

Town Manager's Weekly Report: (# 136)

For the Week-Ended: Friday, September 18, 2015

- The Town of Dallas was recognized and honored at two separate events this week – both of which went well and reflected very favorable on the Town. On Thursday morning, The North Carolina Clean Fuels Coalition along with Brightfield, LLC, The Centralina Council of Governments, Nissan, BMW and the Town held a grand opening/ribbon-cutting for the new “Super-fast electric car-charging station” behind Town Hall. Then, on Friday afternoon, in Salisbury, as part of Preservation North Carolina’s annual yearly Conference on Historic Preservation, the Town was honored with the prestigious “Gertrude S. Carraway Award of Merit” for its preservation of the historic courthouse building. The Town was represented at both events by Mayor Rick Coleman, Alderwoman Walker-Thomas and Town Manager Palenick. Charlotte Jenkins and Mary Anne Carpenter represented the Dallas Historic Courthouse Foundation at the Preservation Conference as well.
- The Town arranged to have Wi-Fi installed in the Courthouse early this week so that any training classes, seminars, or other professional meetings booked and held there in the future will have fully-functioning, high-band-width broadband internet available wirelessly throughout the building. One of the first entities who will be taking advantage of this opportunity will be the planned, new “Southern States” store whose representatives will be conducting a job fair in mid-October.
- I have been speaking with representatives of Park Sterling Bank this week regarding the Town’s outstanding Fire Department Loan and the possibility of evaluating its re-financing, if same would prove to offer cost savings to the Town. To that end, I now have the Loan documents in hand and will be going over them in detail to see what might be possible. At the same time we will be reaching out to various institutions to gauge the market and the possible appetite for offering levels of interest reduced enough to more than cover the costs of the re-finance. We will update everyone further as we know more.
- I have also spent part of the week developing the “Business Registration Ordinance” which will serve to replace our system of Privilege licenses as discussed and approved in this year’s Budget. The Plan is to bring the Ordinance for action at the November Meeting, with likely review in advance at the October Work Session.

Respectfully Submitted,

James M. Palenick, Interim Town Manager