

TOWN OF LITTLETON

LITTLETON, NORTH CAROLINA

Town Hall
112 E. South Main Street

January 8, 2020

SERCAP MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Littleton held a meeting, Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 1:30 p.m. at the Littleton Town Hall. Present were Commissioners Steve Barcelo, Gerleen Pitchford, and Ophelia Gould-Faison and 20 members of the public. Mayor K. Owen Scott called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to hear from Randy Welch of SERCAP about an economic development opportunity for Littleton.

Mayor Scott turned the meeting over to Mr. Welch. Mr. Welch introduced himself to those present. He said SERCAP offers assistance to low income towns and communities. He mentioned he had worked with the town of Littleton in regard to the WWTP and police department. Mr. Welch said his office had an intern, Lydia Gilmore, from Virginia Tech who was getting her masters in Urban and Regional Planning. He was coming to Littleton to introduce her and see if there were ideas from the town on ways Ms. Gilmore could help the town with economic development ideas and grants.

Mr. Welch informed the Board there were state and federal grants available. He mentioned the Downtown Strong program through the state. He would like for Littleton to be able to grow and help small business come to the area. He also wanted to get people out of their houses through parks and walking trails.

Mayor Scott mentioned the town had worked on cleaning up the parking lot, getting a park, taking care of abandoned properties. He felt the town needs to focus on sidewalks and streets. Mr. Welch mentioned ADA compliance is important to the town as well.

Some ideas that came from the meeting were:

- Gould-Faison parkway/walkway – extending it from one end of the town to the other
- Having a citizen questionnaire to see what the Littleton citizens would like to see down
- Building on what has already been started, i.e. PARTF Grant
- Have a community meeting involving churches, civic groups, and citizens

There was a consensus among the Board members present to go forward and accept help from SERCAP in regard to economic development. Mr. Welch stated the first step would be to formulate a questionnaire to get citizen input. The board decided to table putting the questionnaire together and discuss it later.

Ellen M. Eller, Town Clerk