

MINUTES

**THESE ARE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
TOWN OF CONETOE, NORTH CAROLINA
July 12, 2022**

Gerry Lynch, Mayor

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Conetoe met in a regular monthly session on Tuesday, July 12th, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Room at 102 West Church Street, Conetoe, NC.

PRESENT

Mayor: Gerry Lynch

Commissioners: Mayor Pro-Tem Delane Bryant, Jenny Staton-Hinnant, and Clay Webb

ABSENT

Commissioner: Milton Goff

ALSO PRESENT

Town Clerk: Kelly Hunter

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

The Mayor called the meeting to order. Commissioner Hinton offered the invocation. Mayor Lynch led the pledge of allegiance.

2. WELCOME TO CITIZENS

The Mayor acknowledged the citizens present.

3. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA BY COUNCIL

Commissioner Bryant made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Hinnant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mayor Pro-Tem Bryant presented the Town Manager Report. The American Rescue Plan (ARP) was completed and the information was submitted to the State Treasury's office.

The NC Down East Home Consortium grant opportunity ended June 1, 2022. They are reviewing the three applications that were accepted. There will be another opportunity for this grant for Conetoe citizens in the future. Mayor Pro-Tem Bryant began attending the Upper Coastal Plain Council of Government meetings to see what other opportunities the Town of Conetoe qualifies for. Commissioner Hinnant made a motion to accept the town manager report. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

5. READING OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Hinnant made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular session on June 14th, 2022 presented by Town Clerk, Kelly Hunter. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion and it carried unanimously without amendment.

6. CLERK / FINANCIAL REPORT

The Town Clerk presented a record of all of June's deposits, invoices, and bills paid. A list of town report standings was given. This included: Conetoe's quarterly taxes, the NC Employment Commission, the Powell Bill report, Workers Comp., the LGC-203, and the ARP report. Bank account totals were also presented. Commissioner Hinnant made a motion to approve the clerk/financial report and Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Yard Waste Removal was discussed. Mayor Lynch explained that a contract with Conetoe Family Life Center was in affect, and they would be picking up the yard waste every other week.
- b. Question Fostina Lynch Wanda Naylor of ARP money where is the money and what is the plan for the money. Commissioner Bryant addressed the question the Upper Coastal Plains Counsel of Government is helping UNC School of Government to guide us and give us options 2nd half of money should be received in aug.
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8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Streetlight outages were discussed. Commissioner Bryant marked the poles on July 4th so Dominion Energy could be contacted to fix them. It was noted that per Dominion Energy citizens can contact them directly if a streetlight outage has occurred Dominion needs to know the street the light is on and the number on the pole with you when you contact them.
- b. Railroad bris on North Railroad Street. April 5th it was supposed to be picked up and it has not been done.
- c. Drainage problem on HWY42 it is the state's responsibility. DOT was assessing the ditches, canals, etc. We now know who is responsible the state vs town. State is going to come in and clean the drains under the street Scott Kiser with county Edgecombe drainage district. Ricky Lynch
- d. Hinnant made motion to close and Webb 2nd motion

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Carolyn Lewis - 221 W. Church Street
 - i. Wanted to know when the yard waste was going to be picked-up and had a question about drainage. Commissioner Bryant replied that the yard waste is scheduled to be picked up every other Wednesday as of right now. She mentioned that could change to weekly pickup in the fall once the leaves come down.
- b. Regina Gray – Factory Drive
 - i. Regina Gray mentioned wanting to do a community health fair and asked about the possibility of a Conetoe News Letter. Ms. Gray also wanted to have the issue of the condemned houses and the trailer park investigated. Commissioner Bryant responded that the town would be interested in partnering with Ms. Gray and her church about doing a community health fair and asked Ms. Gray to come to the Town Hall to meet concerning future plans. Commissioner Bryant said that a website is in the making and would help getting Conetoe News to the public. In response to the trailer park the town is looking into some funding to help in that area.
- c. Brenda H. Cameron - 303 Park Drive
 - i. Brenda Cameron had a question about the water flow at 303 Park Drive. She brought pictures in to show how the runoff of excess water has created problems on her property. She said that the grass has grown on the easement causing water and sand to run down onto her property. Commissioner Bryant responded to Ms. Cameron and asked to keep a copy of the pictures to show the DOT identifying the problem areas and the board is making plans to have these areas fixed and corrected.
- d. Wanda Naylor - 203 Louis Street
 - i. Wanda Naylor had a question about getting the minutes of the meetings to the citizens. Mrs. Naylor also wanted to know about the disposal of the yellow tractor, the truck, and other yard equipment. Kelly Hunter, Town Clerk, responded that once the minutes have been read and approved they will be made available to the public. They will be posted on the board outside of the Town Hall and citizens can request a copy of the minutes or any other documentation they would like to be mailed to their home. Commissioner Bryant spoke about the sale of all yard equipment, tractor, and truck. There is not a date set at this time but a date will be discussed at a future board meeting and how the equipment would be sold.

Commissioner Hinnant made motion to close and approve the public comments portion of the meeting, Commissioner Webb seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

10. COMMISSIONER AND MAYOR COMMENTS

- i. Commissioner Hinnant wanted the citizens to know that the board is trying their best to be supportive of the community. In regard to the trouble with shootings and things that have occurred recently they have not gone unnoticed, and the board is making efforts to work with the Sherriff's department to have these situations addressed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Bryant made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hinnant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mayor Lynch adjourned the meeting until the next regular scheduled meeting in August.


Delane Bryant, Mayor Pro-Tem


Kelly Hunter, Town Clerk

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