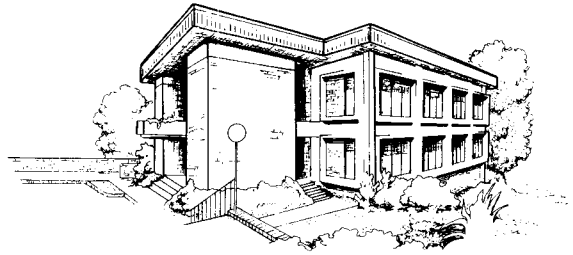


TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

TO: Mayor James C. Wallace
Gerry Cohen
Robert Epting
Thomas Gardner
Jonathan Howes
Shirley Marshall
Marvin Silver

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that the Board of Aldermen have called a Special Meeting, to be held in the Municipal Building, at 7:30P.M. on September 7, 1976, to discuss whether further actions are required by the Town with respect to the water supply/demand situation

Edward Vickery
R. D. Smith

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE

We, the undersigned, members of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill, hereby accept notice of a Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen, called by Ed Vickery and R. D. Smith, Aldermen, to be held in the Municipal Building on September 7, 1976, at 7:30P.M.

Edward Vickery
R. D. Smith

I do not concur

A copy was left at the home of Shirley Marshall on September 3, 1976, at 2:15 P.M.

David B. Roberts
town clerk

Robert Epting
Thomas B. Huber (protest)
Jonathan B. Howes (protest) cw
Bludd G. C. H. (would like to be consulted by Aldermen before they call meetings)
Marvin Silver
James C. Wallace (protest)
Shirley E. Marshall - Mayor's Secy - Protest

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1976, 7:30P.M.

Mayor Wallace called the meeting to order. Presented and seated were:

- Gerald Cohen
- Robert Epting
- Thomas Gardner
- Jonathan Howes
- Shirley Marshall
- Marvin Silver
- R. D. Smith
- Edward Vickery

Also present were Town Manager K. Jenne, Town Attorney E. Denny, and Town Clerk D. Roberts.

Mayor Wallace announced that the meeting had been called under the provisions of the Charter allowing a special meeting to be called by two or more members of the Board, to wit, Aldermen Vickery and Smith. Mayor Wallace then read the water consumption figures for several days which are as follows: August 28, with the students returning to the University, 4.2 million gallons; September 4, with more than 35,000 persons attending the game, 3.7 million gallons; September 5, 3.4 million gallons; September 6, with the amount received from Durham increased to 3.2 million gallons, 3.8 million gallons, of which .6 million gallons came from University Lake. Mayor Wallace then called upon Aldermen Vickery and Smith for comment.

Alderman Vickery stated he wished to congratulate the news media for their excellent coverage of the water shortage situation, especially the article on Sunday, September 5, clearing up some of the confusion which had been caused by different figures on water being given the week before. He hoped that this meeting could resolve the question of how much water is left in the lake. This would provide a base on which the Town could build its measures of conservation. Alderman Vickery thought the Town should take a more active role in the advertising of conservation measures, and should be enforcing the ordinance more stringently. He also wished to discuss what action could be taken against the University for watering Navy Field.

Alderman Smith stated his greatest concern was how long Durham would continue to furnish Chapel Hill and other towns in the Research Triangle area with water. Should the drought continue the citizens of Durham would begin to take precedence in the usage of Durham's water supply. He wanted to know what effect any alternatives Chapel Hill might pursue would have, such as a line to Eno River. Alderman Smith thought the persons responsible for the watering of Navy Field should be prosecuted.

Alderman Cohen stated the kinds of water usage prevented by the ordinances were trivial; that the most water was used by items such as toilets, which the Town had done nothing to educate the citizenry about. He did not think building a pipe line to the Eno River would help as the Eno River was dry. The watering of Navy Field and the holding of the football game Saturday both showed contempt for the water conservation program.

Alderman Howes stated he thought the meeting was being held largely because of misleading information in the newspaper. Most of these matters had now been cleared up. Now the most important matter was to stress to the community the Board's awareness of the crisis.

Alderman Marshall stated she would support any measures the University Utilities Section asked for to conserve water. She also reminded the Board of a Landfill incident a few years ago in which the Town had violated a contract with other governing bodies. She did not feel there was any collusion on the part of the University to water Navy Field, and believed the Town should accept the apology of the University and its word that such an incident would not happen again. She added that in her recent travels parents of students had questioned her about the water situation, and had asked about the students' credits if the University had to close. She thought that cooperation was being given to the Town.

Mayor Wallace stated he did believe the meeting had been necessary. In working with the University administration he had been satisfied that they were sincere and were doing all that could be done in the situation. He expressed his thanks to the citizens of the Town and to the students who had taken the brunt of the water shortage. Mayor Wallace admitted that many

of the measures taken were cosmetic, but that the psychology created was having an effect on citizens. He stated that laws could not be enforced inside homes for conservation, and the best thing the Town could do was to impress upon citizens the necessity for conservation. His concern was if Durham could not continue to supply water to the Town. He felt that scare tactics had been permitted to creep into the situation, which would be harmful to the psychology created for citizens to conserve.

Alderman Silver stated he thought the Town was in a crisis because it did not control the water, instead it depended on the University and Durham. Therefore, he believed the best action to be conservation. The crowds at the football game did not use excessive water, and he thought the University's apology should be accepted, and should any infractions of the ordinance occur in the future a warrant should be served.

Alderman Gardner concurred with the Mayor in expressing his thanks to the community for their efforts at conservation. He felt the watering of Navy Field a regrettable incident, but the apology of the University should be accepted and no further action taken. He had protested the calling of the meeting because he did not foresee any startling proposals coming out of the meeting. He felt that conservation was now the best thing that could be done.

Alderman Epting stated that everyone knew there was a water shortage, and he did not think the number of days would have any useful influence on the conservation program. The mistake at the University was regrettable but the apology of the University should be accepted. There would be legal problems with trying to arrest anyone at the University for responsibility. He stated that he believed the appropriate way for anyone with conservation ideas to communicate them, would be to call the newspaper and have them printed. He then moved that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Gardner seconded. The motion was carried by a vote of five to four with Aldermen Epting, Gardner, Howes and Marshall, and Mayor Wallace supporting and Aldermen Cohen, Silver, Smith and Vickery opposing. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

James C. Wallace

Mayor James C. Wallace

David B. Roberts

Town Clerk, David B. Roberts

MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING AND A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1976

Mayor Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Present were:

- Gerald Cohen
- Robert Epting
- Thomas Gardner
- Jonathan Howes
- Marvin Silver
- R. D. Smith
- Edward Vickery

Also present were Town Manager K. Jenne, Town Attorney E. Denny, and Town Clerk, D. Roberts. Alderman Marshall was excused.

Mayor Wallace announced that items 1 and 2 on the agenda, awards of appreciation, would be held in abeyance until some of the persons arrived.

Public Hearing on Bond Orders