

# Special Meeting of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

The Highland Lake Town Council held a special meeting/work session on Monday, March 16, 2015 at the Anchor. Mayor Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Gail Bailey  
Council members Skip Davis, Shani Ort, Tim Peek and Connie Vice  
Absent: Council member Donna Hanby

Town Attorney Alex Smith was also in attendance.

**Derelict boathouses** – discussion took place regarding a derelict boathouse in Long Hollow belonging to Tommy Austin. Several requests have been made of the property owner to remove the boathouse since it is a safety hazard. Vice made a motion to declare the boathouse derelict, based on the Building Inspector’s recommendation. Davis seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Attorney Alex Smith will send a certified letter to the property owner with notice that the boathouse has been declared derelict and that he has 30 days to remove the boathouse.

**Zoning Ordinance** – discussion took place regarding the following complaints:

- Property on CR27 and Lake Highland Drive looking unsightly with junk and other items – this property is not located in the town limits. The Mayor did discuss this issue with the County Commissioner and Judge Green, Commission Chairman, and they confirmed that the county does not have a zoning ordinance and that unless there is a health problem, nothing can be done.
- Property on Skyview Road near Lakeview Baptist Church that is beginning to look unsightly with junk and other items – The Mayor will contact the property owner to discuss and request that materials be stored out of sight.
- Property on Lakeshore Drive that appears to be a commercial construction business – the Mayor stated she discussed this issue with the property owner today and he committed to have the materials moved and his yard cleaned up by June, 2015.

Discussion also took place regarding fine tuning the Zoning Ordinance and leaving the R1 Residential District classification which is “single family dwelling” All other classifications would be by appeal. The Ordinance Committee and Attorney Alex Smith will work on updating this ordinance.

## **7:00 PM – Dredging**

Bill Rush, Chairman of the Dredging Subcommittee, reviewed the latest Tetra Tech proposal with the council. This proposal is in regards to a dredging feasibility assessment for Brasher Creek and Sand Creek Bays. The feasibility assessment would include sediment characterization, evaluation of dredging, dewatering, and disposal options; a preliminary dredge plan, dredging cost estimate and determination of necessary permits. The feasibility assessment would include the following five elements:

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- 1) Brasher Creek – Dredge a channel from the mouth of Brasher Creek to the present 7 foot depth.
- 2) Brasher Creek – Dredge a boating channel from the marina docks, end of peninsula, and boat ramp channel to the present 7 foot depth.
- 3) Brasher Creek – Dredge the marina dock area.
- 4) Sand Creek – Dredge the area from the mouth of Sand Creek leading across the bay that is presently less than 4 feet deep.
- 5) Investigate the viability of disposing of the dredge material by building up or expanding the 2000 Sand Creek dredge material disposal mound.

Discussion took place. Discussion included retention ponds and a berm at the Brasher Creek bay. The council will review the proposal and provide feedback to Bill Rush by March 23, 2015. Bill will then negotiate with Tetra Tech.

Vice made a motion to adjourn. Peek seconded. All said I. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Submitted 4-6-15

Approved 4-6-15

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Cheryl Storey, Town Clerk

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Gail S. Bailey, Mayor