

TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 9, 2010

Present: Mayor Billy Ray Jackson; Commissioners Ardathy Spikes, Richard Hill, Al Clements, Sammy Whitehurst; Manager Joe Albright, Clerk Angel Hudson

Absent: Commissioner Buddy Albritton

Meeting called to order.

Mayor Jackson led the Board of Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Commissioner Spikes made a motion to accept the January, 2010 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Alicia Carrasquillo of 3407 Saw Mill Rd., Grifton, NC came before the Board to ask for the Board's help and advice in how to handle a situation that happened to her when trying to sign her son up for recreational baseball. Mrs. Carrasquillo stated that at the end of the season last year the coach on her son's team quit. Her son was asked to play the final tournaments with Piggly Wiggly of Ayden. Because of the issues with the Grifton Recreation League, she allowed her son to finish the year out in Ayden. When this year's signups came around her son wanted to play with his friends in Ayden. Mrs. Carrasquillo stated that she understood that there are rules and her son would have to be voted in because she lives in Lenoir County. Mr. Carrasquillo called Ed Coley to talk about this matter and Mr. Coley was very angry, demeaning, and disrespectful even on the verge of being discriminating. She was called by Ernest Brannon, AFG president, and told that her son could play in Ayden, to come sign him up and pay the fee. She was also told what and what not to say at the meeting. The next day she was called and told that her child could not play in Ayden. Mrs. Carrasquillo had already told her son that he could play in Ayden based on what Mr. Brannon had told her and then she had to go back and say he couldn't. This is where she is having an issue. She felt she was lied to and her son was the one that had to suffer. She stated that her son was invited to play in Grifton. She asked the Board what they would do in this instance. She stated that she felt Grifton needs a recreation department with elected officials. She also stated that she felt we needed officials that are here for our youth, our community and who will represent Grifton with dignity.

Mayor Jackson apologized to Mrs. Carrasquillo for the way she was treated and assured her that the Town would look into the situation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Clements made a motion to approve the Grifton Fire Department Slate of Officers as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Whitehurst. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hill requested that the CMSD Board Member Appointment be tabled until the next workshop meeting.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

The Grifton Shad Festival has asked the Town to adopt an ordinance pertaining to vendors during

the Shad Festival. In years past the Shad Festival has had a problem with people, who did not ask permission, setting up unapproved stands. The Shad Festival representatives felt that if there was an ordinance in place it would be easier to enforce the rules.

Manager Albright asked the Board's permission to draft an ordinance and present it at the next workshop meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Clements asked how we were coming along on the Fire Department merger.

Manager Albright stated that he wanted to get the slate of officers approved and then to have a conversation with the Fire Department officials.

Commissioner Whitehurst stated that the NC STEP committee met with Withers and Ravenal and made some changes and recommendations on the streetscape project. On February 16th the STEP committee will be having a meeting from 11:30am to 1:00pm for the merchants and property owners. At this time they will be invited to take a look at the streetscape plan and then from 5:00pm to 8:00pm the meeting will be open to the public.

Commissioner Hill stated that he was concerned about the water rising on the creek and the people at the RV Park.

Manager Albright and Chief Cauley stated that they felt they would have time, if the water began to rise, to let everyone know that they needed to find other places to camp. If this happens and people have prepaid their then money would be refunded for the number of days not used.

Commissioner Spikes asked Pitt County Commissioner Kenneth Ross to help the Rescue Squad find a way to repay the fuel bill that is still owed to the Town.

Commissioner Spikes also thanked Chief Cauley for the detailed report that was in their packets.

Commissioner Spikes made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Angel Hudson
Town Clerk

Ordinance # 2010-01

TOWN OF GRIFTON ORDINANCE
TO AMEND TITLE IX
OF THE GRIFTON CODE OF ORDINANCES

CHAPTER 98: SHAD FESTIVAL

Section

Shad Festival

- 98.01 Permit required
- 98.02 Permit application
- 98.03 Application review
- 98.04 Permit to be displayed

- 98.99 Penalty

SHAD FESTIVAL**§ 98.01 PERMIT REQUIRED**

(A) It shall be unlawful during the period of the Shad Festival for any person, firm or corporation to sell food, beverages, souvenir items or other concessions within the town without first securing a permit approved and issued by the Festival Committee for such sales, except that permits shall not be required for a business in existence within the town 30 days prior to the beginning of the Shad Festival for the year for which permits are being issued, and selling items within their normal course of business in a permanent structure within the town limits. A permanent structure shall include any building situated within the town limits, but shall not include mobile homes, trailers, trucks, other vehicles, tents or any structure of any type whatsoever not constructed according to state and federal building codes and local zoning ordinances as a permanent structure with the town limits.

(B) Further, permits shall be required for any business in existence prior to the 30 day period set forth above if said business seeks to sell any items outside permanent structure in which it conducted its business on a regular basis.

§ 98.02 PERMIT APPLICATION

Applications for permits must be submitted to the Festival Committee for review and approval. Applications will be reviewed and then disposition will be made within the specified time frame provided for by festival policy governing concessions.

§ 98.03 APPLICATION REVIEW

(A) Application will be individually reviewed by the Festival Committee. In deciding whether to grant or deny permits to engage in the sale of concessions during this period, the Committee will give priority to:

- (1) Established merchants of the town.
- (2) Residents of the town.
- (3) Those applicants whose plans for concession sales seem to best serve visitors and participants, as well as enhance the festival activities.

(B) The Festival Committee will limit those permits which are given for concession sales to a number which will provide for adequate food, beverage, souvenirs and other concession services without causing confusion and overcrowding during the celebration. The Festival Committee President shall forward all approved permits to the Police Chief prior to the beginning of the festival.

§ 98.04 PERMITS TO BE DISPLAYED

Permits which are granted by the Festival for concession sales during this period must be displayed at all times at the place of such sales.

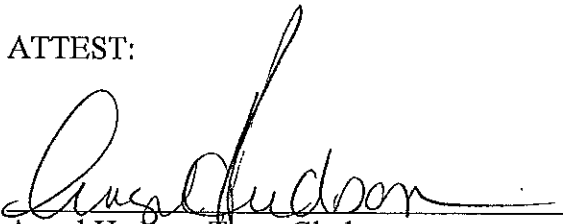
§ 98.99 PENALTY

Violation of any provision of this chapter shall be a criminal misdemeanor punishable upon conviction by a fine not to exceed \$500 or by imprisonment for 30 days or both. Each day's violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Adopted this the 9th day of March, 2010.



 Mayor B.R. Jackson

ATTEST:


 Angel Hudson, Town Clerk

SEAL

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TUSCARORA LONG HOUSE REPLICA

WHEREAS, the Town of Grifton is participating in the North Carolina Small Towns Economic Prosperity Program (NC STEP) designed to support economic recovery and long term investment in North Carolina's small towns; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has appointed a STEP committee to oversee the strategic planning process, including formulating goals and developing Action Plans for implementation; and

WHEREAS, the duly appointed STEP committee has recommended to the Board of Commissioners that it authorize the construction of a Tuscarora Long House Replica on Town owned property (parcel # 02712) on Creek Shore Drive; and

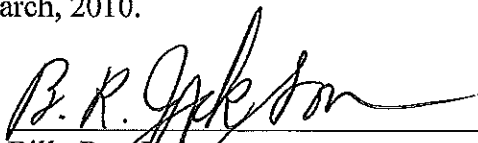
WHEREAS, this project is listed as an action item under the goal of Tourism Development in the Town of Grifton Vision 2015 Economic Development Strategic Plan and funded by the North Carolina Rural Center NC STEP grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF GRIFTON, NORTH CAROLINA THAT:

Section 1. The STEP Committee is hereby authorized to construct a Tuscarora Long House Replica on Town owned property (parcel # 02721).


Section 2. The Town Manager is authorized to oversee the project and execute any necessary documents associated with the construction and/or the grant funding insuring that the NC STEP program guidelines and grant amounts for the project are followed.

Adopted and approved this the 9th day of March, 2010.



Billy Ray Jackson
Mayor

ATTEST:



Angel Hudson
Town Clerk

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FAÇADE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE TOWN OF GRIFTON

WHEREAS, the Town of Grifton is participating in the North Carolina Small Towns Economic Prosperity Program (NC STEP) designed to support economic recovery and long term investment in North Carolina's small towns; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has appointed a STEP committee to oversee the strategic planning process, including formulating goals and developing Action Plans for implementation; and

WHEREAS, the duly appointed STEP committee has recommended to the Board of Commissioners that it establish a Façade Grant Program to facilitate the enhancement of commercial properties in the Central Business District; and

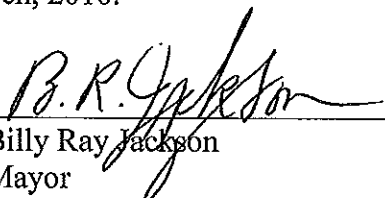
WHEREAS, this Program is listed as an action item under the goal of Downtown Revitalization in the Town of Grifton Vision 2015 Economic Development Strategic Plan and funded by the North Carolina Rural Center NC STEP grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF GRIFTON, NORTH CAROLINA THAT:

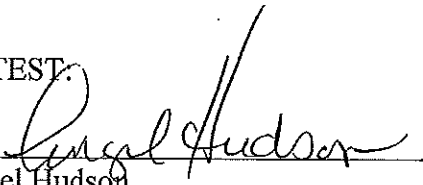
Section 1. The attached Façade Grant Application and Guidelines are hereby adopted and are to be used in determining eligibility for funding.

Section 2. The Town Manager is authorized to administer the Grant Program in accordance with the adopted Guidelines and to further insure that the NC STEP program guidelines and grant amounts for the project are followed.

Adopted and approved this the 9th day of March, 2010.



Billy Ray Jackson
Mayor

ATTEST:


Angel Hudson
Town Clerk