

## **November 20, 2006 meeting,**

The Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen had a special meeting on Monday, November 20, 2006 at 12:00 Noon at the Town Hall Board Room. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss traffic concerns with engineers from the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Mayor Joe Collins presided. Aldermen Verlin Curtis, Jerry Evans, Carolyn Pattillo, Charles Roper and Bob Scott were present. Alderman Billy Mashburn was absent.

Joel Setzer and Scott Cook, engineers with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, were present.

Mayor Collins said we want to discuss the following traffic concerns: (1) the light at the Chamber of Commerce, (2) the intersection at Depot Street and Wayah Street, (3) the stop sign at West Main Street and Porter Street and (4) the signs coming into Town. Alderman Evans said we also need to discuss the hole at Ulco Drive and Wayah Street.

### **Light at the Chamber of Commerce**

Joel Setzer said to put a turn light at this location all other traffic must be stopped. He said we have made the effort to justify the changes. He said the numbers don't show demand. Alderman Pattillo said I live there and there is a need. She said the school buses can't get through. Alderman Evans said I live on Ulco Drive and there is a huge need. Mr. Setzer said part of the demand may be going around. Alderman Evans said what can we do to help get this signal? Mr. Setzer said this meeting today will help. Scott Cook said there is two years between traffic counts. Mayor Collins said we are in agreement there is a problem. Mr. Setzer said we will look at it without the numbers. He said you need to be prepared for the complaints about the delay of drivers coming into Town. Alderman Scott said how can it get better with no light there? Mr. Setzer said we will get back to you in two weeks.

### **Intersection at Depot Street and Wayah Street**

Joel Setzer said a signal is planned for the intersection at Depot Street and Wayah Street. He said the funding of \$150,000.00 is available from the state. He said the poles will be put up in May and they will be metal mast arm poles. Mayor Collins said could we put up a three way stop sign until May? Mr. Setzer said I have a lot of concerns with safety. He said there is a risk of serious accidents.

### **Stop sign at West Main Street and Porter Street**

Mayor Collins said we could put an island in. He said since it is a town street it would be up to us. He said what do you suggest? Scott Cook said rumble strips would have the best effect. Mayor Collins said can the DOT put us on the list? Mr. Cook said it depends on the weather. Jay Gibson said the street needs to be paved first. Mr. Cook said we can add a sign in the middle with a stop bar.

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**Signs for Depot Street Extension**

Joel Setzer said Depot Street Extension will eventually be N.C. 28. Alderman Curtis said why not do it now? He said you can put a sign on East Main Street indicating “to N.C. 28”. Mr. Setzer said we can do that now.

**Wayah Street**

There was discussion regarding the designation of Wayah Street as a “truck route,” and the board members and DOT engineers agreed it would be best to talk to officials from Zickgraf and ask that large trucks be rerouted off of Wayah Street to the bypass and then Dowdle Mountain Road.

**Hole at Ulco Drive and Wayah Street**

Alderman Evans said the hole at Wayah Street needs to be fixed. He said the drainage is DOT’s. Mayor Collins said there are concerns with the drainage on Wayah Street causing problems with the Franklin High School track.

**441 South**

Alderman Roper said what can you do about the traffic on 441 South? Mr. Setzer said we could make the traffic turn around. Alderman Curtis said can you put an access road on the east side? Mr. Setzer said I will look at the thoroughfare plan for 441 South.

Mayor Collins said Mike Decker will be sending you a letter summarizing our discussion today. A copy of the letter is attached. Mr. Setzer said I will come to a regular board meeting with our recommendations.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Collins adjourned the meeting at 1:09 P.M.

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Joe Collins, Mayor

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Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk

