

Minutes Regular Meeting
Board of Aldermen--Chapel Hill, N. C.
December 14, 1953

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Town Hall on December 14, 1953 at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Present were Mayor Lanier, Aldermen Wager, Davis, Burch, Robinson, Cornwell and Putnam, Town Attorney LeGrand and Town Auditor Peacock.

The minutes for the regular meeting of November 18, 1953 were approved as read and amended.

Mr. F. Stuart Chapin, Jr., Secretary of the Town Planning Board came before the Board to discuss amending or rewriting the Planning Board Ordinance. The matter was discussed and no action was taken.

Dr. Harold D. Meyer came before the Board and read a statement regarding the condition of his property on Dogwood Drive, due to the recent curb and paving project in that area. He requested the Town accept some of the cost of replacing his property as it was before the work was done. Mr. Cornwell moved that the Mayor appoint a committee of three and the Town Manager to work with Dr. Meyer and other people in that area attempting to adjust the circumstances created in grading the area and the committee report back to the Board. Mr. Burch seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The Mayor appointed the Finance Committee members to serve as the special committee to consider Dr. Meyer's request.

Mr. Mullins and Mr. Richards, representing the Trailways and Mr. Pearce, Manager of the Chapel Hill Bus Station came before the Board to discuss hours, schedules and the taxi stand at the Bus Station. The matters were discussed considerably. Special stops for buses may be considered later by the Board.

The Health Department report for the month of November was read.

Mr. Peacock gave the Auditor's report for the Recorder's Court for the years 1951-52 and 1952-53. Mr. Peacock requested that School Fund money that has been taken as Court Cost in error be returned to the County. Mr. Putnam moved that the Town send a check to Orange County for the amount of money, according to the Auditor's report, which was erroneously charged to Court Cost. Mr. Cornwell seconded his motion and it was passed unanimously. Mr. Putnam moved that the Auditor's report for the Recorder's Court for 1951-52 and 1952-53 be accepted as read. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mr. L. J. Phipps came before the Board, representing Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rush, concerning the Rush property on Davie Circle. He stated that the curb and gutter work done in front of their home has damaged their property, and they request that the Town have their drive-way built up and install a drain which would prevent water from going across their property. Mr. Putnam moved that it be referred to the Finance Committee to be considered along with the Meyer situation and report back at the next meeting. Mr. Burch seconded his motion and it was passed unanimously.

The Clerk of Court and Police Department reports were presented.

Mr. Cornwell gave a report on the special committee's decision about the Christmas decorations. It was decided that the Town should appropriate \$300 toward the decorations and that the decorations will belong to the Town. Mr. Lanier read a letter from the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Merchants Association, and an invoice for 13 electric candles and brackets. Mr. Peacock suggested that the \$300 be charged to Streets and Lighting.

Mr. Lanier read a letter from the Chapel Hill Recreation Commission requesting the Town to give funds for repairs or improvements to the Center. No action was taken.

Mr. Lanier read a letter from the Planning Board recommending the approval of the subdivision of the Lloyd R. Roof property as submitted by Mr. M. J. Dawson and transmitted by the City Manager; also, approval of the subdivision known as Elkin Hill as submitted by Mr. Frank Umstead; and that the Board of Aldermen give consideration to a joint petition with the School Board to the State Highway and Public Works Commission urging the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Hamilton Road and N. C. Highway 54. No formal action by the Board.

Mr. Putnam moved that the Town write a petition to the State Highway and Public Works Commission endorsing a stop-light at Hamilton Road and Highway 54 when the street opposite Hamilton Road is completed, as recommended by the Planning Board. Mr. Cornwell seconded his motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mr. Putnam brought up the matter of having railroad-crossing bars to block off crossings for school children. No action was taken.

Mr. Robinson stated that there is a need for stop signs at the intersection of Roberson Street and Rosemary Street and at the intersection of Rosemary Street and Graham Street. The matter was referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. Davis stated that Mr. Charlie Davis has told him that the University students are parking their cars in Petzer Lane and blocking the Lane. The Town Manager and Town Attorney were directed to determine the legal status (title) of Petzer Lane and advise the Board.

Upon motion by Alderman Burch, seconded by Alderman Putnam and unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 P. M. o'clock.

After hearing the minutes for the regular meeting of December 14, 1953, read as amended on motion made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Roberson, the minutes were approved by vote of the Board of Aldermen this the 13th day of January, 1954.

Edwin S. Lanier Mayor

Donathy J. Durham Town Clerk