for discussion and consideration to join them with an "up to" \$20,000 commitment for this project. With the commitment, MUMPO would give an initial commitment to fund the project, then we would figure out the scope of the project and then we would bring back a fully identified scope of work. Some of the issues associated with this is that this is for planning before the actual construction for the Monroe Bypass. This is a great opportunity to partner with our residents through the public process and work with officials from other municipalities. This will be discussed at the MUMPO meeting tomorrow with the thought to make a decision at their May meeting. This will be funded by MUMPO with a grant over two years to meet the \$250,000 threshold, although they have not done that before, they understand they would be hard pressed not to fund the second year if the first was funded, but there are no guarantees.

Mr. Hullinger asked if this could come out of our Powell Bill Funds. Mr. Fivas replied no. Mr. Hullinger agrees that Highway 74 needs revitalization. Mr. D'Onofrio commented that this is the first time he has heard any discussions pertaining to 74 during his term. He agrees it's in need of attention. Mr. Goodall agreed with them, regardless of the Bypass, Highway 74 does need a revitalization plan. Suggested we pledge the whole amount they are asking for but the second part be contingent upon MUMPO doing their part. Mr. Fivas replied that if we advised there were limitations involved they would be strongly considered. Mr. Goodall inquired about the length of the revitalization. Mr. Fivas replied it goes from Stallings (1.4 miles) to the end of Monroe (10.1 miles) jurisdiction. Indian Trail has 4.25 miles. Mayor Quinn asked if this is premature since the Bypass will affect Stallings to a greater degree. Mr. Kaufhold replied that it is a consistent vision through the 74 Corridor and Stallings has the greatest opportunity to have a clean slate whereas we would have more of revitalization. Ms. Luther advised she feels this plan is a good idea but with the Bypass hanging out there it seems this money could be used in a different manner. Council continued the discussion at length.

John Hullinger made a motion that the Town of Indian Trail pledge up to \$20,000 for the US 74 Corridor Revitalization Plan.

Motion Passed 4 - 1 with Robert Allen opposing.

b. Safety & Security

Mr. Allen advised that his request to allow Elected Officials carry concealed weapons in the building under North Carolina State Law is not even to be considered. He only phrased it that way to impress upon everyone the gravity of the situation, that should be addressed and we don't have a plan. He suggested we address some fundamental items that would not take a large dollar commitment, suggesting developing a plan/procedure and reposition security for a tactical advantage; consolidate the parking for the officials to be secure; flood lights and beef up circuit breakers to handle additional load; bullet proof panels so they could at least get cover until security responds.

Mr. D'Onofrio stated that no one ever thinks these things will happen and this facility is not very secure for our meetings, some of which have been contentious which does give you pause for concern. We can start small, having a plan, lighting is very important; and having the police here for the entire meeting is critical and security check at the door is not a bad suggestion either. He raised the question of when Lieutenant Coble is presenting to Council and participating in the meeting, while his attention is on that matter, we don't have a back up while he's distracted. Mr. D'Onofrio suggested creating a plan that uses the expertise of our law enforcement.

Mr. Hullinger agrees lighting is a problem and he would feel awful if anything happened to anyone. Mr. Hullinger suggested having Mr. Fivas and Lieutenant Coble meet to discuss the possible solutions to the situation.

Ms. Luther recommended a one way mirror sheeting on the windows, so they cannot see in but we can see out and see who is approaching the building.

Mr. Goodall referred to an email he sent in 2008 to the previous Town Manager expressing his concerns about the security in the Civic Building. He recommends increasing the level of lighting in the parking lot; designated parking would be a good idea, security cameras at all buildings for protection of lives and property. He agrees we need security assessment from a professional like Lieutenant Coble and at least one security officer that is not involved in the meeting in attendance at the meeting. He would have no opposition to having metal detectors at the doors to ensure the only people carrying weapons are law enforcement officials.

Mayor Quinn agrees that the lighting outside is important for the safety of all those in attendance. He is not concerned about the safety and doesn't consider someone assaulting him, although he knows it exists. He found it interesting that this issue comes forward now after the Council disbanded the Public Safety Committee who, he feels, would have been instrumental in assisting in this matter. He agrees that it's a good idea to look at these issues.

Jeffrey Goodall made a motion to instruct the Town Manager to increase lighting in parking lot and work with Lieutenant Coble to develop both physical and property security plan for town property.

Council discussed the motion and Mr. Goodall revised his motion.

Jeffrey Goodall made a motion for Town Manager to provide designated parking and increase lighting in the parking lot. To discuss with Lieutenant Coble positioning of deputies and an overall security plan for this building. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

c. MUMPO Responsibilities and solving communication issues

Mayor Quinn advised that at the last Council meeting that he had not attended Mr. Allen was appointed as the alternate MUMPO Representative and the County's Transportation Advisory Board, which is fine with him. He has served as the MUMPO Representative for 2.5 years, at which time he believes the Council was opposed to following the MUMPO Bylaws and that's why he took the position. He provided some history about the facts he learned and how he applied them to projects in Indian Trail. He referred to Old Monroe Road (OMR) and that NCDOT has committed to widening it, which he attributes to Mayor Paxton and Mayor Biggers because he feels the

key component to getting it done was the cooperation between the towns. He feels he was responsible for getting this matter moved forward and has done it without any Council input. He advised it will be voted upon tomorrow morning at the MUMPO meeting. He believes the communication issues are from the four Council Members, citing examples, and invited them to direct him in any way they want him to vote. The idea of the County Transportation Advisory Board is to move together for common goals, it's about building relationships. He gave Mr. Allen a MUMPO handbook and encouraged him to take the MUMPO 101 course.

Ms. Luther responded that the Council has had multiple discussions and vote about putting our funds on Old Monroe Road widening and feels it's about two communities in agreement that this is a priority. As a MUMPO Representative it is Mayor Quinn's responsibility to keep the Council apprised of what is going on and then deliver the Council's decision and vote to the MUMPO meeting and then report back to the Council on the outcome. She believes that it is a lack of communication on the part of Mayor Quinn to the Council. Mayor Quinn advised he will communicate with the Council through the Town Manager, as he believes he has done what he can to work with the Council. Ms. Luther asked the Council if they had any suggestions on how to deal with this communication issue. She feels the issue is getting the information when asked or on a regular basis.

Mr. D'Onofrio said that there has been over 20 minutes of debate, there are no motions on the floor and requested that we move on.

d. Disposition of surplus and broken property

Mr. Fivas advised that on May 7th we have a community drop off day for community, we have limited space in town hall, there are items that are broken and need to be disposed of and requested Council approval to do so.

Gary D'Onofrio made a motion to approve the disposition of surplus and broken property as listed in the packet. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

e. Events planning discussion

Mr. Goodall referred to an email he sent to Mr. Fivas about events. He recommended the following: providing a program at all events for every attendee, always have background music to set the atmosphere, a new Public Address System, lighting for speakers and entertainers, prepared notes for speakers, Master of Ceremonies (not Events Coordinator), lost and found, documentation of event with pictures, in writing, video, and instant feedback from attendees at the event, get lessons learned from experienced municipalities, prevent down time or lag in entertainment, the expense of putting on a competitive fireworks display could cost the same as an entire event and not worth it (in his opinion) unless we can get sponsors to pay for it.

Mr. D'Onofrio commented that it is difficult to provide thoughts of improvement without appearing unappreciative of the current effort which is not the case. The events have continually improved; the town has moved the needle on the events since he has been elected. Most of Mr. Goodall's suggestions are simple things, the goal is to create events that people want to go to, have fun at and look forward to going to again. He believes they are good suggestions, agrees with them and feels they will assist in improving the events. He feels strongly about documenting the event, as we have very little recorded history of the Town, the more information we have on the event the better it will be in perpetuity.

Mr. Allen agrees with Mr. Goodall's suggestions and is surprised that it has to be suggested as so many of them are fundamental. He believes an untapped resource is recruiting help from the Civic organizations referring to Morganton. Use imagination and creativity in documentation of the events, he's tired of being mediocre.

Mr. Hullinger feels these are good suggestions that we should turn over to our Events Coordinator and let her run with it. He envisions things like the Fourth of July where he doesn't have to go anywhere else to eat and watch fireworks, let's have it here, bring the people into us to support our businesses. He would love to see the Fourth of July as an all day event in Indian Trail. We have someone in place now full time and we see the improvements starting.

Ms. Luther agrees there should always be background music at all events as it would make a big difference.

Mr. Fivas advised that staff reviewed the list and feel these are all things that should be done and most are in the works to be planned. What we need to emphasize is the fact that we're approximately 9 new events with a staff of one, there will be growing pains, lessons learned, but feels we will be extremely proud of our events this year. We will make mistakes but he believes people will come and have a good time. He advised that some of the technical issues are the result of not having the right equipment and need funding for that, volunteers are an issue and one cannot create a volunteer list while planning 9 events but is something we will look into during the slow period. Those are two things we know we need to improve on, however the list provided by Mr. Goodall is great and we agree they are fantastic suggestions.

Mr. Goodall advised that he is more about quality than quantity, suggesting putting it on face book for volunteers; it's not just one person doing this it should be staff and Council trying to get it done.

Mr. Fivas replied that we have been diligently trying to get volunteers with no success, if we are going in the direction of having events every weekend it's difficult to ask staff to give up multiple weekends to put these events on.

Mr. D'Onofrio told Mr. Fivas to be sure to let Council know what is needed. He believes the Council has been forthcoming with requests and cannot approve things we are unaware of needing from equipment to personnel. Let us know what you need, if we can do it fine if not we'll have to make adjustments to our plans.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Fivas had no report.

PLANNING REPORT

Ms. DeHart has no report.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Kaufhold advised that Indian Trail Fairview Road widening has started and is expected to be completed July 1st. As you exit the building, please take a look at the park, the lights are on.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Quinn stated the public safety issue brought up by Mr. Allen is certainly legitimate but how it was done is troubling. When he saw it on the agenda last week, within 20 minutes, he understood the rules and regulations of what he was proposing by making a couple of phone calls and going on line. He has a concealed permit and he recalls some of the rules and he knew what Mr. Allen was asking could not be done. He feels Mr. Allen should have gone behind the scenes and asked questions. He understands there have been face book posts that Mr. Allen should be able to carry a gun and is uncertain of what the purpose of all this is. It seems interesting that he is advertising this, is he afraid of some kind of repercussion or someone coming after him? This costs the citizens money for the Town Attorney to review the matter, Mayor Quinn spent time engaging the Sheriff's counsel all of which was unnecessary. He believes it was a costly attention getter and unnecessary. Having a concealed permit he does not know why Mr. Allen did not do his research before putting it on the agenda. He feels the meeting went relatively well tonight and thanked Ms. Luther for acknowledging that he has represented the town's will and wishes without any direct input from the town. He does take exception to recent comments that he considers libelous where she has again stated that he did something that justified his being banned from town hall. You were not here, it was another Council and if you are going to make statements with these allegations that I had harassed someone, which was not part of the resolution, yet you continue to beat that drum I consider libelous. It is a lie, not true and he would appreciate it if she and other Council Members, or her lackeys who are willing to post things they do not know about, it is certainly untrue.

Ms. Luther advised that she's glad we brought up the safety issue today and feels it was beneficial and helpful for all of to consider some actions that could be advantageous to all of us in the future. Hopefully it will be something that never ends up happening as it has in other places, but she feels it was a very important discussion in contrary to what the Mayor believes. He stated it will not deter someone who is determined to kill, which may be true but it will not be said it's because we did not try and we at least did what we could afford to do. Those methods could make a difference and still believes it was a good discussion overall.

Mr. Allen feels it was a productive meeting and is glad we discussed safety and that Council supported him on it. He does not put things on the agenda often and only does so when he thinks it's important. He does not want Mayor Quinn to walk away thinking Mr. Allen does not believe his opinion is important, he wants him to walk away knowing that Mr. Allen does not consider Mayor Quinn's opinion important.

Mr. D'Onofrio stated the feedback that he received from the "Hop to IT" event was positive, even though it got rained out with tornado warnings, staff did do a good job of making lemonade with lemons. The only somewhat negative comment was the Easter Bunny looked scary, but that was the only thing he heard that could be perceived negative. He believes we're doing a good job, moving the event in the proper direction, let's keep on it. He's looking forward to the next one and will be a volunteer at the Trash Day. He will be there to assist our citizens in unloading their trash.

Mr. Hullinger stated people had goose bumps tonight and thanked Mr. Fivas for getting the air condition fixed. It's much better hearing them complain about being too cold than too hot.

Mr. Goodall thanked Ms. Rosche for coming out, it was great to see her here early in her tenure as the Chamber of Commerce President. He believes she's on the right track, we had a great exchange of ideas and feels it's great for

her to bring the information of the Wingate study to Council. He also believes the safety and security subject was long overdue and to do nothing would have shrugged our responsibilities as a Town Council. He's glad we acted upon it and thanked Mr. Allen. He feels there should be a timeline on it and is assuming Council will hear back within a month or two (maximum). There are matters that fall by the wayside and this cannot be one of them. He hopes to hear back about the parking lot and all the security issues they discussed within a month or two. He used the Union County Forrester expense as an example of a matter that was not brought back to them. He's uncertain if any decision has been made, but he's still waiting.

CLOSED SESSION

Gary D'Onofrio made a motion to enter closed session **143-318-11(a)(6)** consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mayor Quinn left the meeting at this time.
Mr. Hullinger left the meeting during Closed Session.

Gary D'Onofrio made a motion to approve entering back into Open Session. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Jeffrey Goodall made a motion to approve increase in the base salary of the Town Manager in the amount of \$5,000 effective March 1, 2011. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

ADJOURN

Robert Allen made a motion to adjourn
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

APPROVED: _____
John J. Quinn, Mayor

Attest: _____
Peggy Piontek, Town Clerk