

**Town of Eastover - Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, August 5, 2008, 7:00 p.m.  
Eastover Community Center**

**Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Presiding Council Members: Lawrence Buffaloe, Willie Geddie, Cheryl Hudson, Donald Hudson, Benny Pearce, and Sara Piland**

**MINUTES OF MEETING – August 5, 2008**

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin, Council Members Cheryl Hudson, Lawrence Buffaloe, Donald Hudson, Sara Piland and Benny Pearce were in attendance at the August 5, 2008 Eastover Town Council Meeting. Council Member Willie Geddie was not present for the August 5, 2008 meeting. A quorum was present at the Town Council Meeting. Attorney John Jackson town attorney, and Mr. Matt Rooney of the Cumberland County Joint Planning & Inspections Department were also in attendance.

**I. Call to Order:** Mayor Charles McLaurin called the August 5, 2008 meeting of the Eastover Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m., and welcomed all in attendance. The Mayor made a special welcome to Cumberland County's Sheriff Moose Butler to the Town Council Meeting.

**II. Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance:** Council Member Benny Pearce gave the invocation and led the attendees in The Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

**IV. Recognitions:** The Mayor presented a Certificate of Recognition to Mr. Barry Dugan, a resident of Eastover for initiating and managing the Town of Eastover Litter Cleanup Program, 2008. Mayor McLaurin and Council Member Sara Piland stated that the Town appreciates his management skills and all the hard work he has done in supervising the team of workers. The community owes Mr. Dugan a debt of gratitude.

**V. Approval of Agenda:** Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The motion was carried unanimously.

**VI. Consent Agenda:** Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to approve the July 1, 2008 Minutes and the July 15, 2008 Special Meeting Minutes. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Donald Hudson. The motion was carried unanimously.

## **VII. Public Hearing:**

### **1. Public Hearing Case No. P08-30: Rezoning of 1.44 +/- acres from RR Rural Residential to R6A Residential District or to more restrictive Zoning District; located at 3633 ET AL Beard Road; owned by Billy Ray Maxwell; Staff initiated.**

Mayor Charles McLaurin made a motion to **open the Public Hearing on Case No. P08-30.**

Mr. Matt Rooney from the Cumberland County Planning & Inspections Department gave a presentation on Case No. P08-30 to the Town Council. The RR Rural Residential District is designed for traditionally rural use with lots of 20,000 square feet or above. The principal use of the land is for low-density residential, including manufactured housing units, and agricultural purposes. These districts are intended to ensure that residential development not having access to public water supplies and dependent upon septic tanks for sewage disposal will occur at sufficiently low density to provide for a healthful environment.

Mr. Rooney stated that R6A Residential District is designed for a mix of single and multifamily dwellings including the use of manufactured homes on individual lots and in manufactured home parks.

The Cumberland County Planning & Inspections Staff as an effort to correct a mapping error initiated the case. Between 1997 and 1999, the official zoning maps were converted from hard copy (paper/mylar) to digital format; during this time, the zoning of the subject property was inadvertently changed from the R6A Residential to RR Rural Residential.

Mr. Rooney stated that the site information was reviewed and that staff recommends denial of the R6A Residential district and approval for the R6 Residential district based on the findings that the recommendation is consistent with the Eastover Area Land Use Plan, which calls for medium density residential at this location. At the time of the initial zoning of this area, the property, which has since been closed with all manufactured homes being removed; and the recommendation will allow for the type of uses that are more suitable for the primary corridor through the Town. There are no other suitable zoning districts to be considered for this location at this time.

Mr. Rooney stated that the Cumberland County Planning board approved R6A medium density and could be subdivided. Mr. Rooney stated that R6 Residential District could be subdivided into 10 lots/ units. As across the street is apartment units, and this is what we could expect to be seen on this property. The applicant, Mr. Billy Ray Maxwell was present at the hearing for the purpose of any questions asked of him concerning this case.

Mayor Charles McLaurin made a request for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to **close the Public Hearing on Case No. P08-30**, and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe.

Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to approve the rezoning of Case No P08-30 to R6 Residential District, and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Donald Hudson. The motion was carried unanimously.

**2. Public Hearing Case No. P08-33: Rezoning of 2.00 +/- acres from A1 Agriculture to R40 Residential or to a more restrictive Zoning District, located at 1931 and 1933 Middle Road, submitted and owned by Fleetwood Farms, LLC.**

Mayor Charles McLaurin made a motion to **open the Public Hearing on Case No. P08-33.**

Mr. Matt Rooney of the Cumberland County Planning & Inspections Department gave the Town Council a briefing on Case No. P08-33. Frontage and location: 210.00' +/- on Middle Road; depth is 414.90; +/- . The jurisdiction, Town of Eastover adjacent property has no current use. Exists on the property is residential (1 dwelling unit and 1-manufactured home). The initial Zoning is A1 Agricultural - December 14, 1979. There are legal nonconforming for lot size with two existing structures. The manufactured home will become nonconforming if approved. Mr. Rooney stated that the applicant has been informed. The Eastover Land Use Plan is one-acre residential lots'. Mr. Rooney stated that the staff recommends approval of the request for R40 Residential district based on the findings that R40 zoning is consistent with the Eastover Area Detailed Land Use Plan, which calls for one acre residential lots at this location, and R40 zoning district is compatible with the current lot sizes and character of the general area. There are no other suitable districts to be considered for this request.

Mr. Bill McFayden owner of the property introduced himself and stated that he is available for any questions if needed.

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe asked Mr. Rooney if the existing manufactured home on the property on the current R40 zoning will be grand-fathered in. Mr. Rooney stated that it would become a legal nonconforming, as it exists now. The R40 zoning would not allow it to be replaced if something happened to it, it would have to be replaced with a stick built home. At the time of any redevelopment it would be stick built and in compliance with the R40 zoning. Mr. McFayden stated that he was aware and understood the R40 zoning.

The Mayor requested that a motion be made to close the Public Hearing. Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to **close the Public Hearing on Case No. P08-33**, and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe.

Council Member Donald Hudson made a motion to approve the R40 Rezoning District. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Cheryl Hudson. The motion was carried unanimously.

**3. Public Hearing Case No. P08-34: Rezoning of 27.5 +/- acres from A1 Agriculture to RR Rural Residential District, located on the South side of Beard Road and West of Ballpark Road, submitted by Robert Bennett, owned by Joyce C. and Ottis A. Thames.**

Mayor Charles McLaurin made a motion to **open the Public Hearing on Case No. P08-34.**

Mr. Matt Rooney of the Cumberland County Planning & Inspections Department gave a briefing and presentation on Case No P08-34. Mr. Rooney stated that the frontage and location of the property is 1175.00' +/- on Beard Road, and the depth is 11700.00' +/- with jurisdiction in the Town of Eastover. Land has a public utility substation, farmland and woodlands and the

initial Zoning is A1- December 14, 1979.

Mr. Rooney stated that the Cumberland County Planning Board reviewed the site information and stated staff recommends denial of the request for RR Rural Residential and recommends approval of the R40 Residential district based on the findings that the recommendation is more consistent with the Eastover Area Detailed Land Use Plan, which calls for one acre residential lots and open spaces at this location. While the request is not consistent; the recommendation is compatible with the uses, lot sizes and character of the surrounding area; and the entire subject property consists of hydric soils, which most often is not a soil type suitable for development because of poor drainage. The R40 Residential District could also be considered suitable for this location.

There was one speaker in favor and one speaker in opposition.

Mr. Ottis Thames spoke in favor. Mr. Thames stated that he was thinking about starting off small. The property is now zoned A1 Agricultural and he has about 27.5 acres of land. Mr. Thames stated that a pump station was put in so they have sewer and they rent the land out for farming right now and since the taxes have gone up, they are just breaking even. Mr. Thames stated that he granted pipe land easements for the pump station on his property, and easement rights to all the neighbors to get to their property. There is good drainage, so hydric soils are not an issue as water and sewer are now available. Mr. Thames stated he wants the property zoned as one-acre lots, which is R40 Residential.

Mrs. Christi Davis spoke in opposition. Mrs. Davis read a prepared statement on her and her neighbors' behalf. Mrs. Davis stated that rezoning would create changes for the community; the population density would increase tenfold. The noise and air pollution levels would increase, as well as traffic. Mrs. Davis feels the increase in traffic would cause her to have to fence in her yard, speed limits on Beard Road would need to be decreased and a traffic light would need to be installed at the Dunn Road intersection. Mrs. Davis feels that the land should be utilized in a way that would create a "win-win" situation for all concerned.

A motion to close the Public was requested by Mayor Charles McLaurin. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe made a motion to **close the Public Hearing on Case No. P08-34**, and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Cheryl Hudson.

Council Member Sara Piland made a motion to approve the R40 Residential District (1-acre lots), and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The motion was carried unanimously.

## **VIII. Discussion Agenda:**

### **Agenda Item # 1:**

Mr. Morgan Johnson of the Eastover Sanitary District gave an update on the Eastover water and sewer projects. He stated that he has a good report for the Town of Eastover. The water system is in design, and should be completed by early fall. This project should be advertised for construction and awarded before or shortly after Christmas. This consists of water through out

the Sanitary District, from, east of I-95 to the Sampson County line and north of I-295 to Rich Walker Road. This is a 20 square mile project and a very big undertaking. There will be an elevated water tower installed in Eastover; the exact location has not been selected. From a financial standpoint most of you know the Eastover Sanitary District did receive the one million dollar grant, and a five million dollar low interest long term loan for this project. In addition to that, there were some monies left over from the previous water system project and will be put into this project. This is a General Obligation Bond to use. Mr. Morgan stated that the USDA realizes that inflation since the projects started is quite different today. They recognize that there is going to be cost over runs and they will supplement accordingly. USDA is prepared to pay for this project. Folks will have good clean water in the near future.

From the sewer standpoint it is good news. The project is under construction now, and scheduled to be finished this month or early September. From a financial standpoint we have approximately five million dollars in the sewer project. We will actually have a little of these funds left over. It all depends on what the Trust Fund will allow us to do with the excess. They may want to pull these funds back for other projects. Everything is driven by money. The economy is tight right now. Mr. Johnson stated that Dunn Road to SOFFE Company and Middle Road is the next project.

Council Member Benny Pearce asked if the Eastover Sanitary District would add additional members to the Board if they were going all the way to the Sampson County line. Mr. Johnson replied that it would be a consideration from 3 to 5 members and the Board would have to approve. They would like to have two new Board members from the East. Mr. Pearce also asked if they would consider changing their name as it is very often confused with the Town of Eastover. Mr. Johnson stated that the State Legislature approved the name and would have to be changed through them. The "Sanitary District" part of their name must stay the same to qualify for loans and grants. Mr. Johnson was not in favor of the name change proposal.

Council Member Sara Piland suggested to Mr. Johnson that perhaps they could post information about the Eastover Sanitary District to the Town of Eastover website. This could possibly help with the confusion between the two separate deities. Mr. Johnson stated that was a good ideal and must be approved by their Board. The Eastover Sanitary District does not have a website. Council Member Sara Piland asked if Mr. Johnson could come an update the Town Council on a quarterly basis. Mr. Johnson stated that he would be happy to do so.

The Mayor and Council Members thanked Mr. Johnson for this update.

### **Agenda Item # 2:**

Attorney John Jackson stated that the Town Clerk has completed her investigation and has presented a "Certificate of Sufficiency" to the Town Council concerning the voluntary annexation of the John Koenig property. At this point a **Resolution fixing date of Public Hearing on Question of Annexation Pursuant to G.S. 160A-31.** He stated that the Town needs to set a date for a Public Hearing on the Annexation and must be **announced in the media ten days prior to the Public Hearing.** The **media notice must include a description of the property to be annexed.** Mr. Jackson stated that this would be the next step in the

process of Annexation to get the public's comments on the issue. The Council Member Benny Pearce suggested that **September 2, 2008 Town Council Meeting would be the date of the Public Hearing**. Mr. Pearce stated that there is no hurry as the State Legislature is not in session at this time. The Town Council agreed with this date. Council Member Benny Pearce made a motion to approve the Resolution fixing the date of Public Hearing, and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Sara Piland. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item # 3:**

Sheriff Moose Butler spoke to the Town Council concerning the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department contract for police protection services for the Town of Eastover. Sheriff Butler stated he was excited about having an officer full time in Eastover. Attorney Jackson asked if there were any provisions concerning a used vehicle rather than a new vehicle at a lesser cost. Sheriff Butler stated that they will work with us on that, as they have some vehicles and would provide for us. Sheriff Butler stated that if they provide the car, could the Town of Eastover provide the gas. Attorney Jackson stated that gas (\$3,600) was included in the estimated cost of one Deputy Sheriff and Equipment. The concern was the cost of the vehicle (\$38,510). Attorney John Jackson stated that he has discussed the contract with Mr. Howard Lloyd, and he is comfortable with the content of the contract. Mr. Jackson will get with Sheriff Butler and make an appendix to the contract for a vote at the next meeting. Sheriff Butler stated he would work with Attorney Jackson on this issue. Attorney Jackson stated that the contract will need to be redone a bit and no vote is necessary at this time. A Deputy will be on duty immediately in the area. Deputy's can only be on duty for a 12-hour shift at a time, but another Deputy will pick up the other 12-hour shift. Eastover will be covered 24-hours a day per Sheriff Butler. Attorney Jackson stated that the Town Council is in agreement with the estimated cost with the exception of the vehicle cost. Sheriff Butler stated that Cumberland County would work with us on the cost of the vehicle and the payment schedule.

Sheriff Butler stated that Eastover is part home as his wife spends a great deal of time here, and he respects what the Town has done. Mayor Charles McLaurin and the Town Council thanked Sheriff Butler for his support. Attorney Jackson stated that a revised contract would be presented at the next Town Council Meeting. No action at this time.

**Agenda Item # 4:**

**Case No. 08-109. Craig Wheeler Property- Private School. {O&I(P) Site Plan Review – County Zoning & Subdivision Ordinances}; Zoning: O&I(P); Total Acreage 2.19 +/-; Location: Southwest Quadrant of SR 1838 (Dunn Road) & I-95 Bus N. North of SR 1867 (Eastover Street).**

Mr. Matt Rooney of the Cumberland County Planning & Inspections Department gave a briefing on Case No. 08-109. The developer is proposing a private school on a portion of this property to be located within the existing structure. This review does not address the proposed day care facility shown on the plan. **Day care facilities in the O&I(P) district require issuance of a Special Use Permit approved by the Board of Adjustment.**

The proposed site plan review requires a Permit from the Board of adjustments and at this time, is not approving the proposed childcare. A paved parking area is required prior to the

developer getting a Certificate of Occupancy.

The subject property has 245.78 feet of road frontage along SR 1838 (Dunn Road) and 428.82 feet of road frontage along I-95 Business N. This site is served by public water and sewer provided by the Eastover Sanitary District. The land is a little over 2 acres and located South West quadrant of Dunn Road Business North. The site plan conforms to the required zoning ordinance. Mr. Rooney stated that the developer must comply with all other relevant conditions stated in the site plan. Mr. Rooney stated that the developer Mr. Craig Wheeler is present to answer any questions the Town Council may have.

Attorney John Jackson asked if the condition is in the site plan about the child care extra approval? Mr. Rooney stated it is under other relevant conditions. Attorney Jackson stated that any motions should be made acceptable to those conditions stated in the site plan concerning the childcare plan. Council Member Sara Piland asked Mr. Rooney about any new driveways and if there are any restrictions on approved driveways, due to the close proximity of the property to the intersection. The site plan states if driveways are changed or added, the developer must obtain a driveway permit from the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT). The developer, Mr. Wheeler stated that driveways would have additional restrictions by the NCDOT if an additional turning lane were required. The NCDOT has not said one is required, but that is coming up on the next plan.

Mr. Wheeler addressed the Mayor and Town Council Members. This is split site plan between a Day Care Center and Private School. The Day Care Center is being subject to a Special Use Permit and will be going before the board of Adjustment at the end of the month. However, we are trying to press forward with the Private School section of it. **The conditions of the Private School states that there needs to be a paved or concrete parking area, prior to a "Certificate of Occupancy" being issued for use by the school.** Part of that parking area is on the Child Care site. To pave that area prior to getting the Child Care portion set up would mean that a portion of it would have to be redone. Mr. Wheeler is asking the Town Council for an **exception to policy**, and for the entire area to be paved at one time so they would not have to do construction over the newly paved areas. We do have gravel in the driveways now. The Modular Building shows that the newly paved areas would have to be gone back across to tie into the new sewer lines. There are also underground electrical lines that would have to be chipped back up under the newly paved area to develop the Child Care area to be approved at the end of this month. Mr. Wheeler **requested from the Town Council that we have a "time limit" for paving so all can be done at once.** As school is about to start the **Private School** portion can proceed.

Council Member Benny Pearce asked how we could enforce this. Mr. Wheeler stated that the entire area parking must be paved prior to opening the **Child Care portion**. Mr. Wheeler stated that they could not get a "Certificate of Occupancy" for the Child Care until the paving is completed. If the Town Council put a condition on it until the Child Care portion is complete, then all of it could be paved at one time.

Attorney John Jackson stated that some of the Towns issue a **"Conditional Certificate of Occupancy"**. They allow for a year or two years time frame and could be conditioned that the Board of Adjustments denies the **Special Use** then you would have three months to complete

the original plan. If they approve it then it has to be done in whatever reasonable time specified, or the Certificate of Occupancy would be cancelled. Mr. Jackson stated that he did not know if this had ever been done. Mr. Jackson stated that he did not know if this has ever been tested and asked Mr. Rooney for his opinion. Mr. Rooney asked Mr. Wheeler if he had already applied for the Certificate of Occupancy of the Child Care. Mr. Wheeler stated that this case would be coming before the Board of Adjustments on the week of August 21, 2008. Council Member Sara Piland asked if we should not delay their action until after the Board of Adjustments meets at the end of the month. Mr. Wheeler asked to please reconsider as he is trying to get the school portion ready as school starts in a couple of weeks.

Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe stated that if the Attorney John Jackson thinks we could do what he has suggested legally, then we should consider. Attorney Jackson stated that he had never done this with the county, but would suggest if the Town Council wants to move forward to entertain a motion to approve with a conditional permit. That condition would allow Mr. Wheeler to get the Special Use Permit. to get the work done. This "Conditional Certificate of Occupancy" would be cancelled if Mr. Wheeler did not comply with the stated conditions. Mr. Rooney stated that the next hearing is three weeks away. If the "Special Use Permit" is not authorized with the conditions approved here then work would have to be completed within four months, and the "Conditional Certificate of Occupancy" would be cancelled, and the Permit cancelled. This is what would make it enforceable, Mr. Wheeler's written acceptance of these conditions. Mr. Jackson told Mr. Wheeler that if he did not meets these requirements he would be shut down. Mr. Jackson stated that the original Site Plan plus the Child Care portion must be completed; Mr. Wheeler stated he understood the conditions. Mr. Rooney's office will construct a document for Mr. Wheeler to sign before this goes any further.

Council Member Donald Hudson made a motion to approve the Conditional Certificate of Occupancy and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item # 5 & Item # 6:**

Mr. David E. Maxwell, Jr. and Ms. Lisa B. Sessoms of the McFayden & Sumner, CPAs PA, Certified Public Accountants Firm gave a briefing to the Town. Ms. Sessoms & Mr. Maxwell submitted a proposal to perform auditing services for the Town of Eastover for fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. Ms. Sessoms stated that Mr. Maxwell heads up the auditing portion of the firm.

Mr. Maxwell stated that McFayden & Sumner, CPAs PA was founded in 1982 and has since grown to become one of the leading full-service certified public accounting and consulting firms in the Fayetteville area. We offer services ranging from bookkeeping and payroll to tax, auditing, and advisory services. Mr. Maxwell stated that his firm has a long and successful history serving as independent auditors for local municipalities. They currently serve as independent auditors for four of the eight municipalities in Cumberland County. He stated that they have a very experienced audit team specifically trained in the area of local government audits. They perform all three levels of governmental audits: 1) generally accepted audited standards audits, 2) Yellow Book audits, and 3) Single Audits.

For 2007, the average audit fee for towns similar in size to Eastover (in terms of population) in Cumberland County and surrounding areas was approximately \$7,500. Due to the limited

number of financial transactions during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, we estimate the Town of Eastover's fiscal year 2007-2008 audit fee to be \$5,000. The annual financial audit is due to the North Carolina State Treasurer on October 31, 2008. There will be additional charges for consultations for other services. The firm will submit a written and oral report to the Town of Eastover prior to submission to the State Treasurer.

Mr. Maxwell stated that we have no obligation by law to submit a contract out for bid. He has confirmed this with the Local Government Commission. Towns usually do so about every three years just to insure competitive pricing. At the conclusion of the Audit Report the Local Government Commission must approve before submitted to the State Treasurer. The Town is about as simple as you can get in terms of local government at this point.

Council Member Sara Piland asked about the cost of the audit. If you find that we are simpler than you think can the price be adjusted. Mr. Maxwell stated absolutely, but this is the average cost. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe asked about other services. He stated that these services (i.e. IT, Code of Accounts, etc.) have been discussed with Council Member Cheryl Hudson and would not be part of the audit process. Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe asked if the software we are going to purchase is compatible to their firm. Mr. Maxwell stated it is not necessary for it to be compatible to them. Attorney John Jackson stated that slides and presentations are good, but a letter showing the deficiencies or improvements that are needed, are more important. Council Member Cheryl Hudson stated that with her accounting background she has found that governmental accounting is very different. She feels that this is a good price for the services proposed, and wants the Town to start off on the right track.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to approve the contract for audit year 2007-2008 and other consultation services with McFayden & Sumner, CPAs PA and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Sara Piland. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item # 7:**

Council Member Cheryl Hudson stated that we have the fax machine, but we need to contract with Embarq to get a dedicated phone line for the fax. We need a fax number for people to fax into the Town Hall. Council Member Sara Piland stated that she would research this with Embarq as a bundle package if the Council so desires.

Council Member Cheryl Hudson made a motion to authorize Council Member Sara Piland to check into the cost and possible bundle purchase of a dedicated fax line for the Town Hall. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Donald Hudson. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item # 8:**

Council Member Benny Pearce gave an update on the street lighting process. Council Member Benny Pearce stated that he had emailed information on the street lighting to the Mayor and Council Members. Council Member Benny Pearce stated that he had met with Mr. David Vencill from Progress Energy, and Mr. Vencill had met with Mr. Morgan Johnson prior to the Town of Eastover being incorporated. They had come up with a rough estimate of cost for street lighting for the Town of Eastover at that time. The street lighting would be from Murphy Road intersection with Dunn Road, up Dunn Road to the Dunn Road and Beard Road intersection.

Council Member Benny Pearce stated that he asked Mr. Vencill to begin design immediately, and he is working on this with his Design Engineer. We would be very limited and have to follow the Department of Transportation regulations. Hopefully this will proceed rapidly. Mayor McLaurin thanked Council Member Pearce for the update.

### **Item # 9:**

Council Member Sara Piland gave a briefing on community involvement on land use planning. We would like to propose that we have a forum for the community on land use planning. This will provide the first of several opportunities for community input on land use planning and visioning for the Town of Eastover. Participants will be able to receive information on the current Eastover Detailed Land Use Plan, express their highest hopes for the Town of Eastover's growth, and discuss strategies for realizing the community's vision for the Town.

Council Member Sara Piland stated that the large group facilitator be Planner Matt Rooney assisted by Cumberland County Planning Staff. The small group facilitators will be the Eastover Town Council members and Cumberland County Planning Staff.

Council Member Sara Piland recommended that Thursday, September 18, 2008 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Eastover Community Center is the suggested date, time and location.

The Town of Eastover residents will be notified in August that the Community Forum is being planned and will be asked to register if they wish to attend. Registration may be done online via the Town of Eastover website, by calling the Town Hall at 323-0707, by sending registration via U.S. mail to the Town Hall, or by visiting the Town Hall to register. This will allow the community to provide input for their views on what they want the Town of Eastover to look like. Hopefully we will have 70 or 80 people to participate. This is all very flexible.

Mr. Rooney stated that the format would basically be geared to positive things that we could possibly do. In September the Town Council is going to be invited to a Community Growth Seminar. We will be looking at the 20-30 Action Plan on issues that are important to the Town. The Eastover Land Use Plan is 10 years old now and needs to be revisited. It may take additional sessions to facilitate this plan. Mr. Rooney stated that a lot has changed since the Land Use Plan was made, and a public forum would give residents a chance to have a say, without having to choose sides.

The Mayor asked for motion to accept the September 18, 2008 date for the public forum. Council Member Sara Piland made the motion to accept the proposed date and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Donald Hudson. The motion was carried unanimously.

### **IX. Receive Mayor's Update:**

Mayor McLaurin stated that the Council Members should discuss who will attend the NCLM Conference in Ashville, and also when and how they are to register. This will be discussed at the Special Town Council Meeting on August 19, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor McLaurin also commented on how nice the new roof on the Community Building looked.

**X. Receive Council Members Update:**

Council Member Sara Piland requested that we send a letter to Mr. Don Price of Lafayette Ford in appreciation for his sponsorship to the Town of Eastover at the BRAC Leadership Luncheon held at the Crown Coliseum. Everyone was in agreement.

**XI. Motion to Adjourn at 9:00 p.m.**

Mayor Charles G. McLaurin requested a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Benny Pearce, and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lawrence Buffaloe. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Town of Eastover**

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**Charles G. McLaurin, Mayor**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk  
**Jane F. Faircloth**