

**Town of Siler City Planning Board  
September 12, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

The Siler City Planning Board met on Monday, September 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Vice Chair Mickey Pore called the meeting to order and Mr. Wallace Matthews gave the invocation. Mr. Pore asked for a motion to approve the minutes of August 8, 2011. *Motion by JP Joyner, seconded by Wallace Matthews, followed by unanimous consent.*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Curtis Brown, Mary B. Harris, Dacia Hayes, JP Joyner, Wallace Matthews, Dan McMasters, and Mickey Pore (Vice Chair)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Harold Hart (Chair) and Patty Poe

**STAFF PRESENT:** Joel J. Brower (Town Manager), Jack Meadows (Planning Director), William C. Morgan (Town Attorney), and Dee Lee Thompkins (Administrative Support Specialist)

**LIGHTED WINDOW SIGNS:** Mr. Meadows reviewed the proposed text amendment which will allow interior lighted window signs including flashing, blinking, scrolling, LED, intermittent lights, or light of changing intensity to be permitted without requiring a sign permit. The text amendment will be a joint public hearing item at the October 3, 2011 Board of Commissioners meeting.

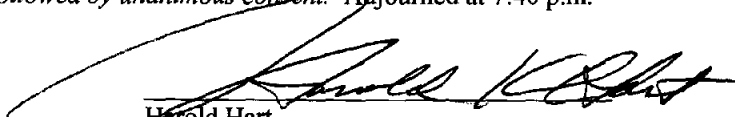
**COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP):** Mr. Meadows introduced Scott Walston and Brendan Merithew with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), Transportation Planning Branch. Mr. Merithew shared copies of his presentation on the CTP process with those in attendance. The NC General Statutes require municipalities to develop a CTP with the cooperation of NCDOT. Siler City's current transportation plan was approved in 1999. Mr. Merithew asked if someone would send him enrollment data for the Siler City schools. Mr. Merithew said that US 64 was identified as a Strategic Highway Corridor because of its regional and national importance (terminates in Arizona). NCDOT currently recommends that US 64 be upgraded to a freeway within the next 30 years. Mr. Merithew stated that NCDOT staff expanded the study area just outside of the Town's ETJ so that the boundary would coincide with census boundaries. Mr. Merithew explained that NCDOT wants local input and ultimately a final CTP that everybody is happy with.

**PLANNING ACTIVITY UPDATE:** Mr. Meadows reviewed the planning activity update memo with the board members.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Meadows reported that the Town received information that Townsend's last day of production will be Thursday, September 29, 2011. Mandatory water restrictions for the Town will go into effect Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Matthews asked if the engineers that designed the reservoir did not dig it deep enough, wide enough, or anticipate the usage. Mr. Brower answered that one of the problems has been the lack of rain. Another problem is that under our permits to construct the new reservoir, the State required the Town to follow a daily minimum release agreement. Today the Town released ~700,000 gallons of water down the river as required by State permits. There are some days the Town is required to release ~6,000,000 gallons of water. As of today the town has ~131 days of water remaining. Mr. Brower also replied that the reservoir project did not include any excavating or digging. The town was only permitted to flood the land after the construction of the new dam.

Mr. Meadows informed the board that the branding consultants will be in Town on Monday, October 3, 2011. Several focus groups have been established and meetings scheduled with the consultants. The consultants will be asking questions about Siler City. Mr. Meadows asked if any board members would like to join one of the focus group meetings, then please let him know.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, Mr. Pore asked for a motion to adjourn. *Motion by Dan McMasters, seconded by Mary Harris, followed by unanimous consent.* Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

  
Harold Hart  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Dee Lee Thompkins