# MINUTES FOR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING April 12th, 2011 6:00 PM

The following elected officials were present: Mayor Coleman, Alderman Beaty, Alderman Friday, Alderman Huggins, Alderman Martin, and Alderman Withers.

The following staff members were present: Ed Munn, Interim Town Manager; Maria Stroupe, Administrative Services Director; Pennie Thrower, Town Attorney; Doug Huffman, Electric Director; Gary Buckner, Police Chief; Bill Trudnak, Public Works Director; David Kahler, Community Development Director; and Steve Lambert, Fire Chief. Anne Martin, Recreation Director, was absent.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Mayor Coleman opened with the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Mayor asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mayor Coleman requested one addition to the agenda: A request from the Gaston County Museum for use of the Court Square, will be Item 6A. Mr. Beaty made a motion to set the agenda including the addition, seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Beaty made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2011, seconded by Mr. Huggins, and carried unanimously.

## **Recognition of Citizens:**

Mr. Paul Berbert, President of the Park Place Homeowner's Association, brought two items to the Board. The first item concerned a street light that was hit at 6118 Dane Dr. two years ago. After being hit, the light was leaning, so he reported it and the street light was removed. He would like to request that the street light be replaced. The second item concerned the retaining pond for the development. Trees, grasses, etc. are growing in the pond and he is afraid the drains will clog and it will become a mosquito trap. He would like for the Town to clean it out. Mr. Munn informed Mr. Berbert that the pond actually belongs to the Homeowner's Association, but that the Town would be willing to meet with them and serve in an advisory role to help them determine options for taking care of the pond.

Item 6A, was the added item concerning a request by the Gaston County Museum for use of the Court Square. Mr. Jeff Pruitt, Interim Museum Director, was present. He stated that the first of the Blues Out Back series would be taking place on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. David Holt will be performing and usually draws a significant crowd. Mr. Pruitt requested that the 200 block of S. Holland St. be closed for the event, asked to borrow Town bleachers from the baseball field, asked that the Police Department provide coverage for the event, and asked if the Town would be willing to share the cost of porta-johns for the event. Mayor Coleman informed Mr. Pruitt that the Board had already approved the street closure at the March Board meeting. There are baseball games on Friday nights, so the bleachers will not be available that night. The

Police Department will be happy to provide coverage for the event. Mr. Beaty made a motion to split the cost of the porta-johns (Total cost - \$161.00, Town cost would be \$80.50) with the Museum, seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried unanimously.

#### **Consent Agenda:**

The consent agenda consisted of the written off list. Mr. Beaty made a motion to approve the written off list for submission to the Debt Set-Off Program, seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried unanimously.

## **Public Hearing:**

There was no public hearing.

#### **Old Business:**

The first item, Item 7-A, was an update on water and sewer meetings with Gaston County and other municipalities. On April 1, 2011, Gaston County and the City of Gastonia presented different versions of what a county-wide water and sewer organization might look like. The County favors an authority, while Gastonia wants an expanded municipal system off of their system. A meeting is scheduled for the Mayors of each municipality to review the options. Mr. Munn and Mayor Coleman updated the Board on recent meetings, but at this time there is no clear direction. More meetings are planned and updates will be presented as they develop.

The second item, Item 7-B, was a request for easements from Gaston County for the new sewer outfall line. (Exhibit A) The easements will actually be with the City of Gastonia, who will own and operate the sewer line. Diamond Engineering reviewed the initial request and made recommendations that are now part of the plan. Specifically, the entire section of sewer line will be tunneled both under our raw water intake line and under the road. This will have the sewer line encased below our water line and at a 90 degree angle. According to Diamond Engineering, "This is the best of all worlds." In addition, the County, on behalf of the City of Gastonia, also wants an access easement to use the driveway serving our water plant so that the sewer pump station can be accessed from the driveway. Staff will pursue negotiations and options such as amending the wording with the easement documents to include only the necessary utility (sewer) along with necessary storm drain and erosion control. Also, amended wording that the access easement should be limited to only necessary access.

The third item, Item 7-C, was an update on the DukeNet contract. The Town's fiber system is almost finished and DukeNet's line is in place. All the connections we discussed last year have been made. The formal contract with DukeNet will need to be signed to make everything operational. There were two aspects of the contract that we expressed disagreement with in the presented contract document. They are the confidential requirements that are inconsistent with open public records and that Dallas would have to pay a prorated share to repair the fiber if it was damaged. The Town Attorney was given permission to negotiate the final contract language with DukeNet.

#### **New Business:**

The first item, Item 8-A, was information presented by Mr. Trudnak concerning attending a public auction to possibly purchase a side arm mower. In the past, he attended a Duke Power auction and purchased a service truck. There is an opportunity to view and attend an auction in Atlanta, GA to bid on a John Deere 6420 Tractor with an Alamo 5ft. Side Arm Mower on April 14<sup>th</sup>. The equipment can be viewed on April 13<sup>th</sup>. He would like to know the Board's opinion of purchasing used equipment and attending this auction. Consensus from the Board was that they are not opposed to shopping used equipment, but feel that staff should look closer to our area, as opposed to making multiple trips as far as Altanta.

The second item, Item 8-B, was a discussion concerning applying for CDBG Infrastructure Funds. Mr. Munn stated that a possible funding source has been identified to help the Town with problems associated with our old water lines. There have been discussions about the Town developing a plan to replace older water lines that are believed to be causing discoloration in the water. Mr. Munn and Mr. Trudnak met with Mr. Gary Wilson, President of Benchmark, Inc., who recently secured a grant for the City of High Shoals for a similar purpose. The grant that Dallas could pursue is an Infrastructure Grant. These grants are for water or sewer projects. The maximum amount of the grant is \$750,000 and would require a 15% local match. Benchmark would not charge anything to prepare the grant, but would be paid an administrative charge if Dallas received the grant. Staff also plans to contact Centralina COG to get their proposal. Mr. Beaty made a motion to proceed with the grant application, seconded by Mr. Withers, and carried unanimously.

The third item, Item 8-C, was a request for street closure. A Poker Run will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2011 (Exhibit B) One of the stops is planned for Tavern on the Square. The group requests that Holland Street from Trade Street to Main Street be closed during the Poker Run. Mr. Beaty made a motion to allow the Police Chief to close the street at his discretion for the event, seconded by Mr. Withers, and carried unanimously.

The fourth item, Item 8-D, was an update on the website. The Town is going through a process with CivicPlus, our current website provider, to update and upgrade our website. Corporal Travis Wells and David Kahler are working with CivicPlus to develop a new, better organized, more user-friendly website. This will make it easier for those using the Town's website to find the information they want. Currently, it is very difficult to add new pictures and size them properly on the website. When the updates are finished, pictures will be easier to add and configure. Mr. Kahler presented a schedule of training sessions that will accompany the upgrade. (Exhibit C) He also asked that the Board and Mayor forward any recommendations for changing the website to the Town Manager. The Board was somewhat concerned with the amount of time it will take to upgrade the website and would like to see examples of other websites designed by CivicPlus.

The fifth item, Item 8-E, was information concerning the upcoming court date for the Oleska Property, located at 411 W. Trade St. A Motion for Contempt on Mr. Oleska is scheduled for May 9, 2011. At this hearing, the Town is requesting that the court find Mr. Oleska in contempt of the original court order dated March 9, 2009, in which he was ordered to discontinue violating

the junk ordinance of the Town. The Town is also requesting that the court, upon Mr. Oleska's failure to maintain his property, grant the Town an order to go onto his property and clean it up, with the cost of the cleanup billed to Mr. Oleska (or a lien put on his property). (Exhibit D) The Board asked Ms. Thrower to pursue this as far as legally possible.

Item 9, was a manager's report from Mr. Ed Munn, Interim Town Manager. During this report, it was noted that the area behind the Rescue Squad addition could be paved at the same time as the rest of the paving connected with the Police Department renovation. The Rescue Squad was not planning on having the area paved at this time, due to funding. Mr. Friday made a motion for the Town to pay for paving behind the Rescue Squad. The motion died for lack of a second. The Board would like to have more information concerning cost to pave the area and a possible arrangement with the Rescue Squad. Mr. Friday made a motion to have the paving priced and requested a proposal from the Rescue Squad concerning possible payment and a time frame if they would want to pave the area, seconded by Mr. Martin. Mr. Withers abstained from the vote. The motion passed with a 3-1 vote a follows: Yays – Mr. Friday, Mr. Huggins, and Mr. Martin. Nays – Mr. Beaty.

Closed Session:	
There was no closed session.	
Mr. Huggins made a motion to adjourn, second (7:52)	ded by Mr. Friday, and carried unanimously.
Rick Coleman, Mayor	Maria Stroupe, Town Clerk



# Gaston County

**Public Works Department** 

February 15, 2011

Mr. Ed Munn Town of Dallas 210 N. Holland Street Dallas, NC 28034

Subject:

High Shoals Sewer Interconnect Easement

Mr. Munn:

Thank you for your assistance to date on the High Shoals Sewer Interconnect project. As we discussed recently, Gaston County is in the process of acquiring easements for the outfall and would like to finalize as many as possible during the months of February and March, 2011. I have attached several documents, including 1) two copies of the easement document to be recorded at the Register of Deeds office for the raw water intake property and, 2) ten copies of the preliminary easement map showing the proposed access easement for the sewer pump station on the Dallas treatment plant site. The easement document to be recorded at the treatment plant site will be forwarded once complete by legal.

Please have your Mayor execute both copies of the raw water intake site easement document and return to my attention. Once executed, we will take care of recording and return one photo copy of the recorded deed.

As always, I appreciate your assistance and if you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ray Maxwell, PE

Director of Public Works

Attachment: Raw Water Intake Sewer Easement Deed (2 copies)

Preliminary Pump Station Access Easement Map (10 copies)



## Department of Public Works and Utilities

January 20, 2011

Mr. Ed Munn, Town Manager Town of Dallas 210 N. Holland Street Dallas, North Carolina 28034

Subject:

Emergency Water Supply - High Shoals Sewer Line

Dear Mr. Munn,

The City of Gastonia is in receipt of the Town of Dallas' concerns (via Gaston County) regarding the possible interruption of the Town's raw water supply by a sanitary sewer overflow due to a pump station failure or line blockage. It is also our understanding that the High Shoals Sewer Project will parallel the South Fork River upstream and cross the Town of Dallas raw water intake site adjacent to the Dallas-Stanley Highway. Once completed, the High Shoals Sewer Project will be then be owned and operated by the City of Gastonia. Please be aware that the City of Gastonia is committed to operating and maintaining all portions of the sewer collection system to prevent any such sanitary sewer overflows. However, such incidents may occur due to unforeseen circumstances or by the hands of other parties. The City of Gastonia certainly cannot be held responsible for any sanitary sewer overflows caused by third parties.

Please be advised that the City of Gastonia would certainly continue to allow the Town of Dallas to purchase drinking water during emergencies as it has in the past. However, we would stress that a new Emergency Water Supply Agreement should be executed for this purpose. City Staff and legal counsel are currently preparing a draft of such a document that can serve as a starting point for discussion if you so desire. If the raw water supply is interrupted by a sanitary sewer overflow that the Town of Dallas deems is due to the improper maintenance of the High Shoals Sewer Line by the City of Gastonia, the Town of Dallas could simply file a claim with the City's insurance company through the City's Human Resources Department. Furthermore, the City of Gastonia would hold any billing in abeyance until such a claim was finalized.

Perhaps the best solution to Dallas' concerns would be the interconnection of Dallas to Gastonia's Raw Water Line as a backup supply option. There are existing precedents for such an arrangement, and we would be happy to work with Dallas on such an option. While Dallas would

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be responsible for the cost of the interconnection, a 48 x 20-inch Tee and 20-inch valve was installed in Gastonia's line during its initial construction for that exact purpose, which would reduce the cost. Such a system interconnection would provide a separate raw water source that would give Dallas additional security regarding its water supply.

The High Shoals Sewer Line is an important step in the regionalization of wastewater services in Gaston County. In closing, we wish to stress that the City of Gastonia will continue to work with the Town of Dallas on water and sewer utility matters and in any future partnerships that may benefit our respective communities.

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Matt Bernhardt

Director of Public Works and Utilities

City of Gastonia

**REVENUE STAMPS \$** 

PREPARED BY: CITY OF GASTONIA LEGAL DEPARTMENT

RETURN TO: ROD BOX #22

NORTH CAROLINA

DEED FOR PERMANENT SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT AND GENERAL UTILITIES EASEMENT

**GASTON COUNTY** 

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that TOWN OF DALLAS, a North Carolina Municipal Corporation, hereinafter referred to as "Grantor", in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, in hand paid to the Grantor by the City of Gastonia, a North Carolina municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as "Grantee", does hereby convey and grant unto the "Grantee", its successors and assigns, perpetual rights, privileges and easements to go in, upon and through that certain tract or lot of land and premises described in that certain deed to Town of Dallas from Louise S. Watts, Widow, dated December 9, 1986, and filed January 14, 1987, in Deed Book 1828 at Page 714, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Gaston County, North Carolina, to which reference is hereby made; to construct, maintain, and operate in, upon and through said premises in a proper manner, sanitary sewer and utility systems as the Grantee may hereinafter desire to locate within said right-of-way and easement, including but not limited to water mains, storm drains, sewer mains and outfall lines, power lines, gas mains and telephone lines, together with supporting slope and construction easements, over, in, or on that portion of the realty of the Grantor and which is more particularly described as follows:

Being a perpetual right-of-way easement in which easement and right-of-way will be installed and maintained a storm drainage line and related underground apparatuses. The location of the right-of-way and easements acquired is shown on that certain plat or map thereof drawn by Robinson & Sawyer, Inc. Consulting Engineers & Land Surveyors for the Office of the City

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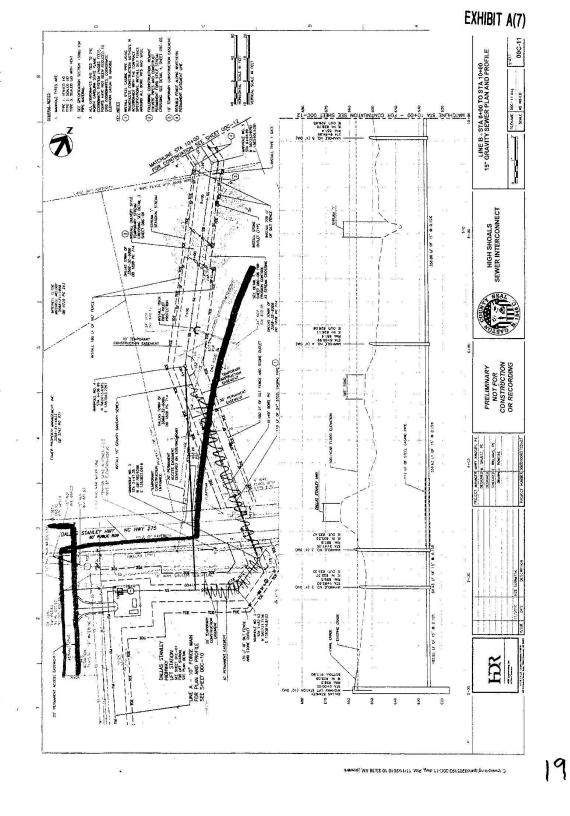
Easement High Shoals Project t file in the Office of the Register	a, dated January 6, 2011, entitled "Proposed Sanitary Sewer, to be Acquired from Town of Dallas", a copy of which is on r of Deeds for Gaston County in Plat Book at Page by made for greater certainty of description.	
line on the aforedescribed right-of and that no assessment is to be Grantee by reason of such easer the perpetual right-of-way and easer the perpetual right-of-way and system and additions thereto; together wand to cut away and keep clear in; on, or over said right-of-way any way endanger, in the opinion	structing, installing and maintaining Grantee's sanitary sewer of-way and easements shall be borne entirely by the Grantee elevied against the remaining property of the Grantor by the ments. The Grantee, its successors, and assigns, shall have assements at all times to enter said premises for the purpose tems and making necessary repairs and alterations thereon with the right at all times to relocate said lines and systems on said right-of-way and easements and the utilities located and easements, all trees and other obstructions that may in an of the Grantee, proper maintenance and operation of the sassigns and successors, agrees that no structure will be said right-of-way and easements.	
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The corporate, has caused these pres day of	Grantor has hereunto set their hands and seals; and if ents to be signed in its name by its (Vice) President, this the, 2011.	
	TOWN OF DALLAS, a North Carolina Municipal Corporation	
•	BY:(Seal) RICHARD E. COLEMAN, MAYOR	
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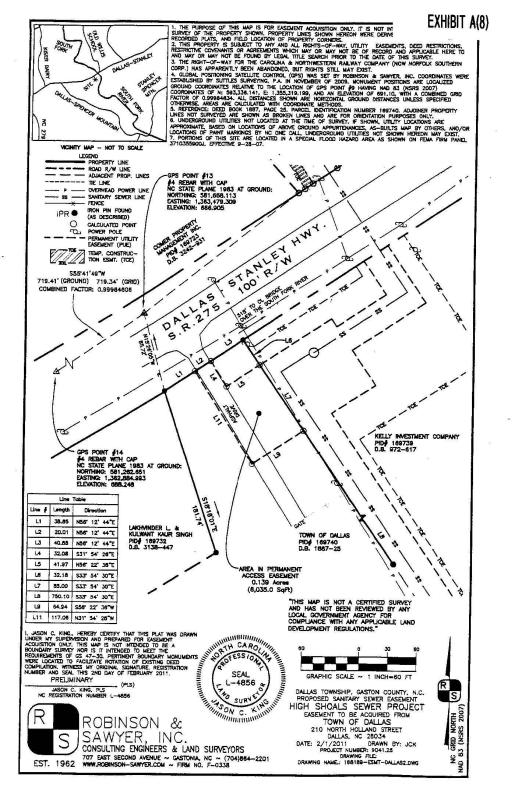
# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF GASTON

, the undersi	gned Notary	Public of th	e County and State
aforesaid, certify that, RICHARD E. COLE	MAN, person	ally came bet	ore me this day and
acknowledged that he is the Mayor of TC	WN OF DA	LLAS, a Nort	h Carolina municipal
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"Individually we are one drop; Together we are an Ocean"

# "Calling All Angels Poker Run"

Saturday, May 7, 2011

You don't want to miss this Poker Run!



All proceeds will go to help with all medical expenses for Bec Bec's daughter Nikki Williamson. Make checks payable to Becky Grant or Nikki Williamson c/o Blue Ridge Savings Bank 357 N. Main St. Stanley, NC 28164

1<sup>st</sup> bike out 11:00 - last out 1:00

Amazing Door Prizes

Registration starts at:
Balderdash
1206 W. Franklin Blvd.
Gastonia, NC (704.865.8605)



Poker Hand \$ Best Hand \$ Worst Hand

Auction Raffle 50/50

All bikes in by 5:00 at: Tony's Bar 10004 Moores Chapel Loop Charlotte, NC (704.398.2547)

1 hand for \$10 with meal or 3 hands for \$20 with 2 meals.



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Facebook: "The Girls" Contact: Staci Goble 704-813-4902 or Angle Freeman 704-747-5236



#### Client: Dallas, NC

For Assistance in filling out the Worksheets, call:

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#### **Key Dates**

Timeline Approval	
Department Listing Due	Friday, March 25 <sup>th</sup>
Main Navigation Meeting	Wednesday, March 30 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM
Main Navigation & Standards Worksheets Due	End of meeting March 30 <sup>th</sup>
Pictures Due	Friday, June 17 <sup>th</sup>
Design Exercise Due http://sample.civicplus.com/designexercise	Friday, June 17 <sup>th</sup>
Initial Design Meeting	Tuesday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup> at 10:00AM
Design Worksheet Due	Tuesday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Content Meeting	Tuesday, April 5 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM
Comp due to Client	Tuesday, July 5 <sup>th</sup>
Design Approval (Key Date)	Friday, August 12 <sup>th</sup>
Content Migration	Tuesday, September 6 <sup>th</sup>
Content Finalized and Approved	Friday, September 16 <sup>th</sup>
Project Sign off	Wednesday, September 28th
Go Live Date	Friday, September 30 <sup>th</sup>

Design Approval and Content Due dates are key deadlines to make. If these dates are missed, the timeline MUST be adjusted! Currently adjustments are at least 3 months.

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NORTH CAROLINA	IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
GASTON COUNTY	2011 FEB 24 Fit 2: POSTRICT COURT DIVISION 2008 CvD 6257
	GASTON COUNTY, C.S.C.
TOWN OF DALLAS, a North Care Municipal Corporation. Plaintiff, Vs. Robert Walter Oleska	) ) ) ) ) MOTION FOR CONTEMPT ) )

NOW COMES the Plaintiff the Town of Dallas by and through counsel of record and shows unto the court as follows:

- 1. That the Defendant is the owner and possessor of a house and lot located at 411 W. Trade Street, Dallas (Gaston County), North Carolina, the same having been conveyed to the Defendant by deed dated August 28, 1980 and recorded in Deed Book 1340 at Page 490 in the Gaston County Registry;
- 2. That on March 9, 2009 an order was entered by the Honorable Michael K. Lands that the property listed above was not in compliance with Section I-I-1, Article I if Chapter I of the Code of Ordinance of the Town of Dallas.
- 3. The Court ordered that the property should be brought into compliance with the applicable ordinance, and to cease and desist from using or allowing his property to be used in a manner that violates the Code of Ordinance of the Town of Dallas, and that failure to do so would subject the Defendant, Robert Walter Oleska, to the contempt powers of this court.
- 4. As of this date, the Defendant, Robert Walter Oleska, has refused and failed to bring the property into compliance and keep it in compliance with Section I-I-1, Article I if Chapter I of the Code of Ordinance of the Town of Dallas.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays the Court as follows:

- I. That the Defendant appear and show the court cause, if he has any, why he should not be held in contempt for willfully failing to comply with the previous orders of the court.
- 2. That the court confirm its previous order of abatement and issue an order allowing the Plaintiff, its employees, agents, or subcontractors to immediately enter the property and abate the unlawful conditions existing upon the aforementioned property, the cost of said abatement to be a lien against the property pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-193.

3. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

This the 2 Hoday of

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Pennie M. Thrower Attorney for Plaintiff 201 W. Second Avenue, Suite F Post Office Box 279 Gastonia, NC 28053-0279 (704) 869-6101 Bar No. 23286

NORTH CAROLINA

**GASTON COUNTY** 

David Kahler, being duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is the Community Development Administrator and Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Dallas, Plaintiff herein, that he has read the foregoing Motion and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated as to information and belief, and as to those he believes them to be true.

David Kahler,

Community Development Administrator

Town of Dallas, North Carolina

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this day of February, 2011.

Notary Public

My Commission expires: 12 06 12015

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NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 2008 CvD 6257

**GASTON COUNTY** 

TOWN OF DALLAS, a North Carolina	)	
Municipal Corporation.	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
Vs.	Ś	NOTICE OF HEARING ON
	ý	MOTION FOR CONTEMPT
Robert Walter Oleska	)	
Defendant.	)	

The above-named Defendant is hereby notified that the attached Motion for Contempt will be brought for hearing before the presiding Judge of the District Court of Gaston County, North Carolina in Courtroom 3C in the Gaston County Courthouse in Gastonia, North Carolina on May 9th, 20th at 9:30am o'clock or as soon thereafter as this motion may be heard.

This the 24th day of February, 2011.

Pennie M. Thrower Attorney for Plaintiff 201 W. Second Avenue, Suite F Post Office Box 279 Gastonia, NC 28053-0279 (704) 869-6101 Bar No. 23286

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the Foregoing Motion for Contempt and Notice of Hearing on Motion for Contempt, filed on February 2-1, 2011 was served by delivery through the U.S. Postal Service to the last known address of the Defendant;

Robert Walter Oleska 411 W Trade St Dallas, NC 28034

This the 4 day of February, 2011.

Pennie M. Thrower Attorney for Plaintiff 201 W. Second Avenue, Suite F Post Office Box 279 Gastonia, NC 28053-0279 (704) 869-6101 Bar No. 23286