

# **BADIN TOWN COUNCIL – PUBLIC HEARING**

July 9, 2019

BADIN TOWN HALL

## **VISITORS**

Lisa Eudy, Dale Ward, Jane Beard, Wayne Casella, Mary Anne Sutton, Liz Lowder, Richard Aldridge, Dave Stanford, Lee Procto, Bridget Huckabee, Huck Huckabee, Nancy Vasser, Wendy Dorsey Rachels, Charles Parker, David Summerlin, Gloria Summerlin, Jenny Henderson, Kay Deese, Glenn Stoker, Imari Scarbrough Lattimore, Brenda Layberger, Pat Leonard, Sherrill Mullis

### **Council Members Present:**

Anne Harwood, Mayor  
Deloris Chambers, Mayor Pro Tem  
Gary Lowder  
Ernest Peoples  
Larry Milano

### **Staff Present:**

Jay Almond, Town Manager  
Wayne Carter, Property Maintenance Supervisor  
Bryan Lambert, Police Chief  
Amanda Bowers, Town Clerk

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Harwood opened the public hearing to comments regarding the newly installed median and contents at Falls Road and NC Hwy 740.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Lisa Eudy said the concrete block (“Deadman”) removed from Falls/740 median is a part of Badin history and would like to see it put back.
- Dale Ward said the “Deadman” is a landmark and would like it to be put back in its rightful place.
- The mother of Jane Beard, who lives in Ocala, Florida but owns property on Valley Drive, painted a fleur-de-lis on the “deadman”. She said Badin much of Badin’s history has been torn down and would like to see the “deadman” put back into the median.
- Badin residents of several years, Wayne Casella and Mary Anne Sutton proclaimed support of putting the “deadman” back in the median.
- Wendy Dorsey Rachels, a 52 year resident of Badin called the “Deadman” is a symbol which she supports putting back. She is administrator of a social media page about Badin which she reports reflects support for putting it back.
- Pat Leonard said the “deadman” seems to be important to some people and doesn’t understand the issue with replacing it in the median.
- Badin native David Summerlin, 82, said the “Deadman” has been in the median as long as he can remember and he would like to see it put back.

Almond explained replacement of the dilapidated median on a state owned road meant DOT specs had to be followed. He said the “Deadman” had to be moved during construction and that it was taken to the museum to be saved from removal from the town or demolition. He said it is intended to be restored by a qualified masonry restoration vendor.

Milano said the “Deadman” has been hit by vehicles multiple times and that council never discussed destroying it. He suggested considering placing it in a location safe from vehicle collisions to keep it from being destroyed. He requested residents attend the next Rocky River Rural Planning Organization (RRRPO) to discuss issues with DOT’s curb next the median against Badin Mart parking lot.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Harwood adjourned the public hearing.

Minutes approved August 13, 2019