

## **Minutes of the Conservation Easements Committee, August 21, 2024**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conservation Easements Committee of the Town of Oak Ridge was held in the Conference Room of the Town Hall at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, August 21, 2024.

The following members of the Committee were in attendance: Stephanie Farrell, Ron Simpson, and Alexandra Gill. Also in attendance were Sean Taylor, Town Planner and Sandra Smith, Assistant Town Manager.

Stephanie Farrell, Chair of the Committee, called the meeting to order. The agenda and previous meeting minutes (April 17, 2024) were approved.

The Committee members and town staff discussed the status of various projects in progress:

- Jack Blaylock Property (2150 Beeson Rd.)-Piedmont Land Conservancy (PLC) is arranging the necessary property survey. The goal is to have the easement completed by the end of 2024.

- Roy Nydorf/Teresa Hammond Property (1815 Oak Ridge Road)-This easement is on temporary hold while the owners seek recognition under the National Register of Historic Places.

- Alma Blaylock Property (8250 E. Harrell Rd.)-PLC's application to the State for a financial grant is under review.

The Committee members and town staff discussed other prospective candidate properties:

- The Old Mill of Guilford (NC Hwy. 68)-The owners recently announced that they are seeking a buyer for the mill. Consideration of a preservation easement is pending.

- Morning View School-Nixie Coleman Property (575 N. Bunker Hill Rd.)-This historic property has been referred to Preservation North Carolina for initial consideration.

-Heritage Farm Park (NC Hwy. 150)-Part of the Town of Oak Ridge park complex, action on an easement had been deferred pending completion of improvements. Exact timing for an easement is being informally considered by Town Council.

The next meeting, if required, will be held on September 18, 2024

Discussions having been completed, the meeting was adjourned.

Ron Simpson

Acting Secretary