

January 20, 2004
MINUTES OF MEETING

COUNCIL PRESENT

David Stamey
Joe Norman
Gerelene Blevins
Eddie Bowman
Pat Harrison
Joe Wesson

STAFF PRESENT

Terry Taylor
Robert Frye
Sonia Garnes

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor David Stamey called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests.

INVOCATION: Rev. Ashley Crouse of Fellowship Baptist Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor David Stamey led the audience in saying the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE DECEMBER 16, 2003 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Pat Harrison the December 16th minutes were approved. All were in favor.

Financial Matters

Mid Year Financial Report- Town Administrator Robert Frye informed Council that halfway through current budget year all departments are within budgeted amounts. Sanitation revenues in the General Fund include loan proceeds for the new garbage truck in the amount of \$120,920 which was paid to the dealer when the truck arrived in January. Mr. Frye stated that sewer fund revenues are lower than expected due to the delay in completion of the CDBG project on Helena Street but he hoped they would increase now the project is completed. (See attached sheet)

Recreation Grant Application Consideration – Town Administrator Robert Frye informed Council on the progress of the new Conley Creek Access Park. By the end of this fiscal year phase one which includes the fishing pier and related picnic area will be complete. The next phase of the project will cost approximately \$165,000.00 to complete. Applications for the Part F Recreation Grant Program are currently being accepted by the state of North Carolina. If the Town were to get a Part F grant, the grant would pay for half the cost of this phase or \$82,500.00 with the Town responsible for the remaining half. The grant program allows the Town 3 years to complete the project. Sam Erwin, from the Western Piedmont Council of Governments attended the meeting to answer any questions. Town Administrator Robert Frye requested that Council submit a Part F grant application to the State for consideration. On a motion made by Pat Harrison with Gerelene Blevins seconding Council agreed to submit the Part F application. All were in favor.

Update: Sewer Costs

Town Administrator Robert Frye provided Council with an update on the cost to provide town wide sewer. Mr. Frye said that the total cost to provide the sewer is \$ 14,955,000.00. The maximum feasible project size could be \$6-8 million and would take approximately 10 to 15 years before the Town could afford to sewer the remaining portions of the Town he also stated that any project where the Town borrows money or gets a long-term loan will require that the Town adopt a mandatory hookup policy and require everyone in Town to hook onto the system. At current minimum usage charges, the average combined sewer and water bill would be \$71.50 per month. Benjie Thomas from West and Associates attended the meeting to answer any questions. After much discussion Council took no action but agreed to discuss the matter further.

Council Discussion:

- A. Council Retreat-** Town Administrator Robert Frye suggested that Council hold a retreat to discuss the potential impact that town-wide sewer issue as well as several other issues will have in more detail than is possible in a regular Council meeting. The retreat will last the entire day and give Council the opportunity to discuss this issue as well as several other issues facing the town before it is time to deal with them during budget season. On a motion made by Joe Wesson and Gerelene Blevins seconding the Council will hold the retreat on February 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Broyhill House. All were in favor.
- B. Street Lights for Waterworks Road-** Councilman Joe Wesson requested that lights be placed on Waterworks Road. Duke Power will handle the installation and the Town will be responsible for the monthly power usage that will run \$9.48 per light. With eight new lights installed, the total bill per month will be \$75.84 and \$455.04 for the remaining six months of this budget year. On a motion made by Joe Wesson with Gerelene Blevins seconding Council agreed on installing street lights on Waterworks Road. All were in favor.
- C. Meeting Schedule-** Councilwoman Gerelene Blevins asked Council to hold an additional meeting on the first Tuesday of the month for the public to speak at the Town Hall. Anyone who would like to speak will sign a form allowing them five minutes to speak to Council. Gerelene Blevins made the motion with Joe Wesson seconding. All were in favor.
- D. Railroad Crossing-** Councilwoman Gerelene Blevins brought before Council concerns regarding the condition of the railroad crossing at Sawmills School Road. Town Administrator Robert Frye informed Council that the railroad is owned by Caldwell County and leased by Mr. Don McGrady. The Town has asked North Carolina Department of Transportation to consider repairing the crossing. The County Reinvestment committee is also being asked to help fund repairs.

Personnel Matters: Employee Resignation

Town Administrator Robert Frye informed Council of Joe Keller's resignation effective January 5th of this year. This position needs to be filled. Mr. Frye requested that Council

begin advertising for this position. Eddie Bowman made the motion with Joe Wesson seconding. All were in favor.

Request to Speak to Council

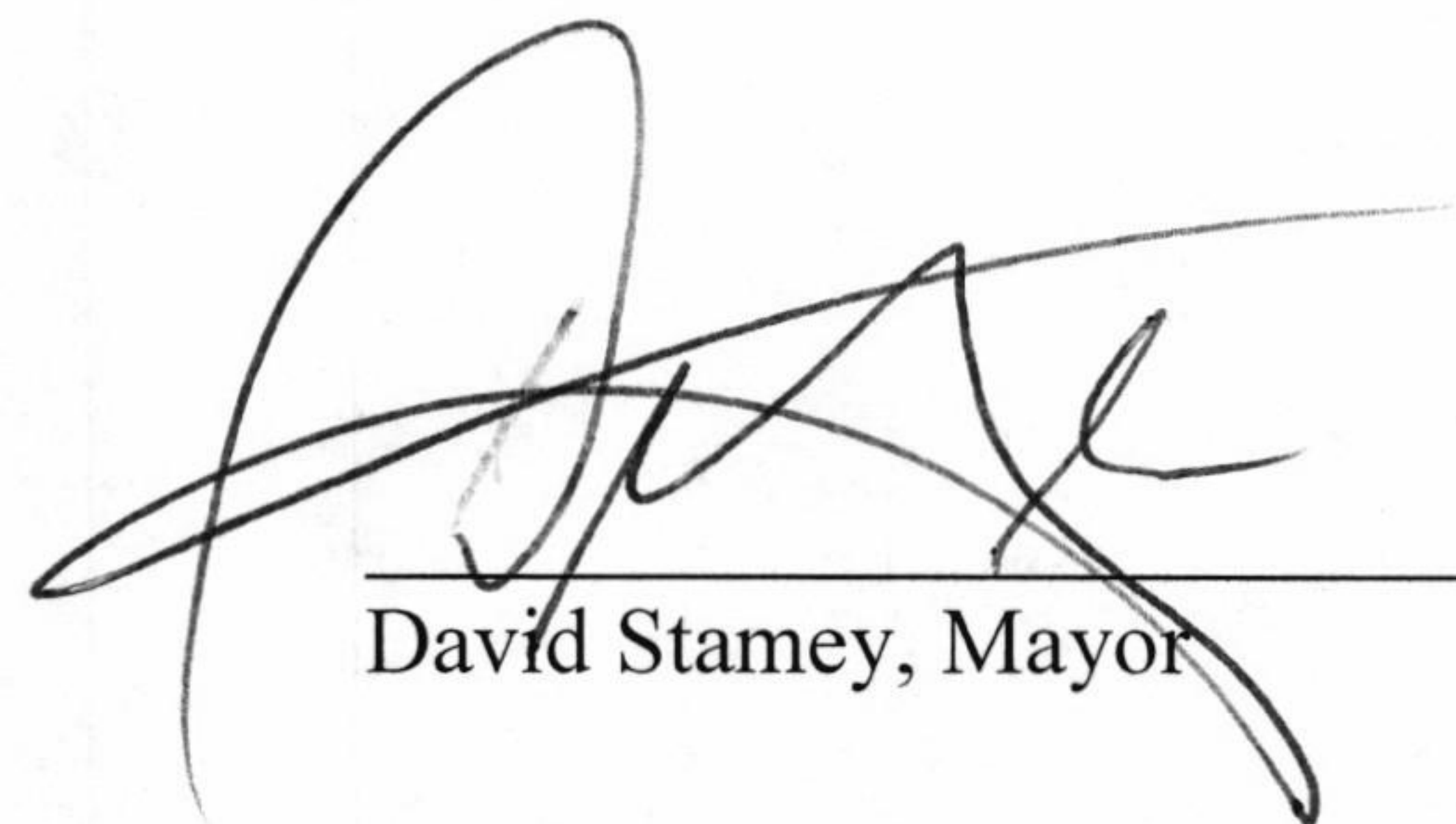
Sandra Norman: Support for Troops- Mrs. Norman asked Council to participate in a parade for 28 returning soldiers. The parade will start at the Hickory River Bridge continuing on Hwy 321A to the National Guard Armory. Gerelene Blevins made the motion with Eddie Bowman seconding to participate in the parade. All were in favor. Joe Wesson made a motion with Eddie Bowman seconding to elect Gerelene Blevins the Town contact person and allow up to \$200.00 for materials. All were in favor.

Tommy Mitchell: Water Bill Rates/Reconnection Fees and Attitude of Town Employees- Mr. Mitchell spoke to Council regarding a reconnection fee he received on October 30, 2003 in the amount of \$100.00. Mr. Mitchell asked Council to waive the reconnect fee. Town Administrator Robert Frye informed Council this has been the 10th reconnect charge. After much discussion Council decided that Mr. Mitchell would have to pay the reconnect fee and could do so through a payment plan that would give him six months to pay the charge. Mr. Mitchell was informed that this would have to be paid in addition to his regular bill.

Town Administrator Robert Frye informed Council of the Western Piedmont Council of Governments annual meeting that will be held on January 27th at the Hickory Holiday Inn.

ADJOURN: On a motion made by Joe Norman and seconded by Joe Wesson the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


Sonia Garnes, Town Clerk


David Stamey, Mayor

Memorandum

To: Robert Frye
From: Bonnie Mann
Date: 1/14/2004
Re: Mid Year Financial Report

As we come into mid year, we are within our projected expenses and revenues on the whole. There are a few exceptions which are listed below.

Sanitation: Revenues in the General Fund include loan proceeds for the new Garbage Truck for \$120,920 which was paid to the dealer when the Truck arrived in January.

Sewer: Due to the delay in completion of the CDBG project on Helena Street, projected revenues are 33% less than anticipated. Hopefully the project will be completed soon and revenues will increase.

REVENUES AND EXPENSES AS OF 12/31/03

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES: \$ 670,326.21

EXPENSES:

Governing Body	\$	6,858.35
Administration	\$	168,002.66
Public Works	\$	142,555.34
Sanitation	\$	94,604.94
Community Development	\$	126.00
Parks & Recreation	\$	288.00
Total	\$	412,435.29

UTILITY FUND

REVENUE: \$ 266,286.88

EXPENSES:

Water	\$	156,730.00
Sewer	\$	33,670.00
Total	\$	190,400.00

**TOWN OF SAWMILLS
CASH BALANCES
JANUARY 1, 2004**

General Fund

Bank Account	\$ 1,199,454
NCCMT	29,894
CD – First Citizens #7470026872	85,192
CD – First Citizens #7470028675	88,097
CD – First Citizens #7470027226	89,078
CD – Bank of Granite #137250	89,616
CD – Bank of Granite #137047	101,094
CD – Bank of Granite #137854	91,529
 Total General Fund	 \$1,773,954

Utility Fund

Bank Account	\$ 780,135
NCCMT	28,721
CD –Bank of Granite #137819	48,443
CD –Bank of Granite #137866	92,017
CD –First Citizens #7470028667	90,445
CD –First Citizens #7470027496	87,496
CD –First Citizens #7470021342	90,549
CD –First Citizens #7470021449	91,423
 Total Utility Fund	 \$ 1,309,229

Powell Bill Fund

Bank Account	\$ 719,499
CD –Bank of Granite #137743	80,841
CD –Bank of Granite #137569	81,257
 Total Powell Bill	 \$ 881,597

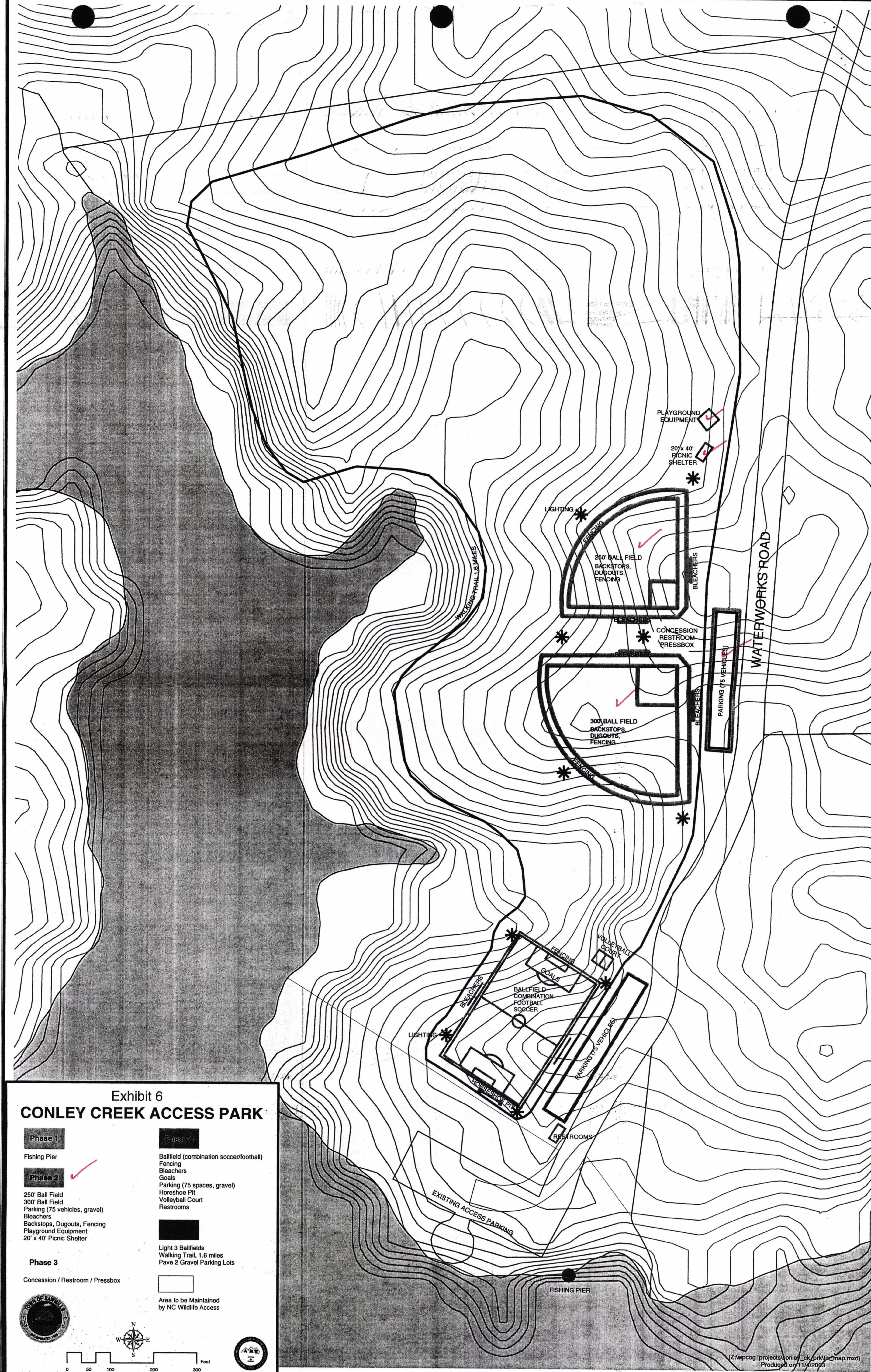


Exhibit 6
CONLEY CREEK ACCESS PARK

Phase 1

Fishing Pier

Phase 2

250' Ball Field
300' Ball Field
Parking (75 vehicles, gravel)
Bleachers
Backstops, Dugouts, Fencing
Playground Equipment
20' x 40' Picnic Shelter

Phase 3

Concession / Restroom / Pressbox

Phase 4

Ballfield (combination soccer/football)
Fencing
Bleachers
Goals
Parking (75 spaces, gravel)
Horseshoe Pit
Volleyball Court
Restrooms

Light 3 Ballfields

Walking Trail, 1.6 miles
Pave 2 Gravel Parking Lots

Area to be Maintained by NC Wildlife Access

