

MINUTES The Grover Tourism Development Authority December 30, 2014 | 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 prior to 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 6:07 pm – Ms. Brackett unable to attend due to upcoming operation. Mr. Ledford attended and provided financial guidance throughout. Chair Martin Mongiello, made a motion for approval and acceptance of September 30, 2014 minutes and 2nd by Mr. Willis, passed unanimously. 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 prior to and <u>members</u> of any public body are allowed under General Statute to add or request a vote be held on items to add in to any agenda. NC General Statute allows for a criminal offense to be had of a class two (2) misdemeanor for anyone in charge of meetings stating otherwise, lying to board members or falsely stating control of any agenda and, "not allowing a new item to be added to tonight's agenda." This call to order is particularly 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."

2. Financial Report presented – JD Ledford reported a check received from the town of \$859.17 as the Grover Town Finance Officer, from the town to the TDA. Current balance reported by JD Ledford was \$2660.90 and a 10% restricted held in store by the state is required at all times by law. Finance Officer Ledford reported he was working with the auditors to create a 10% liability formula. This is a new item and needed.

3. OLD BUSINESS for action and report review.



A. New Town Park – Discussions continue and the park could open in 2014 or 2015. Mongiello/Willis work item. Mongiello may have some news on this in the Spring, from the federal government.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. A motion to spend No More Than (Not to Exceed) \$700.00 for a town Christmas Tree – explained by Authority member Willis for all electricity, conduit, wiring, lights, decorations, a tree to be purchased and planted. Motion further called by Mongiello, Point of Order, Point of Information, Call to the Question. Mongiello motioned and Willis 2nd, passed unanimous.

5. Announcements

A. The town is expecting to reap many rewards from PBS filming here. Some mentions of CNN possibly coming to film in 2015 have occurred along with the Wheel of Fortune featuring the museum and inn to 26 million viewers in December, 2014. The museum is working with the antique store well and restaurant.

7. Adjourned at 6:35 pm with a motion by Mongiello, 2nd Willis and unanimously voted for.