



Town of Indian Trail
Minutes of Town Council
June 28, 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, and Darlene Luther.

Absent Members: John Hullinger.

Staff Members: Town Manager Joe Fivas, Town Clerk Peggy Piontek, Town Attorney Keith Merritt, Planning Director Shelley DeHart, Town Engineer Scott Kaufhold, Finance Director Marsha Sutton, Economic Development Coordinator, Kelly Barnhart Events Coordinator Rebecca Jones

Media: Marty Minchin of the Charlotte Observer and Alan Jenkins of the Enquirer Journal

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Quinn called the meeting to order and invited both Eagle scouts to lead in the Pledge of allegiance.

Gary D'Onofrio made a motion moving recognition of Scouts up to the first item.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Quinn Presented Anthony Heredia and Joshua Leighton with their Certificate of Recognition.

Anthony Heredia thanked everyone for recognizing them this evening and expressed appreciation for the Town putting their best foot forward to help out.

Joshua Leighton thanked everyone who helped him get to this point; he could not have done it without them.

Mayor Quinn announced Mr. Brown, Planning Board applicant is going to be late.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Jeffrey Goodall made a motion adding Council seat Vacancy as item 10a
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

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

PLANNING BOARD INTERVIEWS

The Town Council asked each applicant the following questions:

1) what motivated you to submit your application to serve on a Board for the Town? 2) What non-profit, civic or government involvement do you have? 3) Do you have any private/public sector experience which could help you give input to this committee? 4) What is your perspective on community economic development? 5) Do you have any ideas on how IT can improve its public participation? 6) Did you consider joining any other committee? If yes, why?

Below are the applicant's responses.

Rob McClellan

1) He has served on Home Owners Association (HOA), although challenging at times feels it's a wonderful opportunity to give back and part of his duty to serve the town. He owns a couple of businesses and feels he has hands on experience and value for the Planning Board.

2) President of HOA (non profit) Civic he volunteers his time to schools.

3) He has a couple of small businesses and in terms of dealing with governments entities trying the process and get a businesses open.

4) He thinks it's a great thing, it must be balanced, business must be appropriate for its location. It's a matter of striking the appropriate balance and feels his experience can assist in weighing those balances.

Mayor Quinn asked Mr. McClellan what possessed him to get involved in the HOA. Mr. McClellan replied it's a matter of having some input on your own opinion, and hopefully will assist in guiding in that direction. The positives outweigh the bad.

5) It comes back to communication; he's impressed with what the town has been doing with Facebook and other social media. Get out there and communicate.

6) He would be interested if not selected for this position.

Jan Brown

1) He believes his qualifications and business background would be helpful to develop a plan for the town and he can be proactive and not reactive.

2) Chamber of Commerce, Lions & Rotary and currently serves on the ABC Board which has been relatively successful.

3) In New York he was on Planning Commission & Recreation Commissions.

4) We ought to be pro business and find a good cooperation between the Planning Board, Council, the developers & the builders. It has to be harmonious and cannot be all one sided.

5) We have a park that has show IT has something for the populous. It will stimulate public interest. The First event had 150 people the last one had over 400. As word gets out people will react to it.

6) ABC & Planning will take up most of his time.

Mayor Quinn and Mr. Brown had a conversation about how his serving on the ABC Board would qualify him to serve on the Planning Board.

Jeffrey Goodall made a motion to approve appointing Mr. Rob McClellan and Mr. Jan Brown to the Planning Board. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harley Pigg 2027 Blue Stream Lane, Indian Trail expressed concern over grass tolerance of 12 inches in Fieldstone Farms but it is never cut. He would like to know why all the people in Zone Enforcement do not do their job. You can go down Blue Stream Lane and see the junk and high grass. If he pays taxes he expects somebody to help him.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Quinn requested that Council make a motion to pull the Powell Bill Map off of the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

- a. Approval of June 14, 2011 minutes
- b. Powell Bill Map
- c. Audit Contract for Fiscal Year 2010/2011
- d. Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Re-appointments

Gary D'Onofrio made a motion pulling the Powell Bill Map for further discussion.
Motion Passed 3 - 1 with Jeffrey Goodall opposing.

Mayor Quinn asked where the map was. Mr. Kaufhold advised there is one at the office, once it gets approved. The existing one is on line. General discussion pursued.

Jeffrey Goodall made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Jeffrey Goodall made a motion Powell Bill Map
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. **Introduction of Bond Order**

Mr. Fivas provided the history of the process up to this point. Ms. Sutton explained the process for this stage of the GO Bond Referendum.

Mr. Goodall introduced Bond Orders. **(COPY ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD)**

Jeffrey Goodall made a motion to adopt the Resolution setting the Public Hearing for the Bond Orders as July 12, 2011.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

- b. **Consider approval of Economic Development Strategic Plan**

Mr. Fivas provided the history of this item and requested Ms. Barnhardt explain further.

Ms. Barnhardt explained that this plan will be the rock and foundation by which we can make many important economic development decisions in a more timely and concise manner. Most importantly it will provide Indian Trail with a rational, consistent and defensible basis for determining which economic development opportunities to

pursue and perhaps equally important which to decline. She then introduced Michael Geouge, a representative from Sandford Holshouser the company staff recommends to assist us in creating the plan.

Michael Geouge provided Council with some background information on the company and the process of creating the Plan.

Jeffrey Goodall made a motion to concur with the Town Manager and Town staff's recommendation to utilize the services of Sanford Holshouser to guide us through the development of our Economic Development Strategic Plan. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

c. **Acceptance of Resignation from John Hullinger.**

Mayor Quinn read Mr. Hullinger's letter of resignation. **(COPY ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD)**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. **Council seat vacancy**

This item was added as a result of a motion made in item 2 Additions and Deletions.

Mr. Goodall suggested in an effort to expedite the matter he proposed that we advertise for an individual to fill the seat in accordance with our Charter and the State Statutes until the next election. However this person would come on Board after the Council chooses him or her. He feels they should be interviewed at the next Council meeting and Council will make a decision at that time.

Jeffrey Goodall made a motion to direct the Town Manager to advertise for people interested in the vacant Council seat, for interviews at the July 12th Council meeting at which time this Council will appoint a new member.

Mr. Fivas inquired if Council would like a deadline of July 8th or 9th so you will have an opportunity to review them for a few days. Mr. Goodall said yes, even Wednesday when the packets go out. Mr. Fivas replied we'll probably make it the 7th, 8th or 9th, whichever gives them the most time to be able to fill out the applications and give you the time needed to review them. Mr. Fivas inquired if Council would also require everyone that puts an application in be here and prepared to answer your questions? Mr. Goodall replied yes, that was part of his motion.

Mr. Merritt requested clarification on the mention of an application, is there a particular application Council would like filled out? Would you prefer a resume? He asks to ascertain what they need to submit to be considered. Mr. D'Onofrio suggested a resume and any other documentation that would assist them in the decision making process. Council concurred.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Fivas reminded everyone about the Independence Day Festivities and provided information of same.

PLANNING REPORT

Ms. DeHart had nothing to report.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Kaufhold provided updates on projects currently being done by the Town.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Quinn commented on Mr. Goodall's comments on Mr. Hullinger's being Mr. Godwin's seat. In looking at the statutes he came across something that validates what he's known all along with regard to banishing him from town hall. He quoted the Statute and informed Council it is his opinion that the Resolution is illegal.

Ms. Luther and Mr. Goodall had no comments.

Mr. D'Onofrio commented on an article on CNN.com outlining how Census tract some Indian Trail communities had grown in population from 2000 to 2010 approximately 900%. He continued to explain that they came here, had conversations with Elected Officials, staff and residents all providing great publicity for the Town as it embarks on economic development.

Mr. Allen agreed with Mr. D'Onofrio. He also cautioned Council to move very deliberately in what they decide as far as the appointment. He feels there are some very tempting opportunities that present itself because of his departure and suggests resisting the temptation.

CLOSED SESSION

Gary D'Onofrio made a motion to enter closed session for

NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1) To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes, specifically, NCGS 132.17 with respect to sensitive public security information.

NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of business in the area served by this body.

NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(9) To discuss and take action regarding plans to protect public safety as it relates to existing or potential terrorist activity and to receiving briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law enforcement or emergency service officials concerning actions taken or to be taken in response to such activity.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mayor Quinn left the meeting before going into closed session.

Robert Allen made a motion to approve going back into open session

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

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