

REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL

**AGENDA
April 18, 2013**

RULES FOR PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL

1. Each speaker will identify himself or herself by giving his or her **name and place of residence**.
2. Each speaker will be limited to speaking one time on any topic. When you are finished speaking, please step away from the podium and be seated.
3. Each speaker will be limited to **three (3) minutes** and each group's representative will be limited to a **maximum of ten (10) total minutes**. Each group is encouraged to designate a single spokesperson for their group.
3. Each speaker will confine himself or herself to the general question before the Council and avoid irrelevant comments.

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
(6:00 PM)**

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comments
4. Agenda Adoption
5. **Approve Consent Agenda** (*All matters listed are considered to be routine and non-controversial by Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion unless a Council member so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.*)
 - a. Approve March 21, 2013 Regular Council Minutes (5a)
 - b. Resolution of Support for Polk County Vehicle Tag Office (5b)
 - c. Memo for Records Disposition (5c)
 - d. Resolution Accepting and Endorsing the Town of Columbus Preliminary Engineering Report, Comprehensive Water Model, and Master Plan (5d)
 - e. Resolution in Support of The American Cancer Society Relay For Life (5e)
6. Keybox Benchmarking Presentation -- Mr. George Alley (6)
7. WWTP Construction Update (7)
8. Public Hearing (*to begin at 7pm*) -- Request to Close a Portion of Miller Street (8)
9. Consideration of Request to Close a Portion of Miller Street (9)
10. Reports
 - a. Council Members Report
 - b. Managers Report (10b)
 - c. Public Works Report (10c)
 - d. Police, ABC, and Fire Department reports (10d)
11. Closed Session to Discuss Personnel Issues per N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (6) – Personnel.
12. Adjourn

Town of Columbus
Minutes of Columbus Town Council
March 21, 2013

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6 Mayor McIntyre called the Work Session of the Regular Town Council Meeting to order at
7 6:00pm. In attendance were Mayor McIntyre, Councilmen McCallister and Hall, Councilwomen
8 Kan and Metcalf, Town Manager Jonathan Kanipe, Town Attorney Bailey Nager, Police Chief
9 Chris Beddingfield, Public Works Director Robert Rosseter, and Town Clerk Devon
10 LaFromboise.

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12 **Work Session 6:00 p.m.**
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14 Mayor McIntyre asked the Board for any changes or additions to the February 21, 2013 regular
15 meeting minutes. Councilwoman Kan asked if the Public Notice for the closing of Miller Street
16 had been published. Manager Kanipe confirmed the notice was published March 21, 2013.

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18 Mayor updated Council in regards to the information Mrs. Brenda Searcy had promised to make
19 available. Mayor McIntyre has not received the promised information to date. Mayor McIntyre
20 also did not receive a copy of the alarm record.

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22 Manager Kanipe asked Council to consider a presentation by Mr. James Searcy, Chair of the
23 Board of the Tailgate Market and Mr. Christopher Chemsak. Council consented to the
24 presentation. Mr. Searcy asked Council to formally give the Tailgate Market permission and
25 authority for the Market. Mayor McIntyre asked where the Tailgate Market will be located if the
26 market were to grow, Mr. Searcy will consider the location. Manager Kanipe asked Mr. Searcy
27 to contact the Town Hall if they need to use a portion of Ward Street.

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29 Councilman Hall asked Mr. Searcy if the Tailgate Market needed anything from the Town
30 Council. Mr. Searcy explained past issues with animals and animal controls. Mr. Chemsak asked
31 for clarification for the signage advertising the market. Manager Kanipe explained the signage
32 requirements and clarified that the market is a county sponsored event and may fall under a
33 governmental exception. Manager Kanipe extended an offer to work with the Tailgate Market to
34 ensure signage compliance.

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36 Council considered adjusting the May 16, 2013 meeting due to a scheduling conflict with
37 Attorney Nager.

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39 Mayor McIntyre asked if the records contained in the disposition schedule were backed up.
40 Manager Kanipe confirmed that the records are sent to Department of Cultural Resources for
41 microfilming.

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43 Manager Kanipe updated Council with the process with the annexation petition from ALF-
44 FCLG, LLC. Manager Kanipe explained to Council that an updated version of the first page of
45 the draft ordinance was presented tonight. This page was to replace the page dated March 20,
46 2013.

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48 Manager Kanipe informed council that Brian Tripp has a short presentation for the Hydraulic
49 Study / Water CIP / Asset Management Plan. Mayor McIntyre asked for an update on the Waste
50 Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project. Manager Kanipe gave Council a brief update of the
51 project's progress.

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53 Mayor McIntyre opened the keybox discussion with a question of fining owners who do not
54 show up when an alarm is triggered. Manager Kanipe offered to gather information on the
55 availability of fines. Manager Kanipe also offered to contact local municipalities that might have
56 ordinances addressing alarms.

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58 Mayor McIntyre began the discussion of the St. Luke's draft agreement by asking for
59 clarification of St. Luke's property. He would like to have a firm definition of their property.
60 Attorney Nager defined property as the St. Luke's campus. The campus entails the real property
61 located at the main hospital. Chief Beddingfield further explained how the officer would be
62 dedicated to the campus and all buildings contained therein, thus allowing another officer to
63 respond to issues in Town. Councilwoman Kan inquired after provision 3, Fee for Service.
64 Councilwoman Kan's concern is the wording would not allow for increases in salaries and
65 benefits. Manager Kanipe explained the scope of the provision and that the provision allows for
66 growth. Attorney Nager and Manager Kanipe then discussed with Council the renegotiation
67 process. The discussion centered on timing and cost associated with the renegotiation.

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69 Mayor McIntyre asked Mr. Rosseter to explain the use of the orange cones located at the four
70 way stop on Walker Street. Mr. Rosseter explained there is a project that is scheduled to begin
71 soon on South Peak Street. APAC has left the cones in place until the South Peak Street project
72 begins.

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74 Mayor McIntyre discussed the ABC Board report. The ABC Board has given the Town of
75 Columbus a \$2,000.00 disbursement check. The store is doing well with both Columbus and
76 Tryon sales.

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78 Mayor McIntyre addressed the memo regarding storm water runoff on Walker Street. Manager
79 Kanipe informed Council that at the end of Denton Street there is a house that abuts another
80 house on Walker Street. There is a lot of drainage that flows onto the Walker Street property.
81 The Town has investigated installing drainage, but found that due to other utilities that crisscross
82 the area, installation is not practical. There is an additional issue with gutter runoff from a second
83 house being piped down onto the property.

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85 Manager Kanipe spoke with the Town's League of Municipalities Insurance Adjuster and was
86 assured that any liability to the Town would be minimal. Councilwoman Metcalf asked Council
87 if they could recall this discussion during a previous council session, and remembered that
88 council was asked to make repairs and that council found that there was nothing the Town could
89 do to alleviate the situation. Councilman McCallister suggested contacting the property owners
90 and encouraging the private owners to resolve the issue.

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92 Mayor McIntyre adjourned the work session at 6:53 p.m.

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94 **Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.**
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96 Mayor McIntyre called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
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98 **Public Comments:**

99 Mayor McIntyre opened the floor for agenda item three, public comments. There were no
100 general public comments.
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102 **Approve Regular Agenda:**

103 Mayor McIntyre asked for any changes to the agenda. There were no changes or additions to be
104 made. Councilwoman Metcalf moved to approve the agenda as written, Councilman Hall
105 seconded, motion carried.
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107 **Approve Consent Agenda:**

108 Mayor McIntyre asked for further discussion on the consent agenda. Councilwoman Kan asked if
109 the regular meeting time could be changed from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Manager Kanipe informed
110 council that citizens were asking questions about the work session's purpose and functionality.
111 Council briefly discussed the advantages and disadvantages of moving the meeting time to 6:00
112 pm. Councilwoman Kan made a motion that starting in April the regular meeting time will be
113 moved to 6:00 pm and there would be no work session until any other changes are made,
114 Councilman McCallister seconded, motion carried.
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116 Councilwoman Metcalf made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the change on item
117 5c – Approve Town of Columbus Regular Meeting Schedule for CY 2013, to delete the work
118 session and the regular meeting starts at 6:00 pm beginning in April, Councilwoman Kan
119 seconded, motion carried.
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121 The consent agenda and following items were unanimously approved.

- 122 1. Minute of February 21, 2013 Regular Meeting
123 2. Minutes of March 2, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes – Budget Retreat
124 3. Approve Records Disposition

125 This concludes the items approved in the consent agenda.
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127 **Public Hearing for the annexation petition from ALF-FCLG, LLC:**

128 Mayor McIntyre opened the floor for the public hearing for the annexation petition from ALF-
129 FCLG.
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131 Mr. Alan Peterson spoke on behalf of the owners of ALF-FCLG, LLC. Mr. Peterson explained
132 the intention of foster creek to incorporate the petitioned property into the master plan. Once the
133 master plan is approved, there is a special use permit to cluster the property per the Town's
134 subdivision ordinance. Councilman McCallister asked if the Master Plan would be the same even
135 with the addition of this property. Mr. Peterson discussed the intention and possible use of the
136 annexed property.
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138 A discussion among Council of the Foster Creek annexation history and public requests
139 followed. Council brought up many points both for the annexation and for keeping with public
140 consensus to refrain from additional annexations.

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142 Mayor McIntyre then closed the public hearing regarding a petition from ALF-FCLG, LLC for
143 voluntary annexation of non-contiguous property.

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145 **Consideration of Ordinance to Extend the Corporate Limits of the Town of Columbus:**
146 Councilwoman Metcalf moved to the annexation ordinance, Councilman McCallister seconded,
147 motion carried.

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149 **Hydraulic Study / Water System CIP / Asset Management Plan:**

150 Mayor McIntyre asked Mr. Brian Tripp of WK Dickson to begin his presentation of the
151 Preliminary Engineering Report, Comprehensive Water Model and Master Plan.

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153 Mr. Tripp took a moment to update Council on the WWTP project. There is a pre construction
154 meeting at the Town on April 10, 2013.

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156 As part of the Rural Center grant to maintain the water system, Mr. Tripp is presenting the
157 preliminary results of the Engineering Report, Comprehensive Water Model and Master Plan.
158 Mr. Tripp elaborated on the following high-points:

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160 1. A brief overview of the contents of the report and the GIS Mapping system
161 2. Project Planning Area, demographics, and statistics
162 3. Water Master Plan and Water Audit Findings
163 4. 5 year Capital Improvement Plan and 20 year Capital Improvement Plan
164 5. Asset Management Plan
165 6. User Rates

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167 Mr. Tripp went over each slide with Council. He spoke about how well the GIS mapping system
168 performed; statistical water use and potential problems with the water system; probability with
169 wells; general quality of the water and the water system; results of the water audit findings; and
170 water system efficiency.

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172 Councilwoman Metcalf asked Mr. Tripp how we account for water lost through fire hydrants.
173 Mr. Tripp discussed water loss and how it could be monitored with hydrants. Manager Kanipe
174 further discussed with council how the Town tracks water usage and water loss.

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176 Mr. Tripp then continued with the Capital Improvement Plans; the Asset Management Plan; rate
177 forecasting; operation and maintenance plans; and grant potential. Mr. Tripp concluded his report
178 and offered to field questions from the Council. There were no questions from Council.

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180 **Keybox Business Survey Update:**
181 Mayor McIntyre asked Mr. George Alley to present his findings for the keybox survey. Mr.
182 Alley updated Council on the stake holder interviews and the survey results. Concerns focused
183 on keybox accessibility and security, compliance, and costs. There were 146 businesses listed, 26

184 of which were governmental agencies. There was a 26% response rate. Retail businesses
185 responded at the highest rate. Mr. Alley went into detailed discussion of the survey results and
186 the comments that were submitted. Mr. Alley will continue his research by contacting local
187 municipalities that have instituted keybox programs.

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189 Mr. Alley concluded his presentation by offering to answer questions from the Council. There
190 was a brief discussion about the results and how they correlate with respect to the size of the
191 business.

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193 **Partnership with St. Luke's Hospital / Columbus Police Department:**
194 Mayor McIntyre asked Manager Kanipe to elaborate on the St. Luke's Hospital and Columbus
195 Police Department officer contract draft. Manager Kanipe discussed the areas of the draft
196 contract that will be more clearly defined and will account for future growth. Manager Kanipe
197 projected the plan to take effect around July 1, 2013. Mayor McIntyre asked if all the buildings
198 on the St. Luke's Campus were owned by the hospital or if any were owned by private practices.
199 Manager Kanipe discussed ownership and investigating this issue further.

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201 **Council Reports:**
202 Mayor McIntyre asked Council to present any reports. Councilwoman Kan reported the
203 appearance committee was happy with the new sugar maples planted along the Courthouse.

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205 **Managers Report:**
206 Manager Kanipe reported on Handmade in America. Columbus is the 14th small town member.
207 The process to work with them will begin with the resource team staying in town for three days
208 gathering information from business owners, citizens, and passersby. This process will be from
209 May 14-16 2013. The next steering committee meeting will be April 10, 2013 at 8:30 am.

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211 Manager Kanipe then moved discussion to the renegotiation with All Bright for the sanitation
212 contract. The initial discussion went very smoothly with the potential of no cost increase for the
213 Town. There will be a draft agreement presented at the April regular Town Council meeting. If
214 approved, the contract would go into effect on July 1, 2013 and will be for a term of three years.

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216 Manager Kanipe updated Council on the meeting initiated with district engineers from the DOT,
217 hospital staff, Chief Arledge, Chief Beddingfield and Manager Kanipe to improve signalization
218 for traffic safety around the helicopter landing zone at St. Luke's Hospital. Manager Kanipe is
219 positive that working together, these participants can initiate a solution to increase traffic safety
220 during a helicopter landing.

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222 Manager Kanipe then briefly updated Council on several events and projects in Columbus: the
223 new sugar maples planted along the courthouse and their time to maturity; the state sponsored
224 Litter Sweep Campaign and the guidelines and liability associated with the project; and the
225 Farmer's Market opening on April 6, 2013.

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227 Mayor McIntyre inquired after Spring Clean up week. It will begin on Monday April 8, 2013
228 through to Friday April 12, 2013.

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230 **Public Works Report:**
231 Mayor McIntyre asked for questions and comments regarding the public works report. There
232 were no questions or comments.

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234 **Police Report:**
235 Mayor McIntyre turned the floor over to Chief Beddingfield for the Police Department report.
236 Chief Beddingfield began his presentation with February statistical data. Councilwoman Kan
237 asked to clarify assistance with surrounding agencies.

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239 Chief Beddingfield continued his report with a vehicle stop that ended with a drug and cash
240 seizure. The money was submitted for federal adoption and the Columbus Police Department
241 immediately received calls from multiple federal agencies. Chief Beddingfield then reported on a
242 pursuit that began as an attempted stop for 35 mph over the speed limit. The pursuit ended at the
243 County Line Road in Mill Spring. The vehicle did collide with our squad car and caused
244 \$1,550.00 of minor damage. Chief Beddingfield continued with additional vehicle incidents.

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246 Lieutenant Nicholas Stott graduated from the LEEP program at North Carolina State University.

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248 Chief Beddingfield briefly discussed Officer Ronald Diaz’s initial work on a police explorer
249 program. This program would introduce teenagers to the work of police officers. This program
250 would focus on community outreach.

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252 Chief Beddingfield met with Steve Jones at the County Building Inspector department regarding
253 the Police Department addition and remodeling. The project does not require a stamped blue
254 print, so Planner Larry Traber will be able to design the addition. This will help keep costs to a
255 minimum. This will be submitted to the County Building Inspector’s office, and then Chief
256 Beddingfield will be able to give Council a formal cost estimate.

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258 **ABC Board Report**

259 Mayor McIntyre noted there was a \$2000.00 distribution from the Columbus ABC store.

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261 **Fire Department Report**

262 Mayor McIntyre noted and discussed the Fire Department report.

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264 There being no further business, Councilman McCallister made a motion to adjourn,
265 Councilwoman Metcalf seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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Mayor

Town Clerk

A RESOLUTION FOR POLK COUNTY VEHICLE TAG OFFICE
TITLE

WHEREAS, Polk County is in need of a local vehicle tag office; and

WHEREAS, over 55% of Polk County residents are over the age of 50; and

WHEREAS, traveling out of the county to get their vehicle tags creates a hardship for our citizens;
and

WHEREAS, as of July 1, 2013, any adjustments to vehicle registrations will require multiple trips
between the Polk County tax office and a vehicle tag office,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Columbus,
North Carolina does hereby support the Resolution passed by the Polk County Board of
Commissioners, adopted the 1st day of April, 2013, supporting the location of a vehicle tag office
in Polk County

Adopted this 18th day of April, 2013.

Town Clerk

Mayor



MEMORANDUM FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

April 18, 2013

To: Mayor & Town Council
 From: Devon LaFromboise, Town Clerk
 Re: Consent Agenda Items Records Disposition
 Date: March 26, 2013

Background

Records that have past their retention schedule and will be disposed by March 31, 2013:

Name	Type	Date	Retention Period
January 20, 2011	Agenda Packet	2011	1 yr
January 22, 2011	Agenda Packet Budget	2011	1 yr
February 17, 2011	Agenda Packet	2011	1 yr
March 22, 2011	Agenda Packet	2011	1 yr
April 21, 2011	Agenda Packet	2011	1 yr
May 17, 2011	Agenda Packet	2011	1 yr
May 24, 2011	Agenda Packet - Special	2011	1 yr
June 16, 2011	Agenda Packet	2011	1 yr
July 21, 2011	Agenda Packet	2011	1 yr
August 2, 2011	Agenda Packet - Special	2011	1 yr
August 18, 2011	Agenda Packet	2011	1 yr
September 7, 2011	Agenda Packet - Special	2011	1 yr
September 15, 2011	Agenda Packet	2011	1 yr
September 22, 2011	Agenda Packet - Special	2011	1 yr
October 20, 2011	Agenda Packet	2011	1 yr
November 17, 2011	Agenda Packet	2011	1 yr
December 15, 2011	Agenda Packet	2011	1 yr
January 18, 2007	Agenda Packet	2007	1 yr
February 15, 2007	Agenda Packet	2007	1 yr
April 10, 2007	Agenda Packet	2007	1 yr
May 17, 2007	Agenda Packet	2007	1 yr

June 14, 2007	Agenda Packet - Special	2007	1 yr
June 21, 2007	Agenda Packet	2007	1 yr
September 20, 2007	Agenda Packet	2007	1 yr
October 25, 2007	Agenda Packet	2007	1 yr
November 15, 2007	Agenda Packet	2007	1 yr
December 20, 2007	Agenda Packet	2007	1 yr

Electronic copies are still available.

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND ENDORSING THE TOWN OF COLUMBUS
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT, COMPREHENSIVE WATER MODEL,
AND MASTER PLAN**

WHEREAS, it is a priority of this community to adequately plan and prepare for the Town's future water needs; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center (Rural Center) made it possible to create these plans by providing grant funding to the Town; and

WHEREAS, this grant funding enabled the Town of Columbus to create a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER), Comprehensive Water Model, and Master Plan for the water system for the Town of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, these tools will greatly enhance the ability of the Town of Columbus to adequately plan for future water system needs; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Columbus recognizes that this future planning ability would not be possible without the generous support of the Rural Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Columbus, North Carolina does hereby accept and endorse the Preliminary Engineering Report, Comprehensive Water Model, and Master Plan.

Adopted the 18th day of April, 2013.

Town Clerk

Mayor

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY
FOR LIFE®**

WHEREAS, Relay For Life is the signature activity of the American Cancer Society and celebrates cancer survivors and caregivers, remembers loved ones lost to the disease, and empowers individuals and communities to fight back against cancer; and

WHEREAS, money raised during Relay For Life Of Polk County, NC supports the American Cancer Society's mission of saving lives and creating a world with less cancer and more birthdays – by helping people stay well, by helping people get well, by finding cures for cancer and by fighting back; and

WHEREAS, Relay For Life helped fund more than \$150 million in cancer research last year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Columbus, North Carolina does hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 28th through Friday, May 31st, 2013 as,

"RELAY FOR LIFE DAYS"

in Polk County, NC and encourage citizens to participate in the Relay For Life event at Polk County Middle School on Friday, May 31st beginning at 6:00 pm and continuing until midnight.

Adopted the 18 day of April, 2013.

Town Clerk

Mayor



MEMORANDUM FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 18, 2013

To: Mayor & Town Council
From: Jonathan Kanipe, Town Manager
Re: Keybox Benchmarking Study Presentation -- Mr. George Alley
Date: April 9, 2013

Background

George Alley has prepared a benchmarking study for the Council to review in regards to other keybox ordinances and requirements across the state. The following document outlines his findings, and Mr. Alley will be present on Thursday evening to discuss these with Council.



BENCHMARK STUDY

The purpose of the benchmark study is to identify best practices, with respect to the creation and implementation of a key box ordinance, employed by communities with similar demographics in the state of North Carolina. Research returned one county that considered, but chose not to implement an ordinance, and three towns with an existing ordinance. A demographic snapshot is provided on the next page. Although the communities benchmarked have larger populations and cover more area, of those communities that considered key box ordinances, they were the closest to resembling Columbus.

In order to determine how they identified the problem and their methodology for considering and implementing an ordinance, council meeting minutes and ordinances were reviewed and discussions were had with the fire chief/marshal in each community. The questions asked of these officials are also included on the ensuing page. You will also find the town ordinances as written and a summary of the interviews as well as the Stokes County commissioner meeting minutes. These minutes covering discussions over two meetings provide insight into how the problem was identified, how the issue made the agenda, put forth by whom, and the concerns of council.

A common theme across the study was that the issue was brought to commissioners by fire department staff based on the recommendations put forth in the North Carolina Fire Code. A request for sample ordinances from the Knox Box company has also been made and they should be arriving soon.

NC Fire Code – Section 506 Key Boxes

506.1 Where Required

Where access to or within a structure or an area is restricted because of secured openings or where immediate access is necessary for life-saving or fire-fighting purposes, the fire code official is authorized to require a key box to be installed in an approved location. The key box shall be of an approved type and shall contain keys to gain necessary as required by the fire code official.

	Polk County NC	Stokes County NC	Columbus NC	Randleman NC	Newton NC	Selma NC
Size	238 sq.mi.	456 sq.mi.	1.8 sq.mi.	3.6 sq.mi.	13 sq.mi.	3.2 sq.mi.
Population	20,510	47,401	999	3,557	12,968	6,073
<18	20%	24%	22%	26%	24%	28%
19-44	30%	39%	26%	40%	38%	40%
45-64	26%	25%	17%	20%	21%	20%
>65	24%	12%	25%	14%	17%	12%
Race	92% white	93% white	78% white 15% hispanic	91% white	74% white 14% black	39% white 37% black
Median Income per household	\$36,259	\$38,808	\$36,166	\$30,572	\$35,285	\$23,582

FIRE CHIEF / MARSHAL INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

When and how did the issue arise?

How did you move it through the legislative process?

Did you seek public input? If so, how?

What were your concerns?

Why are boxes at 6'-8' height?

Any problem with implementing the ordinance as it is written? Additions or deletions?

Is the business or property owner responsible?

What about existing businesses? How is the ordinance enforced?

What if the existing business has an alarm and they don't show up in the required time? Would they be required to get a key box?

What was the response? Any PR issues after the fact?

Any issues with the security of the master key?

Are you aware of other communities that have implemented a key box ordinance?

If you were to do this again, would you do anything differently?

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

RANDLEMAN

No response

NEWTON

The Fire Marshal had no knowledge of the legislative process as the ordinance was in place when he was hired. The ordinance is well written and very thorough, even including installation and location requirements. It is enforced during fire inspections or requests for occupancy permits. Some of the smaller businesses have concerns about the up-front cost and inventory security, but none of these complaints has resulted in negative public relations. The master keys are carried in a lock box on the engines and there has been no issue with security. The Fire Marshal currently issues a citation to businesses upon their second false alarm, but there is no requirement to add a key box unless specified by the existing ordinance.

SELMA

The ordinance is quite succinct and was brought to the council by the fire chief. The issue arose after breaking down a door in a small fire and repeatedly waiting for key holders to arrive for false alarms. Over several years, the chief heard complaints from volunteers and noticed a rise in fuel and apparatus costs. No public input was sought at the time. The ordinance is enforced during fire inspections or requests for occupancy permits. Some of the smaller businesses have concerns about the up-front cost and inventory security, but none of these complaints has resulted in negative public relations. The master keys are carried in a lock box on the engine and there has been no issue with security.

STOKES

Emails to two sitting commissioners (Lankford and Walker) that spoke on the issue in 2010 went unreturned.

**AN ORDINANCE FOR FIRE PROTECTION OF THE TIGER COUNTRY AREA
OF THE RANDLEMAN FIRE DISTRICT (2001)**

Section 7. KEY BOXES

- (a). The Fire Marshal, or his authorized representative, shall have the authority to require rapid response key boxes to be installed in a specified location. The key box shall be of a type and of the manufacturer approved by the Fire Marshal or his authorized representative.
- (b). When a building within the Tiger Country is protected by an automatic fire suppression or standpipe system, it shall be equipped with a key box.
- (c). When a building within Tiger Country is protected by an automatic alarm system and/or access to or within a building, or an area within that building, is unduly difficult because of secured openings, and where immediate access is necessary for life-saving or firefighting purposes, it shall be equipped with a key box.
- (d). When a property is protected by a locked fence or gate and where immediate access to the property is necessary for life-safety or firefighting purposes, the Fire Marshal or his authorized representative may require a security padlock or key switch device. The type and manufacturer of said device shall be approved by the Fire Marshal or his authorized representative.
- (e). The required key box shall contain the key(s) necessary to gain access to all areas as required by the Fire Marshal or his authorized representative. In the event that a lock is changed, re-keyed, or a new tenant occupies the building, the operator of the building shall immediately notify the Fire Marshal's office and shall provide new keys to be secured in the key box.
- (f). The key box shall contain a card containing the emergency contact people's names and phone numbers for that building, in addition, floor plans of the rooms within the building may be required.
- (g). Nothing in this section shall prohibit any person, or business owner, from installing a key box on any building, as long as it is installed in keeping with the provisions of this ordinance.

Newton, NC (2004)

A POLICY REQUIRING STRUCTURES TO HAVE A KEY LOCK BOX INSTALLED ON THE EXTERIOR OF THE STRUCTURE FOR FIRE SAFETY PURPOSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE SECTION 506.1.

1. Intent.

The City of Newton Fire Department recognizes the importance and need of providing rapid entry into locked buildings. Delays in the fire department gaining rapid entry reduces the occupants chance of survival in a fire, the chances for substantial property damage increases because of delays in gaining entry to the structure and fire fighter safety and survival may be compromised because of said delays. Additionally, delays in providing prompt pre-hospital care to the sick and injured as a result of locked/secured structure may/will have a negative outcome on patient recovery. To assist in gaining entry into locked/secured facilities/structure, the City of Newton Fire Department hereby adopts a Rapid Entry System Policy utilizing the "Knox Box" rapid entry key box system.

2. Key Lock Box System.

a. New and existing structures that are classified as any of the following shall be equipped with a key lock box at or near the main entrance or such other location required by the fire prevention bureau effective January 1, 2004.

- (1) Commercial or industrial structures protected by an automatic alarm system or automatic suppression system.
- (2) Multi-family residential structures comprised of four (4) or more units in which access to the building or common areas or mechanical or electrical rooms within the building are denied through locked doors.
- (3) Commercial structures comprised of four (4) or more units.
- (4) Any building or facility containing a quantity of hazardous materials, which would require compliance with Title III of SARA (Superfund Amendment Reauthorization Act).
- (5) Governmental structures.
- (6) Nursing care facilities.
- (7) Educational facilities.

b. All newly constructed structures subject to this section shall have the key lock box installed and operational prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit. Individual keys provided by the owners will no longer be accepted and any such keys in the City of Newton Fire Departments possession shall be returned.

c. The fire prevention bureau shall designate the type of key lock box system to be implemented within the city and shall have the authority to require all structures to use the designated system.

d. The owner or operator of a structure required to have a key lock box shall at all times, keep keys in the lock box that will allow for access to the following:

- (1) Keys to locked points of egress, whether on the interior or exterior of such buildings
- (2) Keys to locked mechanical equipment rooms
- (3) Keys to locked electrical rooms
- (4) Key to elevator controls
- (5) Keys to the other areas as directed by the City of Newton Fire Department.

e. The fire chief shall be authorized to implement rules and regulations for the use of the lock box system.

3. Installation and Location

All "Knox Boxes" (and or Knox Locking Vaults) for new construction shall be recess mounted into the building/structure at a height of not less than 6' above the ground (surface grade) nor more than 8' above the ground (surface grade). The "face plate" of the "Knox" box shall be flush with the exterior façade of the structure/building. All "Knox" boxes (and or Knox Locking Vaults) shall be located next to the main entrance (or as close as reasonably possible to) on the address side of the structure/building.

All "Knox Boxes" (and or Knox Locking Vaults) for existing structures shall be mounted on the building/structure at a height of not less than 6' above the ground (surface grade) nor more than 8' above the ground (surface grade). All "Knox" boxes (and or Knox Locking Vaults) shall be located next to the main entrance (or as close as reasonably possible to) on the address side of the structure/building.

4. Enforcement. Enforcement of this Ordinance shall be accomplished through citations issued by the Fire Chief or his/her designee.

5. Fine and Forfeiture.

Violation of this policy shall be punishable by a fine. Each day the violation exists/continues shall be considered as a separate offense.

Selma, NC Ordinances

Sec. 9-6. - Scope.

All new construction and/or renovations to commercial properties shall be in compliance with sections 9-6(1)—(5).

(1) Key boxes—All new construction and or renovations to commercial buildings shall have a key box installed to be approved by the fire chief or fire code official.

Stokes County Commissioners Meeting Minutes 08/09/10 Proposed Key Box Ordinance

Fire Marshal Frankie Burcham presented the following information regarding a proposed Key Box Ordinance:

- Stokes County Fire and Rescue Association and Stokes County Fire Chiefs Council has determined that there is a need for a secure key box system in the county
- Nancy Reynolds Elementary School, currently under construction, is installing a key box
- School system has also decided that each school will have a key box
- In order to comply with NC Fire Code, the Board of Commissioners must adopt a county ordinance stating “if a commercial occupancy has a monitored sprinkler or alarm system, they must be able to provide a key holder on the scene within 15 minutes of the incident”
- County must have an ordinance in order the for Fire Marshal to enforce
- If the occupant can't provide a key holder within 15 minutes, the NC Fire Code Section 506.1 requires that a key box be installed on the premises
- Proposed ordinance will affect approximately 100 commercial occupancies
- Average cost for the occupant is \$250.00
- Fire and Rescue Association would like to have a master key system that would unlock all key boxes in the county, this would allow whichever fire department arrives on the scene first to proceed to entry the facility and investigate
- A master key would be provided to each fire department
- In order to reduce the liability of the fire departments in the county, it is recommended that they each purchase a securelink box to house the key
- Several fire departments have had to wait up to one hour before someone arrived at the scene allowing the fire department to enter the facility
- This wait ties up a truck, waste volunteers' time, and waste fuel
- If a fire department arrives on the scene and suspects fire, a key box would prevent forcible entry
- Fire and Rescue Association and Chief Council would like to put a control box in one truck in each department
- The key would only be released upon activation from Emergency Communications
- The key would only unlock the key box on the facility

- Each time a key is released by Emergency Communications, the name who takes the key out is reported to Communications
- The key would reduce the fire departments' liability
- A fee of \$750 per control box will be incurred for each fire department
- Key box system can be used by homeowners if so desired
- Very complex, secure system
- System being considered has a strobe light on the top of the control box which is activated once the box is opened; strobe light will not turn off unless the key is placed back in the box
- With a Key Box Ordinance, there are proven savings for the fire departments and commercial occupants:
- Fire departments would not need to force entry into the business which would eliminate costly repairs
- Fire departments would not have to wait for an extended period of time on a key holder to open the business
- Would allow the fire department and its apparatus to be back in service sooner
- Fire & Rescue Association requests an ordinance be adopted and the county fund all or part of this project for liability and security
- Business would not have to install a key box if a key holder could be at the business within 15 minutes
- A local municipality was enforcing the key box system without an adopted ordinance, an appeal was filed in Raleigh, the Building Code Council ruled in favor of the business
- To purchase the control box for 14 fire departments in the county, there would be an initial cost of \$10,542 with a one-time fee for radio programming of \$245
- Stokes County Fire and Rescue Association and Stokes County Fire Chiefs Council requested Fire Marshal Burcham present the request to the BOCC
- The Board discussed a proposed Key Box System with Fire Marshal Burcham.
- Vice Chairman Lankford expressed concerns with requiring private businesses to install a key box, not to mention the cost being incurred by each business along with costs to each fire department and the key having to be in one specific truck.
- Chairman Walker confirmed with Fire Marshal Burcham that a business can choose not to participate in the program, as long as the business can provide a key holder at the facility within 15 minutes of the call.
- Manager Bryan Steen noted that the county could implement a policy regarding consequences to businesses who don't provide a key holder to the facility within 15 minutes.
- Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the August 23rd Action Agenda.
- Chairman Walker directed Manager Steen to provide the Board with possible funding options at the August 23rd meeting.
- Clerk Bullins confirmed with the Board of Commissioners that they did not wish to include a proposed ordinance on the August 23rd Agenda.
- Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, stated that the item is being placed on the August 23rd Action Agenda to decide if the Board wishes to proceed with the request regarding a key box ordinance.

Stokes County Commissioners Meeting Minutes 08/23/10
Proposed Key Box Ordinance

County Manager Bryan Steen noted the following additional information:

- Per Finance Director Julia Edwards, the only funding source available to assist the Fire Departments with the cost of the Key Box System is Contingency
- Recommend that the county reimburse the Fire Departments that actually obtain the Key Box capability and that actual payment be made after the department submits a valid receipt for authorized cost associated with the system – approximately \$750.00 per department (estimated \$10,000 total cost)
- Commissioner Smith confirmed with Finance Director Julia Edwards that the funding would be coming from the County's Contingency Fund and not the Service District Contingency Fund.
- Commissioner Carroll suggested if the Board wished to continue with the request, the County should be responsible for the purchase of the equipment for the Fire Departments for better pricing and to ensure that every department has the same required equipment.

- Vice Chairman Lankford noted the following questions that need to be answered before considering the Key Box System:
 - How many incidents have occurred where the Fire Departments have had to wait for a door to be opened?
 - How long has each fire department had to wait?
 - How many schools are currently participating at this time?

- Vice Chairman Lankford noted the following:
 - Feels the Key Box participation should be on a voluntary basis by each business and Fire Department instead of local government passing an ordinance
 - Recommends each business should have an option to “opt out” of the program instead of having to spend money to implement the program
 - Fire Departments should be able to make their decision as to their participation since the departments are non-profit organizations governed by a Board of Directors
 - Feels there are too many unanswered questions to proceed with adopting an ordinance
- Chairman Walker entertained a motion.
- Commissioner Smith requested to question Board of Education Member Bill Hart who was in attendance for the meeting. The Board unanimously agreed to allow Commissioner Smith to question BOE Member Hart. Commissioner Smith asked if Nancy Reynolds was the only school that would be participating in the Key Box System.
- BOE Member Hart responded that he was not familiar with the Key Box System.
- Commissioner Inman moved to table the item for further discussion when information regarding the unanswered questions is available.
- Vice Chairman Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- Chairman Walker directed the Clerk to place the item back on the Discussion Agenda when the requested information is available.



MEMORANDUM FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 18, 2013

To: Mayor & Town Council
From: Jonathan Kanipe, Town Manager
Re: WWTP Construction Update
Date: April 10, 2013

Background

The Town held a pre-construction conference with multiple partners regarding the upcoming WWTP project on April 10th. Representatives from Buchanan and Sons (contractor), NC DENR, WK Dickson, and the Town were present to discuss all issues associated with beginning construction. The group met at Town Hall and then on site to reviewed any concerns.

The contractor's notice to proceed was issued effective April 15, 2013. The contractor will have one full year to complete the construction project. Mobilization efforts will occupy most of the next month, and construction should begin quickly from there. One of the first phases of the project to be completed will be the installation of the potable water well on the far end of the property. This will allow the plant to continue operating in compliant fashion during the entire construction project.

Staff feels very confident in the contractor and engineer, and believes the project will result in a terrific plant for many years to come.



MEMORANDUM FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 18, 2013

To: Mayor & Town Council
From: Jonathan Kanipe, Town Manager
Re: Public Hearing regarding a Request to Close a Portion of Miller Street
Date: April 9, 2013

Background

Council directed staff to schedule a public hearing for April 18th to consider a request to close a portion of Miller Street in Columbus. Staff advertised the hearing as required by state law. This public hearing must occur prior to any Council consideration.

Please note, the hearing was scheduled for 7:00 pm and advertised as such. Council moved their meeting times to 6:00 pm effective with the April 2013 meeting, so this public hearing must take place at 7:00 pm.

TO: Tryon Daily Bulletin
FROM: Jonathan B. Kanipe, Town Manager
DATE: March 4, 2013
SUBJ: Public Hearing Notice

Please publish below the line in legal ads on:

Thursday, March 14, 2013

Thursday, March 21, 2013

Thursday, March 28, 2013

Thursday, April 4, 2013

Send bill and affidavit to:

Town of Columbus

PO Box 146

Columbus, NC 28722

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Columbus will hold a public hearing on a petition to close a portion of Miller Street, located specifically between Walker and Denton Streets, at Columbus Town Hall on Thursday, April 18, 2013. For more information please contact Columbus Town Hall at (828) 894-8236.



MEMORANDUM FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 18, 2013

To: Mayor & Town Council
From: Jonathan Kanipe, Town Manager
Re: Consideration of Request to Close a Portion of Miller Street
Date: April 10, 2013

Background

During the February meeting, Council agreed to consider a request to close a portion of Miller Street in Columbus. The portion in question is located specifically between Walker and Denton Streets and can be seen on the attached map. Council requested that the property owners petitioning the Town for closure agree to pay all costs associated with the closure, and they have agreed to do so.

The Council passed the resolution of intent to close a portion of Miller Street unanimously and has held the public hearing. As noted previously, the Town does not have plans to construct this road and staff does not feel this reversion would present any quantifiable loss to the Town. The connection to Denton Street would not result in an adequate improvement to traffic flow and would not serve any direct purpose other than to "open" the street.

Therefore, Town staff recommends Council approve the attached ordinance and close this portion of West Miller Street.

TOWN OF COLUMBUS
ORDER PERMANENTLY CLOSING A SECTION OF W. MILLER STREET

WHEREAS, the Town of Columbus has received requests from Tommy Walter Melton and Bettina Harwood Melton and from Marjorie M. Ramsay and Gail W. Ramsay to close the portion of W. Miller St. situated between Walker St. and Denton St.; and

WHEREAS, the above-referenced portion of W. Miller St. has never been constructed or opened and straddles the property line between the Melton and Ramsay properties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-299, on March 21, 2013, the Town Council of the Town of Columbus adopted a Resolution of Intent to permanently close the portion of W. Miller St. situated between Walker St. and Denton St. due to the fact that such portion of W. Miller St. has never been opened and there does not appear to be any need to open it in the future; and

WHEREAS, after due notice and publication as required by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-299(a), the Town Council held a public hearing on Thursday, April 18, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Columbus Town Hall to consider the question of permanently closing the section of W. Miller St.; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the satisfaction of the Town Council that closing the proposed section of W. Miller St. is not contrary to public interest and that no individual owning property in the vicinity of the street will be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his or her property;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-299 and based upon the foregoing recitals, the Town Council of the Town of Columbus hereby orders permanently closed the portion of W. Miller St. situated between Walker St. and Denton St. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-299(c), all right title and interest in the closed section of the right-of-way shall be conclusively presumed to be vested in those persons owning lots or parcels of land adjacent to the closed section of the street, and the title of such adjoining landowners, for the width of the abutting land owned by them, shall extend to the centerline of the closed section of the street; provided, however, that pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-299(f), notwithstanding such closure, the Town of

Columbus reserves its right, title and interest in any utility improvement or easement within the closed section of the street.

APPROVED THIS 18TH DAY OF APRIL, 2013.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

By: _____
Devon LaFromboise, Clerk

By: _____
Eric McIntyre, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
A. Bailey Nager, Town Attorney

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF POLK

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that Devon LaFromboise, personally came before me this day and, being duly sworn, acknowledged that she is acquainted with Eric McIntyre, who is Mayor of the Town of Columbus, and who executed this Order in her presence, and that she is the Town Clerk of the said Town of Columbus, and that she, the Clerk of the aforesaid, affixed the adopted seal of the Town of Columbus to this Order, and that she, the said Devon LaFromboise, signed her name in attestation of the execution of this Order in the presence of the said Mayor of the said Town of Columbus and that all was done by the authority of the Town Council of the Town of Columbus, given at the regular meeting of said Town Council. Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this ___ day of _____, 2013.

_____, Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

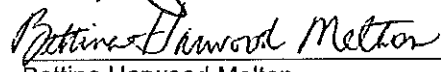
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COUNTY OF POLK

REQUEST TO CLOSE PUBLIC STREET

The undersigned, TOMMY WALTER MELTON and wife, BETTINA HARWOOD MELTON, hereby requests that the Town of Columbus permanently close that portion of the street known as "Miller Street" which is situated between Walker Street and Denton Street as shown and delineated on that certain plat recorded in Card File D, Page 402, Polk County Registry, the same being attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein, pursuant to and in accordance with N.C.G.S. 160A-299.

This 4th day of January, 2013.


Tommy Walter Melton (SEAL)


Bettina Harwood Melton (SEAL)

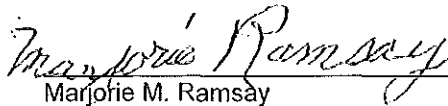
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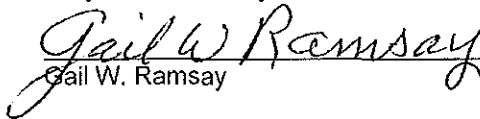
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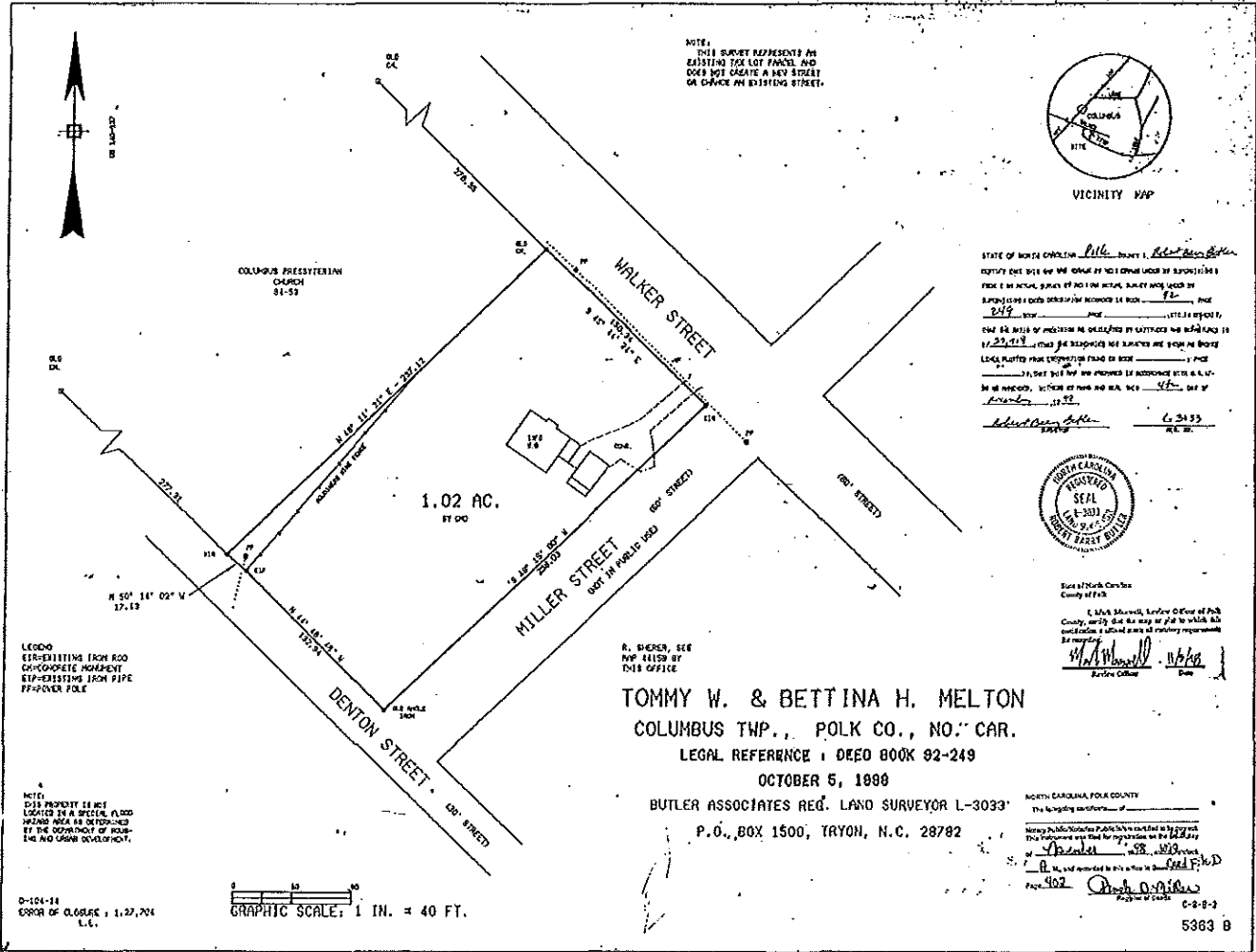
COUNTY OF POLK

The undersigned, MARJORIE M. RAMSAY and GAIL W. RAMSAY, hereby requests that the Town of Columbus permanently close that portion of the street known as "Miller Street" situated between Walker Street and Denton Street as shown and delineated on that certain plat recorded in Card File D, Page 402, Polk County Registry, the same being attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein, pursuant to and in accordance with N.C.G.S. 160A-299.

This 4 day of January, 2013.

 (SEAL)
Marjorie M. Ramsay

 (SEAL)
Gail W. Ramsay



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF POLK
I, Butler Associates, being the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above described land is the property of Tommy W. & Bettina H. Melton and that the same is being surveyed and platted for the purpose of recording the same in the public records of this county.



Butler Associates
Surveyors

NORTH CAROLINA, POLK COUNTY
The following is a true and correct copy of the original of the above described land as shown on the plat of the same as recorded in the public records of this county.

Butler Associates
Date: 10/5/98

Page 402
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Street in Question

Street in Question

PENIEL RD

DENTONS

WALKER ST

W MILLER ST

SIMMS

WALL ST

CHERRY ST

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

POLK COUNTY
OFFICE OF REGISTER OF DEEDS
FILED FOR RECORD THIS THE _____ DAY OF
_____ 20____ AT _____ O'CLOCK _____ M
AND DULY REGISTERED IN SAID OFFICE
CARD FILE _____ PAGE _____

REGISTER OF DEEDS

CERTIFY THAT THIS MAP WAS (DRAWN BY ME)/(DRAWN UNDER MY SUPERVISION)
FROM (AN ACTUAL SURVEY BY ME)/(AN ACTUAL SURVEY MADE UNDER MY
SUPERVISION)-DEED DESCRIPTION RECORDED IN BOOK _____ PAGE _____
BOOK _____ PAGE _____ ETC.; THAT THE RATIO OF PRECISION AS CALCULATED
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NOT SURVEYED ARE SHOWN AS BROKEN LINES PLOTTED FROM INFORMATION
FOUND IN BOOK _____ PAGE _____ THAT THIS MAP WAS PREPARED IN
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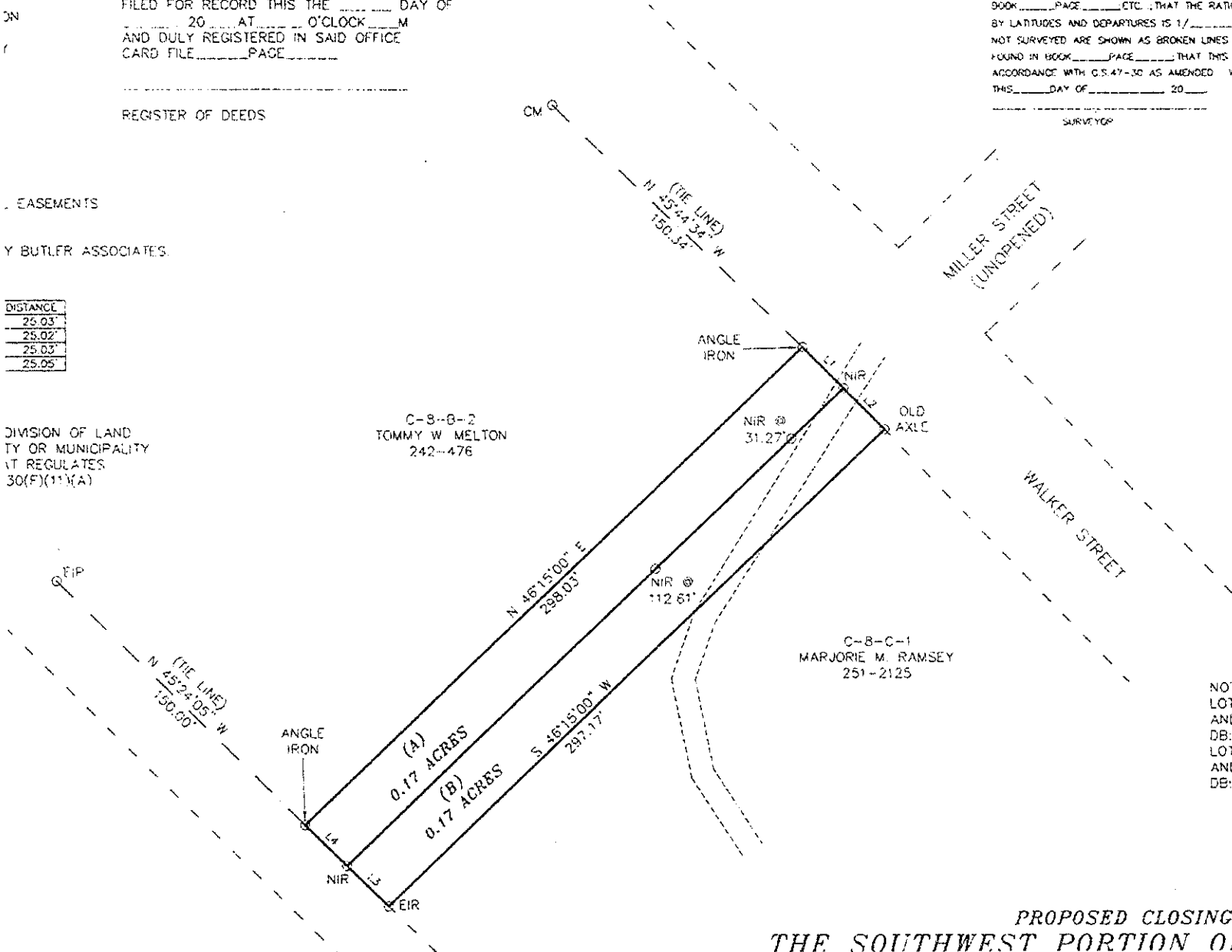
EASEMENTS
BY BUTLER ASSOCIATES

DISTANCE
25.03'
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25.05'

DIVISION OF LAND
BY CITY OR MUNICIPALITY
AS REGULATED BY
G.S. 160A-30(F)(1)(A)

C-8-B-2
TOMMY W MELTON
242-476

C-8-C-1
MARJORIE M. RAMSEY
251-2125



REVIEW OFFICER CERTIFICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF POLK

I, _____ REVIEW OFFICER
COUNTY, CERTIFY THAT THE MAP OR PLAT TO
THIS CERTIFICATION IS AFFIXED MEETS ALL STATE
REQUIREMENTS FOR RECORDING.

REVIEW OFFICER _____ DATE _____

NOTE:
LOT A, A PORTION OF MILLER STREET, IS TO BE PART OF C-8-B-2, OWNED BY TOMMY W MELTON, DB: 242-476, POLK COUNTY REGISTRY.
LOT B, A PORTION OF MILLER STREET, IS TO BE PART OF C-8-C-1, OWNED BY MARJORIE M. RAMSEY, DB: 251-2125, POLK COUNTY REGISTRY.

PROPOSED CLOSING OF
THE SOUTHWEST PORTION OF MILLER STREET

2013 Town Manager's Report
Prepared for Columbus Town Council
Thursday, April 18, 2013

- 1) **Peniel Road Sidewalk Project:** NC DOT continues to work very well on behalf of the Town and recently met with Town staff to review the proposed sidewalk on the eastern side of Peniel Road that would connect the Holly Hills development to downtown. We certainly cannot assume that DOT will be able to fund this project in the upcoming fiscal year, but it is impressive that they believe in this project enough to propose it (and associated pedestrian improvements along Walker Street) to the Division Engineer. I will update Council once we learn more from DOT on this project.
- 2) **St. Luke's Partnership with Columbus Police Department:** We are awaiting feedback from St. Luke's on the draft proposal presented during last month's meeting. There may be some modifications to the draft as presented last month, but staff does not anticipate significant changes at this point. We will keep Council informed as we move forward with this project.
- 3) **Handmade in America Resource Committee Team Arrival:** The Handmade in America resource committee team (seven individuals) will arrive in Columbus on Tuesday, May 14th for a kick-off event. During the subsequent two days, the team will meet and interview Columbus residents, business owners, and anyone else to get a feel for the Town and what opportunities exist here. The culminating event will be a "Close Out" session wherein the findings from the team are presented to the general public. We anticipate having this session from 4-6 pm prior to the Council meeting on Thursday, May 16th. This is a very important first step in the integration of Columbus into the Handmade in America program.

A full schedule of the events over the three days has been developed and will be sent out to the press and public in advance once it is finalized. We hope to have significant local turnout for the drop-in, kick-off event as well as the final close-out event of the week.

- 4) **All-Bright Sanitation Renewal Agreement:** The renewal agreement with All-Bright Sanitation is coming along well. As discussed last month, staff anticipates presenting an agreement to Council that does not increase fees in the coming year and has very small, inflationary increases for the following two years. These small increases should result in no fee increase to customers. We should have a draft completed by the May meeting and available for review at that time. If you have questions in the interim, please do not hesitate to let me know.

- 5) **Planning Board Zoning Recommendation:** The Planning Board recommended a rezoning of R-2 for the recently annexed property adjacent to the Foster Creek Development. The Council will hold a public hearing at the regular May meeting to receive comment regarding the zoning for this parcel. The R-2 designation (medium density) is the same zoning as the rest of the Foster Creek property.

- 6) **Hydrant Flushing:** This spring's annual hydrant flushing has proven very successful through the first few days. The flushing should be completed next week, but the Public Works crew in charge of this has reported that the water throughout the entire system is much clearer and the overall process has been very smooth. They believe the addition of the sequestering agent to the Woods Well has helped the clarity through the entire system, thereby, improving the entire system's water quality.

TOWN OF COLUMBUS

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

MARCH 2013

SANCTUARY DEVELOPMENT:

WE HAVE BEEN SPENDING CONSIDERABLE TIME LOCATING WATER METERS, HYDRANTS, VALVES AND WATER LINES AT THE SANCTUARY DEVELOPMENT.

WHEN THE TOWN AND THE SANCTUARY DEVELOPMENT WERE DISCUSSING ANNEXATION A FEW YEARS AGO, A CONTRACTOR HAD INSTALLED THE WATER LINES.

THE AREA WAS NOT ANNEXED AND THE TOWN INSTALLED A 10 INCH MASTER METER AT THE ENTERANCE. THAT WAS THE LIMIT OF OUR INVOLVEMENT IN REGARD TO THAT WATER SYSTEM.

EVEN THOUGH NOT PART OF THE TOWN, THE TOWN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING THE WATER, ITS SUPPLY AND REPAIR TO CUSTOMERS.

THE MAPS THAT WERE GIVEN TO THE TOWN WERE NOT ENTIRELY ACCURATE AS TO THE LOCATION OF THE WATER LINES, VALVES, AND METERS.

THEREFORE, WE HAVE SPENT MUCH TIME LOCATING AND MARKING WATER APPURTENANCES BECAUSE IF THERE WAS A LEAK, WE ARE MUCH BETTER OFF KNOWING WHERE THINGS ARE.

MUCH OF THE ROAD SIDES HAVE GROWN UP, COVERING MOST METERS AND HYDRANTS MAKING THIS MORE DIFFICULT. SOME ARE BURIED.

WE ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING THE PUMP SYSTEM LOCATED PART WAY UP HOLLAND DRIVE IN THE DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS THE STORAGE TANK AT THE TOP.

TO DATE, WE HAVE FOUND ALL BUT 8 METERS ACCORDING TO THE MAP. I WOULD RATIONALIZE THAT HALF OF THOSE WERE NEVER INSTALLED, LEAVING 4 (OUT OF 62) NOT LOCATED.

THE TOWN HAS 4 RESIDENTIAL WATER ACCOUNTS LOCATED IN THE SANCTUARY DEVELOPMENT.

MERRY CHRISTMAS:

WOULD LIKE RUN POWER TO THE LIGHT POLES ALONG MAIN ST. FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTING BETWEEN GIBSON AND COURTHOUSE. RECEPTACLES CAN BE SET AT THE BASE OF EACH (I BELIEVE THERE ARE 5) TO ENERGIZE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON THOSE POLES.

RIGHT NOW THERE IS NO POWER SUPPLY THERE. THIS CAN BE DONE IN HOUSE AS THE POWER WILL BE SUPPLIED BY A REGULAR HOUSEHOLD BREAKER OF 15 AMPS AND WIRED INTO THE EXISTING 4TH OF JULY PANEL BOX ON THE CORNER. RECEPTACLES AT THE POLES WILL BE AT GROUND LEVEL AND WILL BE THE GFI (GROUND FAULT INTERRUPTER-TYPE) WHICH MEETS SAFETY CONCERNS ESPECIALLY IN A PUBLIC SETTING. IF THIS IS ACCEPTABLE TO EVERYONE, WE COULD GET THIS DONE THIS SUMMER.

WELCOME TO COLUMBUS SIGNS:

I RECOMMEND THE METER BASE AT THE 'WELCOME TO COLUMBUS' SIGN AT RT. 74 BE ENERGIZED AND DO AWAY WITH SOLAR. THE SOLAR DOES NOT SEEM TO BE WORKING. TO MAKE IT WORK WITH SOLAR, I FEEL, A PANEL WOULD HAVE TO BE SET, HAVE STORAGE AND LIGHTS ADDED. I THINK FOR THE COST, AND SINCE THERE IS ALREADY A METER BASE THERE, LIGHTING, *INCLUDING CHRISTMAS LIGHTING* CAN BE DONE MORE REASONABLY.

AS FAR AS THE OTHER 'WELCOME' SIGN AT RT 26, THERE IS NO METER BASE THERE. DUKE POWER COULD SET ONE, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF THE COST TO DO SO IS JUSTIFIED.

NEW SOLID WASTE RULES:

I HAVE ATTACHED A COPY OF PAGE 3 OF NEW SOLID WASTE RULES.

CURRENTLY OUR NCDENR LEAF COMPOST YARD INSPECTOR IS SAYING, BUT HAS NOT ENFORCED, THAT THE LEAVES COLLECTED DURING PICK UP FROM THE TOWN'S RESIDENTS CANNOT STAY IN PLACE MORE THAN ONE YEAR, MEANING THEY HAVE TO BE REMOVED TO A DISPOSAL FACILITY, IN THIS CASE WOULD BE THE POLK COUNTY LANDFILL.

I AM HOPING THAT THE WORDING OF THIS NEW BILL, MARKED BY THE ARROWS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE, WILL SPARE THE TOWN FROM HAVING TO INCUR THE EXTRA EXPENSE OF A SECOND HAULING TO THE COUNTY LANDFILL.

WOODS WELL:

THE WOODS WELL WAS BACK FLUSHED ON THE 6TH. WATER HAS BEEN CONSISTANTLY CLEAR SINCE PHOSPHATE ADDITION. ALSO OBSERVATIONS MADE DURING HYDRANT FLUSHING AROUND TOWN SHOWS IMPROVEMENT IN WATER CLARITY.

ALSO:

NC PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY INSPECTOR PAID A VISIT TO COLUMBUS AND FOUND WELLS, WATER SYSTEM AND DOCUMENTATION TO BE IN ORDER.

- 1 (1) The ordinance infringes a liberty guaranteed to the people by the State or
- 2 federal Constitution;
- 3 (2) The ordinance makes unlawful an act, omission, or condition which is
- 4 expressly made lawful by State or federal law;
- 5 (3) The ordinance makes lawful an act, omission, or condition which is
- 6 expressly made unlawful by State or federal law;
- 7 (4) The ordinance purports to regulate a subject that cities are expressly
- 8 forbidden to regulate by State or federal law;
- 9 (5) The ordinance purports to regulate a field for which a State or federal statute
- 10 clearly shows a legislative intent to provide a complete and integrated
- 11 regulatory scheme to the exclusion of local regulation;
- 12 (5a) The ordinance regulates a field that is also regulated by a State or federal
- 13 statute or regulation and the ordinance is more stringent than the State or
- 14 federal statute or regulation.
- 15 (6) The elements of an offense defined by a city ordinance are identical to the
- 16 elements of an offense defined by State or federal law.

17 The fact that a State or federal law, standing alone, makes a given act, omission, or
 18 condition unlawful shall preclude county ordinances requiring a higher standard of conduct or
 19 condition."

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 21 **PART III. ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY REFORM**

22 **SECTION 3.1.(a)** G.S. 130A-309.09B reads as rewritten:

23 **"§ 130A-309.09B. Local government waste reduction programs.**

24 (a) Each unit of local government shall establish and maintain a solid waste reduction
 25 program that will enable the unit of local government to meet the local solid waste reduction
 26 goals established pursuant to G.S. 130A-309.09A(b)(2). The following requirements shall
 27 apply:

- 28 (1) ~~Demolition~~Inert debris or demolition debris consisting of used asphalt or
- 29 used asphalt mixed with dirt, sand, gravel, rock, concrete, brick, wood, or
- 30 similar nonhazardous material may be used as fill and need not be disposed
- 31 of in a permitted landfill or solid waste disposal facility, provided that
- 32 demolition debris may not be placed in the waters of the State or at or below
- 33 the seasonal high water table.
- 34 (3) Units of local government are encouraged to separate marketable plastics,
- 35 glass, metal, and all grades of paper for recycling prior to final disposal and
- 36 are further encouraged to recycle yard trash and other organic solid waste
- 37 into compost available for agricultural and other acceptable uses.

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39 **SECTION 3.1.(b)** G.S. 130A-294(m) reads as rewritten:

40 **"§ 130A-294. Solid waste management program.**

41 ...

42 (m) ~~Demolition~~Inert debris or demolition debris consisting of used asphalt or used
 43 asphalt mixed with dirt, sand, gravel, rock, concrete, brick, wood, or similar nonhazardous
 44 material may be used as fill and need not be disposed of in a permitted landfill or solid waste
 45 disposal facility. Such demolition debris may not be placed in the waters of the State or at or
 46 below the seasonal high water table."

47 **SECTION 3.2.(a)** G.S. 143-215.1 is amended by adding three new subsections to
 48 read:

49 **"§ 143-215.1. Control of sources of water pollution; permits required.**

50 ...

Columbus Police Department

Monthly Activity Report

March 2013

Calls Answered

Wrecks	7
Alarm Calls	7
Talk with an Officer	57
Domestic	4
Suspicious Vehicles	40
Suspicious Person	6
Assist Fire/EMS	9
Larceny	1
Stranded Motorists	10
Disturbance	6
Involuntary Commitments	1
Breaking & Entering	0
Suicide Threat	0
Hit and Run	0
Armed Robbery	0
Total Calls Answered:	408

Premise Checks

Residence Checks	332
Business Checks	4,187
Church Checks	56
Total Checks	4,575

Charges

Speeding Citations	106
No Operators License	20
Driving While License Revoked	7
Drug Charges	48
Uninsured Motorists	5
Careless & Reckless Driving	10
Open Container	15
Total Charges	287
(Traffic & Criminal)	

Arrests

Felony Arrests	5
Misdemeanor Arrests	23
DWI	16
Fugitives Arrested	5
Total Arrests	28

Training Topics

Law Enforcement Executive Program (LEEP)
Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement
Intox EC/IR II Operator School
NC Criminal Interdiction Conference
Law Enforcement Liaison Training & Guidelines

Total Training Hours Received: 232

Requested to Assist Sheriff's Office / City Police Departments

Calls	12
Hours	31

TOWN OF COLUMBUS

ABC BOARD

Monday March 11, 2012

The ABC Board met at the Columbus Hardware store. Present were Pat Feagan chair, Marshall Watkins board member, Devin Williams secretary, and store manager George Miller.

Chair Pat Feagan called the meeting to order (5:10 pm). Marshall makes a motion to approve minutes, Chair seconds. Chair makes a motion to approve the agenda, Marshall seconds. Secretary Devin Williams reads the Ethics and Conflict of Interest statement.

In accordance with GS 18B-201, it is the duty of every board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts. Does any member have any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the board today?

No says all.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Stock is selling well.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Charles Feagan made a motion to not give anything to the Town of Columbus this month due to the uncertainty of the Tryon store re-opening.

NCAC 02R.1706(b) states "If a local board has a price discrepancy between the price on the shelf or bottle is lower, the local board shall sell the item at the shelf or bottle price and correct the shelf or bottle price to match the Commissions published uniform price."

THIS IS OFFICIAL BOARD POLICY

With no further business Pat motions to adjourn at 5:47 pm, Marshall seconds.

The next meeting will be held Monday April 8, 2013 at Columbus Hardware Store.

Town of Columbus Fire Department

Incident Summary Report

March 2013



Type of Incident	Number	Firefighter Hours Utilized
Emergency Medical Calls	49	46:55:00
D & C Fire Alarm Activation "AA"	4	4:33:00
Motor Vehicle Accidents	8	23:20:00
Public Service	1	0:40:00
Brush Fire "MA"	3	11:24:00
D&C Medical	1	0:07:00
D&C Brush Fire "AA"	1	0:52:00
Fire Alarm	4	11:21:00
Aircraft Standby	3	11:51:00
Lockout	9	5:11:00
Smoke Investigation	2	1:24:00
D&C MVA	2	1:19:00
D&C Chimney Fire "AA"	1	0:32:00
Grass Fire	1	2:48:00
Arcing Electrical Equipment	2	3:18:00
Cooking Fire	1	1:30:00
Fire Alarm "AA"	3	5:03:00
No Incident Found	1	0:55:00
Chimney Fire "AA"	1	0:54:00

Total	97	133:57:00
Training Hours for March		206:00:00
Total Firefighter Hour Calls and Training		339:57:00