

1 **Town of Pleasant Garden**
2 May 13, 2008
3 Kirkman Municipal Building

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5 **Minutes**
6 **Public Hearing on the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance**
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9 **In attendance**

10 Mayor Anne Hice
11 Councilwoman Chris Johnson
12 Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Jo Smith
13 Councilman Rick Wallace
14 Councilman Bob Wyrick (*arrived at 6:05pm*)
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16 **Also in attendance**

17 Sandy Carmany, Town Administrator/Clerk
18 Don Vaughan, Town Attorney
19 Lynn Willis, *Pleasant Garden Post*
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21 **Audience**

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24 **Call to Order**

25 Mayor Hice called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00pm.
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27 **Presentation on the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance**

28 Mayor Hice welcomed Warren Simmons and Greg Niles of the Guilford County Planning and
29 Development Department.
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31 Mr. Simmons stated he looks after floodplain administration for Guilford County and most of the small
32 towns and came to talk about the National Flood Insurance Program and how it affects Pleasant
33 Garden. It is a totally voluntary program with a partnership between the federal government, state, and
34 local governments; if local governments adopt a floodplain ordinance, the federal government will
35 provide the opportunity to have federally-backed flood insurance. The purpose is to identify high-risk
36 flood areas and make the insurance available for anyone who wants it whether they live in a flood-
37 prone area or not; many claims have been made by property owners outside the designated flood
38 hazard areas. The program provides a framework for a floodplain development ordinance that the state
39 and local governments are responsible for adopting and regulating. The goals are to reduce the loss of
40 property and life and reduce the rising disaster relief costs. Building in the floodplain is regulated,
41 flood hazard areas are mapped, and insurance is made available through normal insurance companies
42 with federal underwriting. State and federal disaster assistance will be available only if a state or
43 federal disaster is declared. The Town could be held liable if it failed to make the insurance available
44 to residents; there is no cost to the Town to participate since the services are already covered in the
45 contract with the county planning department. Floodplain maps with the "blue line" streams identified
46 in the Town of Pleasant Garden where regulations apply were shown. A copy of Mr. Simmons'
47 PowerPoint presentation is attached to these minutes.

1 In response to a question from Mayor Hice, Mr. Simmons said that letters have been sent out to all
2 persons who live within a designated floodplain letting them know insurance would be available to
3 them. Those names will be shared with the Town.
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5 **Public Hearing**

6 Mayor Hice read the procedure for the public hearing.
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8 There were no speakers in favor of the proposed ordinance. There were no speakers in opposition to
9 the proposed ordinance.
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11 **MOVED by Mayor Hice to close the public hearing. APPROVED, 5-0.**
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13 **Staff Comment**

14 Greg Niles reminded councilmembers of the May 20 briefing on the Jordan Lake Rules. Town
15 Attorney Vaughan noted that several local governments have hired private attorneys to deal with this
16 issue.
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18 Mr. Niles also mentioned the NIMS training for local elected officials is being offered on that same
19 day. Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany noted that all elected officials must eventually complete this
20 training.
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22 **Council Comment**

23 Councilman Wyrick apologized for being tardy due to his clock being slightly off.
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25 **Adjournment**

26 **MOVED by Mayor Hice to adjourn. APPROVED, 5-0**
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28 The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.
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35 Clerk

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