

Town of Spring Lake  
Board of Aldermen Workshop  
Municipal Building  
300 Ruth Street  
Spring Lake, NC 28390

January 11, 2010

MINUTES

5:30

p.m.

The Spring Lake Board of Aldermen held a workshop in the Grady Howard Conference Room of the Municipal Complex with Mayor Ethel T. Clark presiding.

**Board Members Present:** Mayor Pro Tem James O'Garra  
Alderman James Christian  
Alderman Richard Higgins  
Alderwoman Debora Hudson  
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

**Others Present:** Michael Uskiewicz, Town Manager  
Paul Hoover, Director of Inspections  
Allen Coats, Finance Director  
Christine Wagner, Fayetteville Area System of Transit  
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

The purpose for this workshop was to discuss Public Transportation in Spring Lake.

Mr. Hoover advised that Ms. Wagner has offered to take on this program and run it for us.

Mr. Hoover reviewed the history of the transportation service to date. He advised that ridership has increased over time but revenues have not. There are people who ride for free (elderly, 1/2 price Medicare, bus pass riders, etc.) He explained that the petition he received was signed by not only Spring Lake residents but from people outside of Spring Lake and from business owners from Cross Creek Mall. The only complaint that has been received regarding the transportation service is that the route cannot be done in one hour and this causes riders to miss their connector bus.

He reviewed alternate possibilities pursued, the current operation schedule, the proposed operation schedule and the proposed route. He briefed the Board on the status of the bus shelters. FAST is checking to see if we can purchase the existing bus shelters at cost.

Mr. Hoover stated that he is seeking guidance from the Board on the following:

- Authorization for Cumberland County transportation coordinator to release RFP
- Authorization to advertise
- Approve route
- Approve operational hours
- Approve stop locations
- Approval of 3 AM and 3 PM trips
- Approve name for service

He also reviewed the time line on other items such as signs, announcements, bids and contracts, schedules and service beginning date.

The Board's consensus was to proceed as proposed by Mr. Hoover on all issues requiring direction/action today. It was also the Board's consensus to name the service Spring Lake Transit with the Town Seal for a logo.

Alderwoman Sutherland and Alderwoman Hudson thanked Mr. Hoover for his outstanding work on this project.

The meeting ended at 6:20 p.m.

Rhonda D. Webb, MMC  
Town Clerk

ATTEST:

Ethel T. Clark  
Mayor