



**TOWN OF WENTWORTH
MINUTES
OF
THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
WENTWORTH, NORTH CAROLINA
December 3, 2024
7:00 p.m.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Wentworth Town Council was held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at the Wentworth Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Conner, Daryl Crowder, Cheryl Moore

Council Members Absent: Mayor Dennis Paschal Jr., Dennis Paschal III

A quorum was met.

Staff Present: Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk/ Finance Officer
Hunter Wilson, Accounting Clerk/ Deputy Clerk

Others Present:

Article I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Conner called the meeting to order.

Article II. INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Conner gave the invocation.

Article III. APPROVAL OF TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA

A. Requests and Petitions of Citizens

There were no Requests or Petitions of Citizens.

B. Approve/Amend Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Conner made a **MOTION** to approve the Agenda as written.

Councilmember Cheryl Moore seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Article IV. OLD BUSINESS
There was no Old Business.

Article V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Adoption of Meeting Schedules for 2025

- 1. Town Council**
- 2. Planning Board/ Board of Adjustment**

Councilmember Daryl Crowder made a **MOTION**, “*We approve meeting dates for the Town Council and Planning Board as written.*”

Mayor Pro Tem Conner seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

(Note: The Wentworth Town Council and Planning Board meeting schedules are herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

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**WENTWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
2025 MEETING SCHEDULE**

124 PEACH TREE ROAD

SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS
7:00 p.m.

January 7, 2025	July 8, 2025*
February 4, 2025	August 5, 2025
March 4, 2025	September 2, 2025
April 1, 2025	October 7, 2025
May 6, 2025	November 6, 2025*
June 3, 2025	December 2, 2025

**Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month, except in July the meeting will be held on the 2nd Tuesday. If a regular meeting day is a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on Tuesday of the next week. If a regular meeting day is on an election day, the meeting shall be held on the Thursday after Election Day.*

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PLANNING BOARD

2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

7:00 p.m.

January 21, 2025	July 15, 2025
February 18, 2025	August 19, 2025
March 18, 2025	September 16, 2025
April 15, 2025	October 21, 2025
May 20, 2025	November 18, 2025
June 17, 2025	December 16, 2025

NOTE:

If there are no planning and zoning applications/requests filed with the Rockingham County Planning Department, the Wentworth Planning Board may not meet.

(Meetings are normally held the third Tuesday of each month at the Wentworth Town Hall - 124 Peach Tree Road - 7:00 p.m.)

Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk

Article V. NEW BUSINESS

B. Adoption of Town of Wentworth Holiday Schedule for 2025

Councilmember Crowder made a **MOTION** to approve the schedule.

Councilmember Moore seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

(Note: The Tow of Wentworth holiday schedule is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)



TOWN OF WENTWORTH 2025 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

HOLIDAY	OBSERVANCE DATE	DAY OF THE WEEK
New Year's Day	January 1, 2025	Wednesday
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 20, 2025	Monday
Good Friday	April 18, 2025	Friday
Memorial Day	May 26, 2025	Monday
Independence Day	July 4, 2025	Friday
Labor Day	September 1, 2025	Monday
Veterans Day	November 11, 2025	Tuesday
Thanksgiving	November 27 & 28, 2025	Thursday & Friday
Christmas	December 24, 25 & 26 2025	Wed/Thurs/Fri

Adopted by the Wentworth Town Council
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Article VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

However, **Town Clerk/Finance Officer Yvonne Russell** addressed Council regarding the upcoming Christmas in the Park event. She informed Council that some of the Wentworth Elementary teachers have concerns about the cold weather. Councilmember Dennis Paschal III was not able to attend the meeting tonight, but asked to be called so that he could explain the teachers concerns.

(Note: Councilmember Paschal III is the Principal at Wentworth Elementary.)

Ms. Russell called Councilmember Paschal and he communicated the teachers' concern about being out in the cold weather for a prolonged time and a suggestion made by some from the school that the teachers' craft stations close at 6:30pm instead of 8:00pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Conner said she felt like the event would probably be cut short due to the cold anyway because people would not stay long.

Councilmember Moore suggested we change the event to a different date.

Ms. Russell explained that the planned rain date is December 13th and at this time, there is rain in the forecast most of that week.

Councilmember Moore asked about the vendors that have signed up to participate.

Ms. Russell said she emailed the vendors today and heard back from most of them. There were only two that said they would not be here December 6, the others said they will attend.

Mayor Pro Tem Conner suggested shortening the length of the event.

Councilmember Moore agreed and said, "We'll just do what we can".

Councilmember Paschal III suggested ending the entire event an hour early. Council agree that was a good idea.

Ms. Russell said staff will put out an announcement that the event will end at 7:00pm and the teachers' craft stations will close at 6:30pm.

Another issue that was brought to Ms. Russell's attention before the Council meeting is whether or not the Town Council has any property that could be used as a temporary (overnight only) homeless shelter. Ms. Russell informed Council that she received a phone call from someone in the County Attorney's office asking if the old Wentworth Consolidated School would be available to house the homeless overnight on a temporary basis until another facility was made ready for that purpose. Ms. Russell told the person inquiring that the school is still under repair and there is currently lead paint and asbestos abatement happening on the first floor, so that facility would not be an option. She asked Council if they knew of any place that might be suitable, but no one knew of anything.

Article VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Conner made the following announcements:

- The next regular meeting of the **Wentworth Planning Board** is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 17, 2024** at **7:00 pm** at the Wentworth Town Hall.
- The next regular meeting of the **Wentworth Town Council** is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 7:00 pm** at the Wentworth Town Hall.
- The 4th Annual **Wentworth Christmas in the Park** will be held on Friday, **December 6, 2024** from **5:30pm – 7:00pm** (with a rain date of December 13th).
- The **Town Hall** will be **closed Tuesday-Thursday, December 24-26, 2024** for the **Christmas Holiday**.
- The **Town Hall** will be **closed Wednesday, January 1, 2025** in observance of **New Year’s Day**.

Article IX. ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Conner made a **MOTION**, “*We adjourn.*”

Councilmember Crowder seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk

Approved by: _____
Robert Dennis Paschal, Jr., Mayor