



**Work Session Meeting &
Public Hearing Minutes on an Ordinance
Amending the Code of Ordinances,
Town of Archer Lodge, NC for:
Regulating Firearms within the Town Limits
Monday, November 18, 2019**

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Mulhollem
Mayor Pro Tem Castleberry
Council Member Bruton
Council Member Jackson
Council Member Locklear
Council Member Wilson

STAFF PRESENT:

Julie Maybee, Town Planner
Bob Clark, Planning/Zoning Administrator
Chip Hewett, Town Attorney
Kim P. Batten, Finance Officer/Town Clerk

COUNCIL ABSENT:

STAFF ABSENT:

Mike Gordon, Town Administrator

1 WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER:

- a) **Mayor Mulhollem called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Jeffrey D. Barnes Council Chambers located at 14094 Buffalo Road, Archer Lodge, NC and declared a quorum present.**

2 PUBLIC HEARING:

(Maximum of 30 minutes allowed, 3 minutes per person)

- a) **Proposed Ordinance Regulating Firearms within the Town of Archer Lodge**

Mayor Mulhollem asked for a motion to Open the Public Hearing. He reminded all present that the Public Hearing is for hearing comments from the public and is not a question and answer session. In addition, Mayor Mulhollem explained that the proposed ordinance is basically identical to the Johnston County Firearms Ordinance which would be the law if the Town of Archer Lodge did not exist.

1. **Mr. Bradley Vandenberg** of 114 West Saddle Court, Archer Lodge, NC shared that he opposed the proposed ordinance due to North Carolina having a state law that addresses firearms.
2. **Mr. Corey Staman** of 64 Wallbourne Drive, Archer Lodge, NC thanked the Council for the opportunity to voice his opinions. Being in the National Guard, he was concerned with "Sec. 3-50. - Carrying concealed handgun in town-owned buildings" of the proposed Ordinance since he has a strong desire to defend himself and further voiced concerns about long response times for emergency personnel in our area.
3. **Ms. Teresa Romano** of 2308 Raintree Drive, Archer Lodge, NC shared that she supports the draft ordinance due to citizens firing guns randomly for fun in or near a neighborhood.

Having no further public comments, Mayor Mulhollem informed everyone that he would be available to discuss the proposed ordinance in detail after the meeting.

Mayor Mulhollem asked for a motion to Close the Public Hearing.

Moved by: Council Member Hearbert Locklear

Seconded by: Council Member Wilson

Approved to Open the Public Hearing at 6:32 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by: Council Member Wilson

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Castleberry

Approved to Close the Public Hearing at 6:39 p.m.

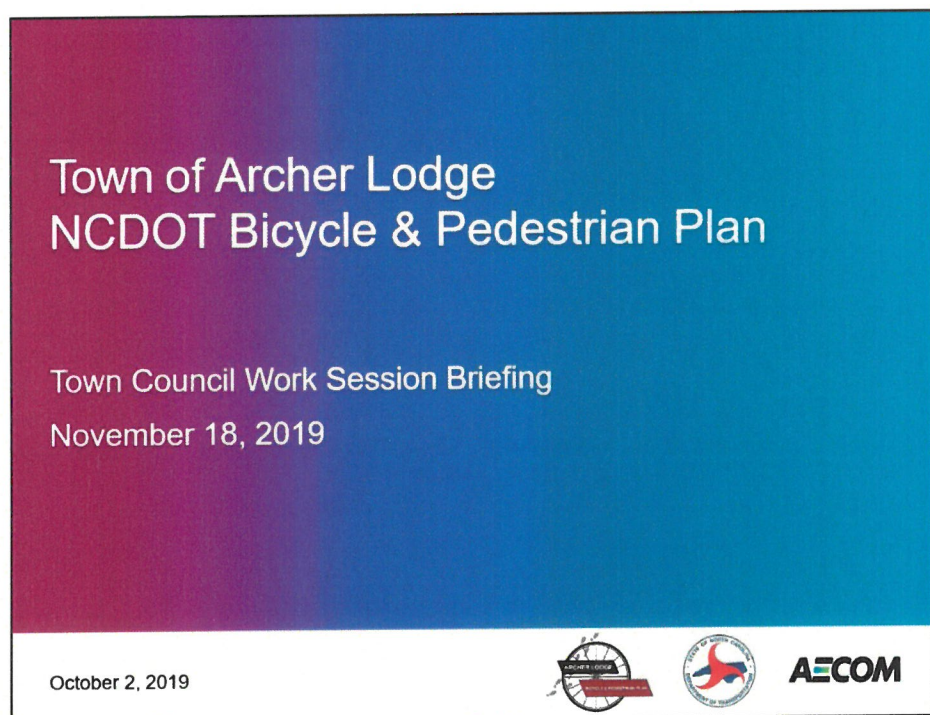
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3 **OLD BUSINESS:**

a) **Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan - DRAFT v1 Review**

Mr. Clark noted that the Steering Committee has been working with AECOM on the Bicycle Pedestrian Plan DRAFT for several months, and AECOM prefers that all comments and concerns about the DRAFT be returned to them by December 16, 2019. Mr. Clark further noted that Mr. Andy Thomas will compile all comments and concerns and return to AECOM's contact to finalize a plan which eventually will be presented to the Town Council.

Mr. Clark shared PowerPoint slides that illustrated the eight recommended shared paths by AECOM in their DRAFT Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and are as follows:



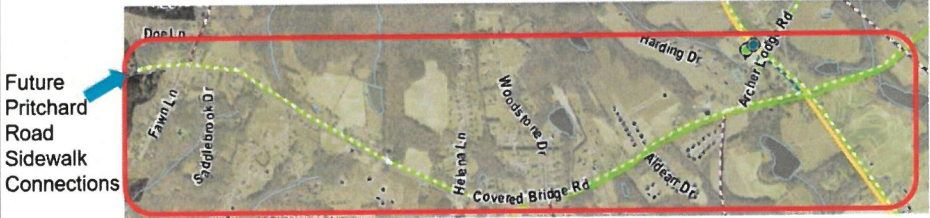
Covered Bridge Road Corridor Improvements

Continue pedestrian improvements associated with STIP project W-5704E from project end west to town limits. This is a long-term improvement that is contingent on future NCDOT improvements to the road due to costs.

Coordinate with Town of Clayton to provide future pedestrian connections to destinations on Pritchard Road.

Extend to MTS Trail access at Neuse River

Pedestrian and bicycle/ Side Path preferred



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South Woodstone Multi-use Path

Construct a multiuse path from South Woodstone Drive to Castleberry Road.

1# Alternative routing could continue along Castleberry and future signalized intersection

2# Vinson Park subdivision includes paved side path from town property to common area at pond



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Castleberry Road

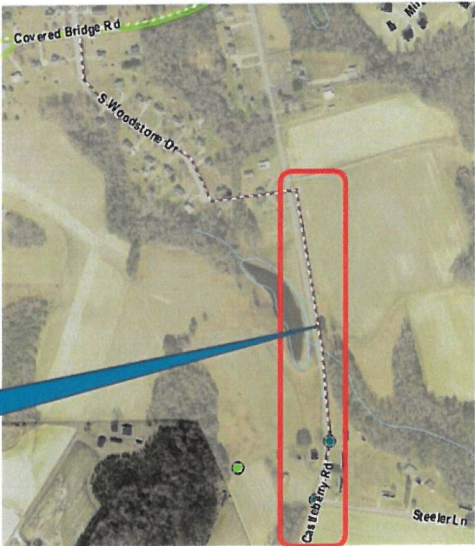
Install pedestrian crosswalk and a pedestrian hybrid beacon (HAWK) at Castleberry Road and Darcy Drive.

Install a bike rack at the park.

Provide wayfinding signs to the park.

Provide a multi-use connection path along Castleberry Road from Steeler Lane to Archer Lodge Park.

Phase 1 Mayfield Subdivision Includes r-o-w for side path



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South Murphrey Side Path Extension

Extend the existing shared-use path on South Murphrey north to Covered Bridge Road.



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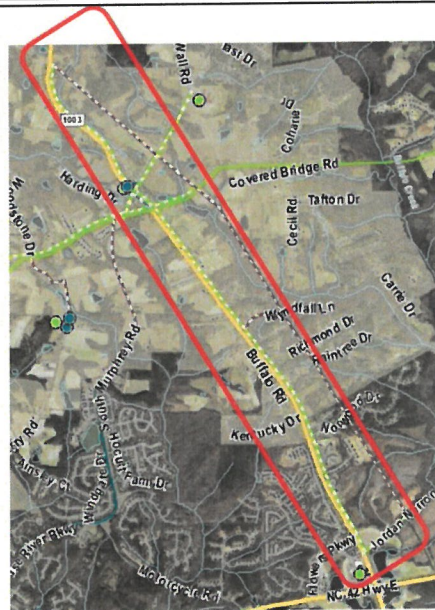
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Buffalo Road Corridor Improvements

Add a signed bike route along Buffalo Road south of Fletcher Road and east onto Jordan Narron Road until it meets the proposed greenway.

Conduct a speed/traffic study along the corridor to identify potential additional speed control measures.

Install bike racks at Harris Teeter Shopping Center on Buffalo Road.



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Buffalo Road Corridor Improvements

Install bike racks at the Archer Lodge Community Center ball field.

Install a pedestrian crosswalk and a pedestrian hybrid beacon (HAWK) between ball field and soccer field over Buffalo Road at all-way stop & crosswalks included with Project 80094 sidewalks

Continue pedestrian improvements associated with STIP project W-5704E to link to existing sidewalks in front of the White Oak Baptist Church and proposed sidewalks as a part of Project 80094 along Buffalo Road. This is a long-term improvement that is contingent on future NCDOT improvements to the road due to costs.

Install a sidewalk on the eastern side of Buffalo Road across from the Archer Lodge Community Center. The sidewalk would extend from the proposed sidewalk in project 80094 at the soccer field to Talmadge Farm Road.



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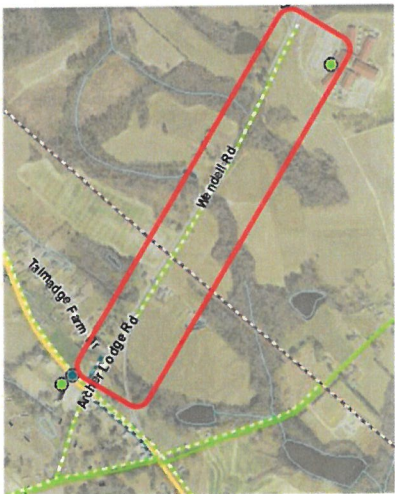


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Archer Lodge Road/Wendell Bike Improvements

Install bike racks at Archer Lodge Middle School.

Add a signed bike route between Archer Road and Wendell Road, ending at Archer Lodge Middle School.



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Duke Energy Easement Greenway

Construct a greenway along the Duke Energy Easement that runs parallel with Buffalo Road. It would start south of Fletcher Road and end at Jordan Narron Road.

Add a shared-use path connection between the proposed greenway and Buffalo Road along Wyndfall Lane. This will provide connections to existing neighborhoods.



Greenway Extend to Wendell Road

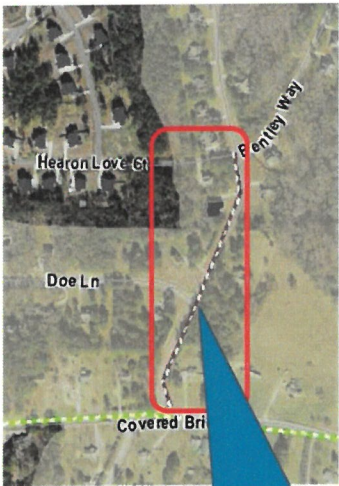
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Bentley Way Multi-use Path

Add a shared-use path on Bentley Way to improve neighborhood access to the community mailboxes and designated open space area.



Remove this project

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During the presentation, Mr. Clark offered the following points:

1. The Covered Bridge Road Widening Project for the Town could have shared path opportunities, as funding becomes available.
2. A shared path from South Woodstone Drive over to Castleberry Road and down to the new Park.
3. Covered Bridge Road Widening Project will have a traffic signal at Covered Bridge Road and Castleberry Road allowing the opportunity for a shared path to the Town Park via a potential crosswalk at the intersection.
4. South Murphrey Road has a potential shared path by joining the existing Flowers Plantation path.
5. A shared path along Buffalo Road could potentially connect to Flowers Plantation on the River Dell Elementary School side to a crosswalk and traffic light for safety.
6. Sidewalks are planned from C.E. Barnes Store along Buffalo Road to Archer Lodge Road, and then to South Murphy Road Intersection and back to Buffalo Road and in a triangle encompassing the White Oak Baptist Church. Sidewalks towards the Fire Department are planned, and all could possibly be shared paths.
7. From Archer Lodge Road to Wendell Road, at the Archer Lodge Middle School, Woodfin and Harden Creek Subdivision will provide easements for a shared path.
8. Duke Energy has a greenway easement that runs from the Flowers Plantation on Buffalo Road to just beyond Town Hall and could be a potential shared path; however, property owners would need to provide access to those areas.

In addition, he noted that current and future subdivisions in Archer Lodge have designated areas (aka: right-of-way) for potential shared paths such as:

- Heritage
- Wallbourne
- Vinson
- Mayfield
- Woodfin
- Harden Creek

Discussion followed.

4 NEW BUSINESS:

a) Interim Financial Reports for Month ending October 31, 2019

Ms. Batten shared that October 31 marked 33% through the fiscal year 2019-2020. In the General Fund, 16% of anticipated revenues had been collected while expenditures were at 29% of the expected amount. She reiterated that revenues are slow during this time of the fiscal year, but the monthly expenditures remain constant. No discussion followed regarding the General Fund.

Further, Ms. Batten mentioned there is a slow decline in the investment earnings. She added that on a monthly basis, the Capital Reserve Fund, the Park Reserve Fund and the Public Safety Reserve Fund share investment earnings proportionately with the General Fund. Also, the budgeted annual transfers to the Capital Reserve Fund and the Public Safety Reserve Fund of \$25,000 for each fund had been completed. She noted that during the month of October, the three cents property tax revenue designation to the Park Reserve Fund was \$4,333. No discussion followed.

In comparing October 2019 with October 2018 in the General Fund, Ms. Batten noted a few differences:

1. 2019 - Due to the Johnston County's revaluation of real property, current property taxes exceed the previous year's amount by \$22,636

- 2. 2019 - Sales tax revenues, alcohol beverage tax revenues and permitting revenues have increased slightly.
- 3. 2019 - Debt payments have increased by \$136,049 due to town hall expansion debt and park land debt.
- 4. 2019- Expenditures in the following departments have increased by approximately \$37,000: Governing Body, Administration, Public Safety, Planning & Zoning which is due to part-time staff and increase in fire district taxes payable to Archer Lodge Fire Department.

No further comments or discussion.

b) Newly Elected Officials & Current Elected Officials Information

Ms. Batten shared that the School of Government offers the Essentials of Municipal Government class separate from the required Ethics course for Newly Elected Officials. The Ethics course is a webinar which she mentioned would be purchased after oaths are administered and would be available to take at your convenience. Ms. Batten further remarked that any newly elected and re-elected members that wish to take the Essentials of Municipal Government one day course, please advise her so their registration can be completed in time.

5 ADJOURNMENT:

- a) Having no further business, Mayor Mulhollem adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.**



Matthew B. Mulhollem, Mayor



Kim P. Batten, Town Clerk

