

## NHCA Community Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2005

**Location:** New Hill Baptist Church at 7:00 p. m.  
**Attendees:** New Hill Community

### **Committees report and status of activities**

- Treasurer (Dan Brubaker) Submitted

Bank Acct	\$11,019.08
Cash In Hand	200.00
Outstanding Expenses	0.00
Balance	11,219.08

Beginning Balance	\$15,025.87
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Expenses:

Yard Sale	140.59
Returned Newsletters	3.70
Attorney Fees	3,726.00
Photocopies	124.50
Donations	118.00
License Plates Sale	70.00

Balance to Date	\$11,219.08
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Operating Fund	890.00
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Legal Fund / Unspecified	\$10,329.08
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- Legal (Lisa Dahlquist) Absent, Paul Barth reported

Paul talked with Bryan Monday. Couple of points: 1) Working with Seymour's attorney and looking to us to come up with information to reverse site, 2) Okay to pass on information to Seymour's attorney, 3) Is he ready to go to court? No – more research and review to do. He will advise executive committee and community. There are a couple of options: continue with political efforts, search for strong allies and high profile people.

- Publicity (Tonya Forbes) Absent, Bob Kelly reported

Got Cary to turn over all their hard copy documents for the sewage plant. We had 10 binders, and a copy fee of \$124.50. Got quite a few electronic records from Cary and Apex, not Holly Springs or Morrisville, or nor mayors or council members from Cary and Apex. Need to decide whether to sue them or what to do to get them. Going through the detailed binders, there were five or six. Bob personally went through electronic documents requiring several weeks work. Found some good information that we think is going to help us. Paul and Tonya netted out to 12 pages of summary. Quite a bit of information found in there.

Also met with Gerald Holleman, Ex Mayor of Holly Springs for about 10 – 11 years. When he left and Dick Sears became mayor of Holly Springs. Gerald and wife returned from Hawaii for a visit and our attorney found out about it. We met with Gerald and he gave us a lot of hints and encouraged us not to give up, and to continue as hard as we can go. And to hit 'em with everything we can think of as a roadblock and throw up a 1000 items and 3 or 4 of them can stick. So we have changed our strategy a little bit.

Uncovered Cary has been working with DENR since 2002 on EIS. Found out Cary gives document to DENR, DENR reviews, gives back to Cary for changes, DENR reviews again. It is an interim process. Surprised at constant review and at a point and time when DENR does not have any more suggestions, then it is final. Randel Sink commented that when Cary gets it to the point that DENR wants it, then it is final. It will come up for public comment at a meeting open to the public and announced in classifieds, and Cary will be required to issue a response. Then 30 day period for public comments and at least one public meeting. Still waiting on comments from questions from the public meeting that was held at the fire station. Still quite a bit of other work to be done, so let Tonya know if you can help the publicity committee. Draft went September of this year.

Bill Sutton and Gene Schultz won Apex Commissioner elections. Question of resolution being submitted again with Sutton and Jensen. What Bob wants to happen is whether Apex has to vote.

- Environment (Guy Meilleur) Absent
- Historic (Judy Tysmans / Mimi Kelly) Absent
- Website (Mimi Kelly) Absent

### Old Business

- Communications plan – Community meetings, email, newsletter, telephone tree

E-mails traffic, public information, has gone somewhat quiet, but we do not want what we are doing leaked out to the enemy, so we have kept information close to our vest. E-mails found that were sent amongst ourselves to Apex and Cary and we can see the chain of evidence of everything we were doing sent to other towns. So we have been more cautious. Newsletter – looking at December mailing. Telephone tree for future as no one has stepped up.

- Community Meetings
  - Next meeting is December 8 – New Hill Baptist Church
  - Having monthly meetings through year-end then assess frequency – but at least once a quarter according to our by laws.
- Fund raising
  - Still looking for Fundraiser Committee Chairperson to organize. Need money, to raise funds to pay attorney.
  - New Hill license plates available for sale.
  - Looking into next fundraiser possibilities – maybe a pancake breakfast here at New Hill Baptist Church. Sounded like a good idea, but maybe not before the end of the year because of the holidays. We could do locally and promote in the local papers and could be as successful as the BBQ.
- Membership Drive / Committee Sign-up
  - Sign-up tonight – See Vickie Gardner or Sue Barth. Important that we have registered members, as Paul needs a number of signed members. Currently we have only received 74 applications. We need a hard core number for political clout.
  - Refining our membership mailing list
- Donations
  - Donations are down but still being received, and making money on license plates and stickers.
- New Hill Newsletter – will be working on next edition - hopefully in a December timeframe.

One newsletter has been put out, but committee has not had chance to work on it.
- Obtained and reviewed sewage plant project documents. Summary and highlights provided to attorney. Effort took almost three (3) weeks to complete. Effort saved us money in attorney research fees. Ten binders total reviewed and synopsis will be taken to the attorney Monday. A lot of effort to log in as much information as possible. Saved us hours and hours of attorney fees. Attorney is \$170/hour and administrative fees at \$75/hour.
- Received and reviewed numerous emails from Cary and Apex as part of Information Acts. Information gained will be used in our continued letter writing campaign and legal argument. Tonya wrote a letter to State Attorney General as well. We don't know how much a role Holly Springs and Morrisville has played and whether we want to spend the time going through their documents.

- As individual citizens, sent letters and emails to friends asking them to support candidates in Cary and Apex that has been supportive of our fight.
- Legal update

#### **New and Future Business**

- Waiting on Draft EIS documents to be published. Will prepare our public comments for DENR's public meeting.
- Will contact key DENR personnel once Draft EIS documents are available
- SW Wake County Area Land Use Plan Update meeting will be continued at Apex Town Hall, Board of Commissioners Meeting Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) 6:00 pm on 11/17/2005. I encourage everyone to attend.
- Working on ad(s) for News and Observer
- Considering tax status 501(c) (3) organization for large donations by companies and current tax status 501 (c) (4) can be used as a community chest. Attorney and Gerald Holleman suggested we do and pursue.

#### **Open Forum**

- Have we looked at DENR comments? DENR draft dated September of this year.
- Lots of permits to be obtained yet, and we can look at their method of operation.
- Existing requirements like IBT met greenway standards for Neuse River; next step permits and can look at methods of operation.
- Look at Cary's past history.
- Colleen Sullins is a DENR contact per Dan, and he has talked with her several times about DENR's requirements and spoken with a few folks on staff.
- Look at environmental justice.
- Do we know DENR criteria? Are we talking to their language? System would be rated by density.
- Do we know where the sludge is going? To Moncure to a fertilizer plant.
- Why did they dismantle a sewage plant in Morrisville? Seems plant could be activated. We think that Morrisville has already signed an agreement with Cary.
- What of the letters received about the waterline? Nothing received back from Apex from those that denied permission, and surveying is being done.
- Has incorporation been considered?

**Adjourn 8:41 p. m.**