

MILTON NORTH CAROLINA TOWN HALL

Town Offices: 173 Broad Street

Town Hall Meetings: 11928 Academy Street

TUESDAY: June 11, 2024---7:00 PM. Minutes

Town Hall Hours: Tuesdays 9:00 am.-5:00 pm.

Thursdays- 4:00 pm.-7:00 pm. Payments Only

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Angela Upchurch called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Mayor Angela Upchurch stated that this meeting is being recorded and I (**Mayor Angela Upchurch**) would like to remind you for **Public Comments** please call Town Hall at 336-234-0030 by 2:00 p.m. on the Tuesday the day of the Town Meeting and leave your name, address, and your reason for Public Comments.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: **Mayor Angela Upchurch** asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Angela Upchurch welcomed everyone to the June 11, 2024, Town Meeting.

PRESENT: Mayor Angela Upchurch, Mayor Pro Tem. Robert Palmer, Shirley Wilson, Town Clerk, Commissioner Jackie Jeffries, Commissioner Steven Lattime, Elizabeth Lattime, Finance Officer

Absent: Commissioner Sherri Garrard

APPROVALS: **Mayor Angela Upchurch** called for approval of the **June 11, 2024, Agenda:**

Commissioner Jackie Jeffries motioned to approve the **Agenda for June 11, 2024. Commissioner Steven Lattime seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mayor Angela Upchurch** asked for the approval of the **May 14, 2024, Minutes. Commissioner Bob Palmer** motioned to approve the **May 14, 2024, Minutes, as they stand. Commissioner Jackie Jeffries** second the motion. **All were in favor.**

Mayor Angela Upchurch introduced our guests: Lizzie Morrison (Piedmont Triad Region) and Bruce Naegelen (North Central Region) with the NC Main Street Rural Planning Center under the North Carolina Department of Commerce for part of the Rural Economic Development Division.

Lizzie Morrison reviewed the process report with PowerPoint slides. (attached to June 11, 2024, minutes) Summarized the **Economic Development Plan (Milton Comprehensive Plan) Two Regions double teamed up to work with Milton.**

- ✦ **Economic Positioning/Visioning Statement**

- ✦ **Economic Development Strategies**

- ✦ **Five-Year Economic Development Implementation Plan 2024 – 2029**

- ✦ **Community Workshop (October 30, 2023)**

- ✦ **Economic Positioning Statement/Vision:** Historic Milton, the “museum without walls,” is home to the Thomas Day State Historic Site. Resting at the central North Carolina-Virginia border on the banks of the Dan River, Milton is just a stone’s throw away from the Virginia International Raceway and Hyco Lake. Offering convenient access to outdoor adventures, authentic southern cuisine, and locally sourced small shops, Milton is a close-knit community ready to welcome your home.

- ✦ **Five-Year Economic Development Implementation Plan:** The Town of Milton’s Economic Development Strategic Implementation Plan is built upon the community economic development strategies shown below and reflects recommended actions to be implemented over a five-year period.

MAYOR REPORT:

- ✦ **Interview with Colin Campbell, he is with WUNC a General Assembly Reporter, he had done a piece on Thomas Day House and was looking to draft an article on small towns who have yet to obtain infrastructure funding.**

- ✦ **The USDA Loan payment for \$16307.50 was made on May 01, 2024.**

- ✦ **The Closing for the two properties purchased from Paul Larkin with funds from Danville Regional Foundation has occurred.**

- ✦ **The Town liability insurance did not increase as no structures exist on the property.**

- ✦ **The Caswell County DOT director has said paving work should begin soon on Doll Branch Road.**

- ✦ **Dan River Basin Association is hosting a workshop June 29, 11 AM, at the Milton 66 garden area. Please bring a young person or two. We hope the Dan River Basin Association will be an advantageous resource for Milton as we seek to cultivate recreational tourism prospects. Having access on this side of the river. They have already put in Grant funding for an unidentified site. Having people attend the workshop will show appreciation for their efforts. Their mission statement is to protect and promote the Dan River Basin through recreation, education, and stewardship. Milton is in this target area.**

- ✦ **The Town Hall Office will be closed Thursday, July 4, 2024.**

- ✦ Milton businesses will celebrate Independence Day on Saturday, July 6, beginning with a parade at 11:00, starting at Bridge Street.
- ✦ Representative Renee Price has requested \$289,000 in funding for Milton's Infrastructure, and Senator Berger has requested a \$2 Million appropriation request. (Just bringing it to the table) A team with Hometown Strong, an initiative for rural communities, has requested meetings with all state agencies in water and sewer to discuss Milton.
- ✦ The mayor received an invitation to meet with Phil Berger on June 26, 2024.

Commissioner Steven Lattime: Discussed Utilities Bill Assistance

- ✦ Has a list of organizations that will help with utilities

Elizabeth Lattime: Reported on the five-month seminar that she and Roxanne Palmer attended with Appalachian State University RC2 Rural Community Capacity, Started in May 2024

- ✦ Information on Trails and encouraging entrepreneurs and getting businesses to come to town.
- ✦ Next session is June 21-22- 2024.
- ✦ Two sessions for five consecutive months.
- ✦ Hopefully have funds to come back after the last session.

Mayor Angela Upchurch stated that we have a zoning dilemma regarding the Commercial District downtown. Explained 1998 map. Public Hearings will be involved. Roxanne Palmer Planning Board Chairperson asked for everyone to be patient and they will find a solution to the situation.

Financial Report: Elizabeth Lattime

STAFF REPORT:

General Fund Revenue: As of May 30, 2024

Income: **\$99,900.00**

Total Revenue to date: **\$87,685.00**

Remaining Balance: **\$12,215.00**

Expenses: **\$99,700.00 Budgeted**

Total Expenses: **\$123,550.00 Exceeded the Budget**

Water Sewer Fund: As of May 30, 2024

Total Income and Expenses: **\$203,700.00**

Income: **\$117,425.00**

Remaining Balance: **\$86,275.00**

Expenses: **\$236,080.00** exceeded due to maintenance expenses. **Exceeded the Budget**

Bank Statement General Fund: **\$31,226.44** less the outstanding checks. **\$23,926.44**

\$53,378.74 less outstanding checks **\$31,105.00**

NC Capital Trust SCIF: **Closed** payment went to Withers Ravenel

Investment Management Trust: **\$156,562.16**—**\$30,000.00** transferred to the Water Fund

Change in Value: **Increase \$621.82** Current Balance: **\$127,184.98**

Public Comments: Shirley Cadmus

- ✦ Milton's Original Fire Equipment for the parade
- ✦ Display it all the time.

Danny Cash: Concerns about Milton's Tax Increase: Mayor Angela Upchurch stated we have not asked Thomas Bernard, but raising Milton's tax rates has not been discussed by the Milton Town Board. It was raised three years ago.

Old Business: Mayor Angela Upchurch

- ✦ Frank Freeman and Elizabeth Dougherty: Initiated the annexation of properties on Doll Branch Road: Commissioners approved the annexation and wrote in an Ordinance form: The town attorney helped to prepare this form. Mayor Upchurch read the Ordinance aloud. Copy will be archived in Town Hall. Commissioner Bob Palmer motioned to approve the Annexation Ordinance on June 11, 2024, and Commissioner Steven Lattime seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- ✦ At last month's meeting Bob Palmer brought back to the table a vote to adopt the Wild Turkey as a Mascot for Milton in honor of Wayne Bailey. Angela read Wayne Bailey's information.

NEW BUSINESS: Management Approvals:

We would like to include the newly purchased Larkin property adjacent to the Milton Heritage Greenway walking trail as part of the existing greenway trail already managed by the greenway committee to also be managed by the greenway committee. Roxanne Committee Chairperson stated that they will continue to work hard. Milton Renaissance Foundation is the financial sponsor for the trail. Turn into a park space. Commissioner Steven Lattime motioned to approve the greenway committee to manage the property. Commissioner Jackie Jeffries seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

Commissioner Bob Palmer and Mayor Angela Upchurch have been working on an incentive for business establishments with a hardship. Mayor Upchurch explained. Read the Policy and changes that give the businesses a chance to survive. Discussed It was motioned to approve the water rate incentive by Commissioner Bob Palmer and seconded by Commissioner Steven Lattime. All were in favor.

Commissioner Bob Palmer made the motion to forgive the water charges at the Jean Bradsher Scott Renaissance Center while being used by the town for public meetings. Commissioner Steven Lattime seconded the motion. All were in favor.

EDC Report: Shirley Wilson

✚ PCC CEAD Project is moving forward.

✚ Issues with the new FASFA process please contact PCC Administration Office.

Mayor Angela Upchurch stated that on the 2nd Tuesday Elizabeth works from 12:00-7:00 but the town meeting starts at 7:00. Would it be okay if she ends her workday at 6:45 to be in the meeting by 7:00?

Majority ruled with a yes answer.

CLOSE OF MEETING: Mayor Angela Upchurch asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Commissioner Bob Palmer** motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner **Steven Lattime** seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Time: 8:30 p.m.**

Next Meeting July 09, 2024

Minutes humbly submitted by: Shirley Wilson