



**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON
PARK AND EVENTS BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 – 5:30 P.M.
WEDDINGTON TOWN HALL
1924 WEDDINGTON ROAD
WEDDINGTON, NC 28104
AGENDA**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm

2. Determination of Quorum

Quorum was determined with Chair Gayle Butler, Ann Marie Cruz, Paula Smith, Kasturi Shetty, and Mike Petrizzzo. Sundar Santhanam arrived at 5:36 pm.

Staff Present: Town Administrator/Clerk Doug Gailey

3. Public Comments: *Individuals are allowed 3 minutes to speak. A maximum of 30 minutes is allocated to the Public Comment Period. The time limit may be extended at the discretion of the Chairman.*

John Houston stated that he appreciated the interest in Camp New Providence and had a reading that he would like to have presented at next year's event. He gave a copy of the reading to the board members.

4. Old Business

A. Christmas Tree Lighting

1. Assignment updates

Ann Marie Drafted an email and made a list for school choir. She also created a signup genius draft. She stated that she needed to confirm time slots and she is awaiting a response from Town Admin Assistant Debbie Coram. She stated that she hopes to get the emails sent out this week.

Paula Smith stated that she met with Town Admin Assistant Debbie Coram. She stated that they have 4 food vendors, the DJ and Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus coming. She gave two invoices for payment to Town Administrator Doug Gailey.

Mike Petrizzo reported that he had been working on the map for the event. He still needed to finalize it so he could send it to the County. He asked about a seating location for the food. It was also discussed that it may be good to get a bottle of hand sanitizer for the general public to have available in the food area. There was discussion on Sponsors and it was decided that this year it will be kept the same as previous years, and sponsors would be considered in 2027.

It was decided that Kasturi Shetty would contact Debbie to get more information about hiring the Sheriff's Office for security. It was also decided that Sundar Santhanam would contact Debbie to find out about a first aid station and EMT personnel.

There was also discussion on a mailbox for letters to Santa. Paula stated that she would contact the Rotary Club and ask about a donation of a mailbox to be used for that purpose. There was some discussion on whether the board should write return letters to the children who wrote a letter to Santa. It was ultimately decided that return letters would not be written and sent out.

5. New Business

A. Discuss possible meeting time change

It was decided that the meeting time for the Parks and Events board would be 6:30 pm on first Monday of the month. The dates for the rest of the year were confirmed to be October 5 and November 2nd.

B. Discuss Meeting Calendar

The dates for the rest of the year were confirmed to be October 5 and November 2nd.

C. Discuss Absence Policy

Chairperson Gayle Butler reminded members that they needed to be diligent in their attendance.

6. Adjournment

Motion: Ann Marie Cruz made a motion adjourn the meeting at 6:34 pm

Second: Mike Petrizzo seconded the motion to adjourn.

Vote: The motion passed with a unanimous vote.