

**TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD  
CLOSED SESSION  
MINUTES  
December 19, 2007**

Present: Mark Brown, Dena Barnes, Bob Williams, Alicia Flowers, Becky Strickland, John Wray, William (Bill) Hill, Town Attorney, and Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk.

\*\*NOTE: In open session, Dena Barnes made a motion to recess to closed session as provided under **NCGS 143-318.11 (A) (6)** to discuss naming an interim Town Manager and to **(C)** consult with counsel about Summerfield Properties (AKA Armfield) litigation and Pubic Records request by the Northwest Observer. There was no discussion. The motion was seconded by Bob Williams and passed unanimously.

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**Summerfield Properties (Armfield) litigation**

Present: Mark Brown, Dena Barnes, Bob Williams, Alicia Flowers, Becky Strickland, John Wray, William (Bill) Hill, Town Attorney, Michael Brandt, Town Administrator, and Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk.

Hill gave a brief overview of the situation and stated the issue is whether or not the applicant gets the increased density. He stated most people who spoke in opposition were opposed to the twin homes, which were withdrawn. Council members who voted in favor of the rezoning could ask for another Public Hearing and get it put on the agenda again.

Hill stated Council could direct him to listen to what the other attorney had to say, their offer or ideas, and perhaps enter into settlement negotiations. Strickland and Brown feel if it is settled it will set a precedent of "if you sue us, we will cave".

By consensus, it was decided to direct Hill to listen to what the opposing attorney has to say, although Strickland disagreed based on it costing the town additional money in attorney fees.

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By consensus, Council reconvened to Open Meeting at 8:48 pm.

  
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Mark Brown, Mayor

  
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Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk