



**BELVILLE PLANNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

January 7, 2025

Planning Board Members Present:

Scott Milligan, Chairman
Joe Boyd, Vice Chairman
Jonas Williams, Member
Dean St. John, Member
John Weaver, Member
Theresa Heath, Member

Planning Board Members Absent:

Kimberly Ganey-Phillips, Member

Staff Present:

Athina Williams, Town Manager
Sharon Niemann, Town Clerk
Adrienne Harrington, Planning Consultant

Others Present to Address the Board:

Jon Blasco, WithersRavenel

ITEM #1 AND #2 – CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Scott Milligan called the Planning Board Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ACTION – Vice Chairman Joe Boyd **MADE THE MOTION** to excuse Kimberly Ganey-Phillips. Mr. Jonas Williams **SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**

ITEM #3 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

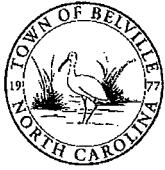
ACTION – Mr. Dean St. John **MADE THE MOTION** to approve the Agenda. Vice Chairman Joe Boyd **SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**

ITEM #4 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION – Vice Chairman Joe Boyd **MADE THE MOTION** to approve the December 16, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes. Mr. Jonas Williams **SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**

ITEM #5 – OLD BUSINESS

a. Project Updates – Adrienne Harrington, Town Consultant



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1. *NC133 Crossing Project*

Adrienne Harrington gave an overview of the relocation of the park entrance and redesign of the parking lot. We are close to being able to solicit bids for engineering services.

2. *Gap on Multi-use path*

Mrs. Harrington explained that Belville was recently awarded funds to fill in the 0.2 mile gap in the MUP trail along NC-133. While the size is small, it was costly due to going over the wetlands, which will require the section to be built up. This MUP will become part of the Gullah Geechee Heritage Trail. We expect RFQ for engineering services this Spring.

3. *Stormwater Project*

We identified a crucial area which needs improvements in drainage at East Wood and Two Pine Road. This was removed from the Stormwater Feasibility Study, as it needs more immediate attention. We will review cost estimates, when provided, and potential grant funding sources.

4. *NC133 Closure*

NC133 is currently closed near Funston, and this will continue until August of 2025

5. *Riverwalk Extension* – Adrienne conveyed that we are going to build the Riverwalk extension in phases, due to the costs involved, and she described the plan. Plan complete in January, go out for bid for construction in February, and we are hoping to start construction in May of 2025. Discussion ensued, and Consultant Harrington answered questions. Some of the funding has already been received so we will start on the southern riverwalk and gazebo first, along with the natural surface trail.

6. *River Road Multi-Use Path Projects*. Adrienne Harrington explained how the prices escalated and how WMPO has helped us get the increased funding needed. The \$92,000 we are short is due to additional utility work which was in conflict with the Multi-use path. We will be asking for more grant funds and will provide a local match. Discussion ensued between the board and consultant.

7. *WMPO Bike Ped Committee* – Town Manager Athina Williams and Adrienne Harrington shared what the Bike/Ped Committee does. Adrienne and Joe Boyd have been our representatives on this committee in the past.

8. *Stormwater Feasibility Study Update*

The timeline and detailed maps of the feasibility study were shared with the board, and we have identified the five areas of major concern. Preliminary cost estimates



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will be included with the study. Once finalized, we will move to final design and construction.

9. 2025/2026 FY Budget Process

Town Manager Athina Williams reflected on the Budget Process, alerting everyone that the Budget Workshop would be Saturday March 22, 2025. Mr. Dean St. John stated he would be available to attend to represent the Planning Board. If any training for the board is needed, we should include that in the budget.

10. Citizens Advisory Committee. Town Manager Athina Williams stated that this Committee meets only occasionally and we would like to have someone represent the Town of Belville. The next planned meeting will be in April or May and we will advise the board of the date to see if a member can attend.

ITEM #6 – ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Scott Milligan thanked everyone for attending.

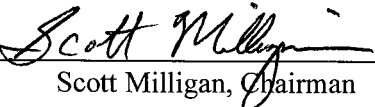
Other Comments – Town Manager Athina Williams thanked the board for all they do.

Mr. John Weaver mentioned he would not be in attendance at the February meeting.

ACTION – Vice Chairman Joe Boyd MADE THE MOTION to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dean St. John SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.

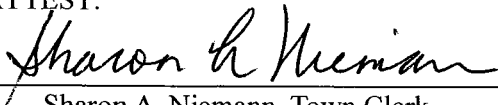
Minutes Compiled by Sharon A. Niemann

SIGNED:



Scott Milligan, Chairman

ATTEST:



Sharon A. Niemann, Town Clerk

