



## MINUTES

The Grover Tourism Development Authority  
September 27, 2016 | 6:00 p.m.

We provide published notice of our regular meetings held four times per year via our regular website, paid advertising campaigns, Facebook site and public body notice posting in plain view of public passerby on the town hall bulletin board to be at 6 pm held the last Tuesday of every quarter (March, June, September, December) at the Grover Town Hall with a backup default of Carolina Crossing Restaurant. Notice is provided to the public that all budgets are submitted at the March meeting, posted on the town bulletin board, our Facebook site, and TDA website for full public review 90 days before the June Public Hearing meeting where budget voting occurs. Entities desirous of requesting tourism-related funds for their use can apply all year long.

1. **Called to order at 6:10 pm** with members Mongiello, Hoyle and Brackett seated and in attendance while Town Finance Manager Willis also presented his bank updates in Excel.
2. Chair Martin Mongiello, made a motion for approval and acceptance of the June meetings minutes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Brackett. Passed unanimously. **A NOTE ABOUT CRIMINAL CONDUCT:** At this time for any public meeting under NC law, a board member or Commissioner has the legal right to add any item to an agenda, accordingly, per Roberts Rules of Order. Additionally, it is noted under law that no single person is legally allowed to control any agenda of a public meeting, including any Mayor or Chairperson. Meetings do not have to have an agenda printed up under law and distributed before, and **members** of any public body are allowed under General Statute, to add or request a vote be held on items to add into any agenda. NC General Statute allows for a criminal offense to be had of class two (2) misdemeanor for anyone in charge of meetings stating otherwise, lying to board members or falsely reporting control of any agenda and, “not allowing a new item to be added to tonight’s agenda.” This call to order is mainly directed towards those leading public boards who think they control the agenda or make illegal statements in North Carolina such as, “well, if I feel like putting your item onto my agenda – otherwise we might never talk about your ideas.”
3. **Financial Report presented** – The 10% restricted held in store by the state is required at all times by law. The current balance presented in the bank by Mayor and Town Finance Manager Willis as of June 27, 2016, was \$3,083.77. Mr. Willis mentioned he finished catching up depositing and reviewing checks and planned to put in the \$1,061.90 owed to



the TDA from April, May, June of 2015 as well as \$293.36 of April 2016 and \$265.06 for May 2016 for a total of \$1,620.32 going in. Therefore that \$1,620.32 + the existing balance of \$3083.77 would only be affected by a BOND PAYMENT of -\$158.00 due bringing the new balance on his sheet to \$4,546.09 on hand. He planned these deposits very soon and stated, of course, new ones were coming in from The Inn of the Patriots every month.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS** for action and report review.

- A. Holiday Tree with Tourism Draw Ceremony** – Discussions continued on the new ceremony and doing it again for 2016 at the higher amounts. It would span four nights, each selected as Nov 19, 26, December 3 and 10 with the Inn showcased, stores on Main Street and Restaurant, for tourists to visit. The tree lighting would occur first on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Mongiello will set up a Facebook Event site and would invite vendors, he already has a Santa suit but needs to get a beard; Willis offered to program the lights. Signage or posters could be done but had not been volunteered for yet. Additional ideas from town folk are welcomed. Mongiello volunteered to call the wineries and do free face painting while Bracket offered to set up all items and Willis would plant the tree. Hoyle took on the lights issue for the main street, planting all new plants and Mongiello would pay people and volunteer to paint the main street with Hoyle's approved green color. Bracket obtaining toy train for tourists and kids to ride in and use in the parade to make guests enjoy and see the massive parade as well as Santa present in a sleigh.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Street signs unable to be read by tourists on main town roads** was brought up by Mongiello and discussed. He has emailed the list of the signs and Willis stated he had a new machine in town that could begin to make its signs.

**7. Adjourned at 7:30 pm with a motion by Brackett, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Hoyle and unanimously voted for.**