



Minutes
KITTY HAWK TOWN COUNCIL
Monday, September 8, 2025
Kitty Hawk Town Hall, Smith Room
6:00 PM

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
4. **Presentation**
 - a) **Presentation- Financial Report as of June 30, 2025 - Preliminary to Fiscal Year Financial Statements**
5. **Public Comment** – The public is invited to address the Town Council on any topic. Please sign up with the Town Clerk before the meeting and when your name is called, come forward and speak into the microphone at the lectern. Please limit comments to 3 minutes.
6. **Consent Agenda** – Items on the consent agenda are considered to be non-controversial, routine in nature, or items not requiring a presentation to discuss by the Town Council in order to consider the items(s). Any item may be removed for discussion by the council or by any member of the audience who wants to hear the item presented and discussed.
 - a) **Approval of August 4, 2025, Regular Session Council Minutes** – Approval of the consent agenda will approve these minutes.
 - b) **Proclamation- Declaring Diaper Need Awareness Week September 15-21, 2025**
 - c) **Budget Amendment # 2- Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Encumbrances**
 - d) **Budget Amendment #3- Inclusion of Task 2C cost in 2027 Budget**
 - e) **Budget Amendment #4- Transfer from Capital Reserve Fund 21 to Operation Fund 10 for the repair and maintenance of the Backhoe.**
 - f) **Financial Statements- Financial reports as of June 30, 2025**
7. **Items Removed from Consent Agenda:**
8. **Planning:**
9. **New Business:**
10. **Old Business:**
11. **Reports/General Comments from Town Manager**
12. **Reports/General Comments from Town Attorney**
13. **Reports/General Comments from Town Council**



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14. Closed Session- N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with the town attorney regarding matters protected within the attorney-client privilege and to preserve that privilege.

15. Adjourn

Council Members Present: Mayor Craig Garriss, Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Pruitt, Councilman David Hines, Councilwoman Charlotte Walker, Councilman Dylan Tillett

Staff Members Present: Town Manager Melody Clopton, Finance Director Liliana Noble, Lieutenant Jimmy Helms, PIO/Town Clerk Lauren Garrett

1. Call to Order

Garriss: Good evening, everyone. It's 6 o'clock pm. Kitty Hawk Town Council. We're in the Smith Meeting Room, September 8th, 2025. It's amazing how fast this year is going, but it's going. Thank you all for being here. Council, I need a motion to approve tonight's agenda, please.

2. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

Walker: So, moved.

Garriss: Motion made by Charlotte. Second?

Tillett: Second.

Garriss: Second by Dylan. All in favor say, "aye".

All Council: Aye.

Garriss: All opposed? None. Thank you. Next, we have a presentation of the financial report, Liliana. When she's finished, obviously if you have any questions, feel free to ask.

4. Presentation

a) Financial Report as of June 30, 2025

Noble, Liliana: Good evening, council. I'm here this evening to present the preliminary financial statements as of June 30, 2025. These statements are still considered preliminary because we are in the process of finalizing the year and figures. Once all numbers are confirmed and reviewed, we will provide a complete and updated financial report. We're going to start with Fund 10 operations, which are the day-to-day operations. Revenues, the primary source of the revenue of the Town, continue to be taxes followed by permits and fees and intergovernmental allocation such as Powell Bill and various grants. In this slide, you see three columns, the original budget at the start of the fiscal year, the second column is the amended budget made during the year, and the third one the actual collections of the revenues. Let me highlight a few points regarding the revenues. Shared revenues, we must take a close look at the shared revenues for the fiscal year 2024 and 2025. The shared revenues are below budget. This underperformance is mainly due to the tax rate increase in two neighboring towns which impacts our share of the regional distribution, particularly occupancy and sales tax. On the positive side, the interest earnings from our investment deposit exceeds the projections for the second year in a row, bringing an additional \$350,000 over the budget. We also allocate additional funds from the general fund to support capital projects, the US 158 sidewalk project and for the new police department. Let's look at the expenses that fund operations. In these slides, you're going to see all the departments with the original budget, amended, and the actual. All the departments remain with the allocated budget for the fiscal year. However, the expenditure exceeds the current year's revenue collections. I'm going to clarify this is not due to a shortfall in cash but rather the planned use of the fund balance with existing cash on hand for this project that we allocate the 158 sidewalk and the police department contingency and furniture. That is the reason for the shortage. It's not because our expenditures were higher than budgeted, it's because we allocated funds for two projects, the US 158 sidewalk and the new police department, from the general fund. Looking at the unassigned fund



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balance, we started this fiscal year with \$8,181,919. We estimate that we used \$856,000 for this fiscal year, which is significantly less than the original plan. The estimated remaining unassigned fund balance on June 30, 2025, is \$3,825,887. That is the funding available to be allocated to any project that is not restricted. Remember \$3.5 million is already restricted by policy internally. At the end of June 30th, this is the fund balance the Town can allocate to anything else. Let's move to the Fund 41 Capital Project for the new police department, this project was funded through three main sources: \$5,110,512 from the Town's General Fund, \$1,203,583 from the American Rescue Plan Act ARPA commonly referred as the COVID recovery grant and \$2,620,274 carry over from the initial joint EMS and police department project that was not pursued. The total budget for this project was \$8,934,369. The main expenditure for this project was the purchase of the land for \$4,107,622, the construction for \$3,617,752 and then other expenditures like the design and construction management \$352,853. The original repairs when we purchased the property were \$236,480. The equipment was \$128,769, the furniture was \$230,709, and the special inspections agent inspections \$5,070. In conclusion, our revenues were \$8,934,369 and our expenses were less. We ended the project under budget with remaining balance of \$205,239. I'm pleased to report that the project has been completed and while there are a few standing invoices, the project was completed under budget, and it was completely using the Town's own resources without incurring any debt. The Town ended the fiscal year in a very strong financial position. While we experienced a shortfall of \$290,000 in occupancy and sales tax, this was offset by the higher-than-expected interest earnings. We had originally planned \$1,574,062 from the General Fund balance to support the two projects listed here. However, thanks to the higher-than-expected collection and certain revenues along with controlled spending, we only used approximately \$856,000. I want to express my gratitude to the staff for their responsible and careful use of the Town financial resources. The department heads for their excellent budget management. The Town Manager for her vision, optimism and unwavering diligence. The Town Council for your leadership and support of the staff and the Town Manager and to our citizens for your engagement, participation and support for our new initiatives. Thank you.

Garriss: Liliana, I think Dylan has a question. This Town is in great financial state right now.

Noble, Liliana: Yes, sir.

Garriss: We have been.

Noble, Liliana: Yes, sir.

Garriss: And we will continue to be.

Noble, Liliana: Correct. Thank you. Thank you for what you do.

Tillett: Thank you, Liliana. I just had a quick question. A couple slides back. I think it's a simple explanation, but I'm just wanting to clarify. The budget was \$13,866,000 and then on one of the pages of the reports you gave us has the year to date which is that \$12,734,847 and it had the available funds. That's a difference of \$1.1 million. The note under that says fund summary and shows a deficit here of this and it shows the revenues are \$12,031,933. So, the expenses stayed the same, they were \$12,734,847. Why are why is the revenues different than the amended budget for this? How do we go from having \$1.1 million surplus to having a \$700,000 deficit?

Noble, Liliana: In these slides when you see the fund balance appropriated, we amended the budget on the revenue side because we expected to bring that money from the General Fund, \$1,884,000 was appropriated. When we plan to bring money from the Reserve to the General Fund, we must amend our revenues and our expenditures. We basically did that when we expected to bring that money over for the sidewalk project and for the police department. But when the revenues are higher than expected, we don't have to at year end. What you see there in the \$12 million is the actual collections, the money that we collected. There you see no collection, we only balance what we need, we don't bring the entire amount if there are available funds in that account. Does that make sense?

Tillett: It does. Yes, ma'am. Thank you.



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Hines: I have a question, too. You have a grant from Dare County Tourism Board for \$22,896. What is that specifically for?

Clopton, Melody: I think that was the lights. The crosswalk lights.

Hines: Is that the one we've recently received? It doesn't label what it's for. I was just curious. I'm just asking what it's what we've had a few grants since I've been on the Tourism Board.

Noble, Liliana: We don't receive those grants until we spend the money. They've been allocated to the Town, but we don't receive it until we receive the money. However, we pay the money to Department of Transportation.

Clopton, Melody: No, we're not talking about that. We're talking about streetlight grant.

Noble, Liliana: Oh, I'm sorry. I misunderstood. It is recorded in the revenues.

Hines: Yes, it would be nice to see instead of a bunch of numbers be nice to see what it's specific to because we've had a few grants from the Tourism Board since I've sat on the board. So I was just curious what it was for.

Noble, Liliana: Yes. It is under intergovernmental. It's under the line. The report can be very detailed.

Hines: Sure, that leads me to one more question. How much do we have left in the from the Tourism Board for law enforcement to sit at the intersection during the summer months? How much money do we have left in that account for that cost?

Noble, Liliana: We have not billed them yet. We haven't received it. When we finish the fiscal year, we bill the Tourism Board for the hours. But yes, there's no money necessary. There is no money sitting in there.

Hines: So last year when I helped or last year, year before when you and I spoke and I called the Board, and we got it refunded. Was there a dollar amount that it was funded for or just a time frame?

Noble, Liliana: This is a time frame.

Hines: Okay. Are we still good with that?

Clopton, Melody: Yes, as far as I know. Yes, either party has the right to discontinue it and neither party has.

Hines: Sure. But we're sitting okay for next season? I think before I get off the Board.

Noble, Liliana: We hope.

Garriss: Thank you, David. Any more questions, Council?

Pruitt: I'd just like to thank Liliana. I called her before the police open house because I was thinking we might have received some questions, and I just wanted to say thank you. I called her and it was very helpful. Thank you very much Liliana.

Clopton, Melody: The surplus from the construction project will also go back in the General Fund, anything that's left over. So, instead of \$3.8 million, if there's an additional \$200,000 it will go into the Unassigned Fund Balance.

Garriss: Thank you, any more questions?

Tillett: One more. Is that \$3.8 million before we've chipped in for the sidewalk along the highway?

Clopton, Melody: No, we've already paid for that.

Garriss: All right. Anything else, Council? Thank you, Liliana. Great job. Public Comment. Lauren, do we have anyone signed up for Public Comment?

5. Public Comment

Garrett, Lauren: Yes, sir. We have five people signed up to speak at Public Comment. First is Jimmy Pierce.

Garriss: Come on up, sir. We ask everyone in public comment to speak directly to the microphone so we can hear you and you're limited to three minutes. Yes, sir. Thank you.

Pierce, Jimmy: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Town Council. I just want to come before y'all tonight to introduce myself. I know a good a good amount of y'all. My name is Jimmy Pierce. I live in Southern Shores. I've been a Dare County resident for 37 years. I'm a native of Bertie County and moved here when I was down here when I was about 23 years old and I have been here ever since. I've been in law enforcement for 40 years. Worked with the Mayor for a good portion of his career. I worked with a small town in Bertie



County, Orlando police department. That was the first place I worked. I left there, went to Herford County. I was a deputy sheriff in Herford County where I got to work with our current Sheriff Doug Doughtie. I worked closely with him, and we've always been good friends. When I left there, I came here to be a deputy sheriff here in Dare County. I worked with Ms. Walker's sister, Nell Miller, as a deputy sheriff here in Dare County. I was patrol, narcotics investigator, and then criminal investigator and a trainer and field training officer with Dare County. I moved on to the state alcohol law enforcement division where I was a special agent for 22 years. I retired 11 years ago and went directly to work for Nags Head Police Department. I was 48. I wasn't ready to retire yet, but I did retire from the state and continue to know Nags Head. I've been with Nags Head for 11 years now. I will say I have probably been in every aspect of law enforcement during my career. I've worked everything from investigating homicides to sex crimes to federal drug cases. There's not a lot I haven't done. I've been in the training aspect. Also, I'm a specialized firearms instructor. I'm a specialized driving instructor. I've been teaching our new cadets at Basic Law Enforcement Training at COA for about 35 years. I have always wanted to be the Sheriff my entire career. It's something I always have my sight set on and I know I can do a good job, and I have far more experience than anybody else that's running for Sheriff. I would like to have y'all support me and ask you to vote for me if you are so inclined. After the meeting or in the future, if you have any questions for me, feel free to contact me. I have a website pierceforsheriff.com, I have a Facebook page, Elect Jimmy Pierce, Dare County Sheriff, and my phone number is on the website. So, if any of y'all would like to speak with me, I'd be glad to speak with you. Thank y'all for listening to me and have a good night.

Garriss: Thank you, Jimmy. Very much. Thank you, Lauren.

Garrett, Lauren: Next for Public Comment is Chuck Bush, and he has asked to show a couple photos of his Public Comment.

Garriss: Come on up, sir. Jimmy, you did a great job with the three minutes. Thank you. Yes, sir.

Bush, Chuck: Good evening. My name is Chuck Bush. My wife and I live on Harbor Bay Drive, and we've lived there for the last 11 years. I wanted to talk briefly about an emerging safety issue that I feel that we have on the multi-use path that runs from Moore Shore to Beacon. It is a great asset for the community and for Kitty Hawk. I walk my dog every day in that pathway. There are many people, residents and visitors, who use pathways, walkers, joggers, families, and bicyclists. I knew I was going to set up both for pleasure and sometimes for speed and ever increasingly e-bikes, scooters, and the occasional golf cart. The pathway also provides a great shortcut between certain parts of the town. Therein lies the problem. It's getting crowded. The speed differential between my dog and myself and the speeding bicycles are a factor of 10. I travel 2 miles an hour. He's maybe going 20 or she as it is for a family with kids in a stroller and a teenager on an e-bike. Reaction times are quickly going down to seconds. The safety execution is a study on how to prevent near misses before they become accidents. Just what it is. So right now we're having too many near misses, in my view. Sometimes shouting a lot on a crowded 10-foot-wide pathway. So, what can we do? Well, signage is probably one of the best things. This is a picture that sign up there is probably needs to be replaced or increased inside, but there's a lot going on in an 8-inch x 16-inch sign right there. We can go back to the other one. So, I defy a bicyclist going 15 to 20 mph to find that sign where it is right now. It's behind a dog bag station; you can't see it. We need some better signage. I don't think we need thousands of dollars of signs but as we go through either replacement or relocation of some signs the other is I think we're going to have to post a speed limit I would recommend posting a 10 miles per hour speed limit sign so you can take that speed differential between a walker with a dog or a family and a fast moving bicycle or we'll get to it. Motorized vehicles and so that we can all share the pathway. I think we need to share this pathway. I don't want to take anybody off it. I think we just must slow things down. No motorized vehicles. There's a sign that says so, but there's motorized vehicles all the time on that. I was went my wife and I once didn't challenge but talked to a guy in a believe it or not a golf cart and he says oh it's not motorized it's the battery motor got that so they're running around at 25 miles an hour scooters and the kids are running going to school on e-bikes and scooters now so they're using the pathway as well.



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Garriss: Mr. Bush, we are out of time.

Bush, Chuck: So, the last thing I'd like to say is we need to figure out the e bike rules for the pathway. That's something that needs to be done. The state has some laws, but it's up to localities to do that. So, I know I'm over.

Garriss: Thank you, sir. Anybody else?

Garrett, Lauren: Yes, next is Peggy Langley.

Garriss: Come on up, Miss Peggy. Folks, please adhere to the three-minute time limit. It's there for a reason. Come on up, Miss Peggy.

Langley, Peggy: My name is Peggy Corbel Langley. I'm glad to be here tonight and I want I'm here tonight on behalf of Austin Cemetery Board and we would like to invite you and everybody here and everybody out in TV land to come to our event Saturday, September the 27th. It is Kitty Hawk's Ancestral Day. What we're going to do is the first two hours we're going to be cleaning the graveyard for our loved ones that are there. At 12:00 we're going to have a family picnic and that's where the history and the fun starts. We have lots of information, lots of Kitty Hawk's will be there sharing history with anybody that would like to hear about it. So, we would cordially invite you to come and join us. It is a great time to connect with Kitty Hawk history. So, please mark your calendars for September the 27th. Like I say, at 10:00 we're going to start the cleanup part, but at 12:00 is when we're going to have our picnic launch. Bring yours and we'll have a good day. Thanks so much for having me.

Garriss: Thank you, ma'am. Thank you, Lauren.

Garrett, Lauren: Next is Timberlyn Duncan.

Garriss: Come on up, please.

Duncan, Timberlyn: Hello. I wanted to introduce myself to you guys and the citizens of Kitty Hawk. My name is Timberlyn Duncan. I am a researcher with NC State and affiliate of the Coastal Studies Institute. I will be doing surveying in your community. I also wanted to extend an offer for the results of that study. So I will be looking at sense of place. The community's heritage and connection to the land, but most important regarding coastal mitigation. The plan is to use what the people say about how they're connected to their natural environment to their willingness to accept different coastal mitigation efforts. So, I will be around for the month of September doing my pilot study and I plan to be back in the beginning of the year, but for right now, I'm just going to be hopefully doing a lot of volunteer work. So, I thank her for mentioning another one for me. If you have any other ways for me to connect with the community and service, I would appreciate that if you want to connect after.

Pruitt: Timberlyn, are you working with the Coastal Reserve? Who were you working with?

Duncan, Timberlyn: No. I'm at NC State and I'm an affiliate of the Coastal Studies Institute. So, I'll be doing probably Duck all the way to Manteo, all those communities.

Garriss: Thank you, Ms. Duncan. Thank you.

Garrett, Lauren: Next is Nellie Healy.

Healy, Nellie: My name is Nelly Healey. I live in Kittyhawk, at 5205 Barlow Lane in Kitty Hawk. I have a couple of things. One of them is that I own the property at 828 Kitty Hawk Road where the drainage ditches that runs under the roadway and that is totally clogged right now with branches and trees that have fallen in. It's my understanding that that has been cleaned in the past, but it hasn't been done in quite a while. We are in storm season and that presents a major problem to my properties. There are three houses there. I provide housing for three residents who need to go to work every day and live there. So, if that is clogged, they and we have a flood, and I have pictures I can submit to the Council here. That would be a major problem for us. We would have three families without housing. The second thing is I don't know if the community is aware of this, but I went to get my COVID shot at CVS pharmacy and I was turned down and told to get a prescription. I went to my provider to get a COVID shot and they told me that they were not allowed to make prescriptions for people and it's my understanding from my watching television that anyone over 65 should be able to walk into any pharmacy and get a COVID shot, especially if you have



underlying conditions. So, I already know two people that have COVID and I am very concerned about my own personal health and about that of my community and I would like to see those restrictions removed. I'll be traveling soon. So, it's my understanding from my provider here in Sentara in Kitty Hawk that there's no decision being made on this until September 18th. I think that's going to be a lot of late for some people. The third thing, and this is one of interest to me. It's my understanding that the Town owns 12 acres of property behind the Visitor Center. I go with fair frequency over to the community senior center over in um Kill Devil Hills and I also use their recreation department. It's come to my attention over the years that now we're bursting at the seams over there that we don't have any room to do anything. And they're constantly shuffling people around to make room for this and room for that. It occurred to me that it's time maybe that we started exploring the possibility of having a community center of our own. Right now I'm a member of the Dunes of Dare Gardens Club. I'm on the board and we can't find a place to meet at half the time. You know, we're always constantly bouncing around for places to meet. So, we would like to have community activities here and not have to depend on Manteo or Kill Devil Hills to have activities for our families and our children. Those are the three items. Thank you, ma'am, very much.

Garriss: I'm afraid the COVID issue is a much bigger issue than we can do but I agree with I think the community needs to be informed that it's not available. Lauren, has anyone else signed up?

Garrett, Lauren: No, sir.

Garriss: Okay. Does anyone else wish to speak at tonight's Public Comment about any subject? Anyone? Okay. Thank you everyone that spoke. Council, I need a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda, please.

6. Consent Agenda

Pruitt: So moved, Mr. Mayor. Thank you, Jeff. Second?

Walker: Second.

Garriss: Thank you, Charlotte. All in favor say, "aye".

All Council: Aye.

Garriss: All opposed? None. Thank you. We had no items removed from the Consent Agenda. We have no Planning. We have no New Business. We have no Old Business. Reports from Town Manager.

7. Items Removed from Consent Agenda:

8. Planning:

9. New Business:

10. Old Business:

11. Reports/General Comments from Town Manager

Clopton, Melody: Good evening, everyone. First, I want to relay a compliment for our Planning Department. We are excited to say that the NC license plate agency reopened yesterday in a new location in Dare County here in Kitty Hawk. They're located at 3809 North Croatan Highway in the Sea Dune Shops. They're open weekdays 9 to 5 and we're happy to have them here. The contractors who opened the office, Denise Hall and Josh Bass, sent a note to Town Council and me. The note read, I just wanted to take a moment to let you all know how wonderful your Planning Department has been to work with. Anything we need help with, they answered quickly. When they heard we were looking for space, anytime they would hear of a vacancy, they would email us to let us know. Although everybody I've talked with there has been great, I would particularly like to thank Alsu Lewis as she is one of the that got many of my questions. Just today we needed help closing out our permit and Alsu and the Building Inspector got it done in a few hours. What service they have just been a friendly, wonderful group of people and they have made this process very easy for us. We are glad we made the decision to locate in Kitty Hawk, and we hope to be there for many years. That's the kind of thing that makes a Town Manager's heart go pitter patter and I know how great they are but it's so nice to hear it from someone else. Also Thursday, September 11th, we have our public safety departments participating in March to Remember. If you've never seen this, public safety people and lots of different people, they start at 8:46 a.m. at the Kill Devil Hills Fire Station, EMS station at



1628 North Croatan. Then they proceed to the Wright Brothers Monument. Many of them have on their duty gear and flags and it is quite something to see. Very somber, quite a compelling site. Finally, the Outer Banks Jeep invasion is coming up Friday and Saturday, September 19th and 20th. The beach crawl in Kitty Hawk has now expanded into two days. I think they did that last year as well. It's already sold out. Jeeps will meet each of those days at 7:00 a.m. at Byrd Street beach access and they will be led by our Fire Department, and they will drive down the beach and exit at Bath House and it is one of the most popular events that they have. That's all I have.

Garriss: They normally make a very generous contribution too, which is great. Yeah, it's a great group. Thank you, Melody. Town Attorney?

12. Reports/General Comments from Town Attorney

Varnell, Casey: Mayor, I have nothing. Thank you.

Garriss: Thank you, Town Council. Let's start with David.

13. Reports/General Comments from Town Council

Hines: I want to go back to the gentleman that spoke about the multi-use path. I have lived in First Flight Ridge since 2015, so I know that path very well. I haven't had the opportunity to walk my dogs there recently, but that will change soon hopefully. Nonetheless, I could not agree with you more. In fact, I'll go on further to say when I leave First Flight Ridge and I head down to the multi-use path, I go right, go back up Beacon and come back up Mariner. Beacon has a lot of speeders as well. I mean, I watched a girl literally running into the sound on her cell phone. So, how do you fix that? I don't know. To be fair, on the other side of that coin, you know, I've also been on a bicycle, and the vacationers take up the whole path too, not paying attention. So, that works both ways a little bit. There's not a general fix for everything, but I do agree with more signage. But then that leads me to this. How do you patrol that? How do you enforce it? So, the only thing I tell you to do is do what I do is yell at them. I mean, I'm serious. It's about education and I do think signs would be a big deal. I've long had an issue with e-bikes. You say there's some things in the state legislature that have rules about it. My understanding is it's still considered a bicycle. I'm going to ask Lieutenant Helms if he has a suggestion on the e-bikes.

Lieutenant Jimmy Helms: I don't really have any suggestion, but I can tell you that it is a hybrid between the two. There's not a general statute for North Carolina at the time. All the towns are dealing with this. It's just not getting off. A Town ordinance would have to be created on your property for us to enforce something for them separating from pedal to what we would consider a moped. That's kind of where we're at in the general statute.

Clopton, Melody: I've been reading lately, some Towns are acting. So, we could come up with something, but I think we need ideas.

Hines: I mean, it's new then because a couple new couple years ago I called Lieutenant Helms um over seeing if we could force helmets on them. I would like in my opinion I agree with more signage on that little cut off Moore Shore Road. I mean I've literally have been in this gentleman's position 100 times. I've been in my house since 2015. I've walked that path a thousand times and that's why I try to do it at night after dark.

Bush, Mary Joe: Can we share the key points about North Carolina e-bike laws? This was the Southern Shores newsletter.

Hines: I appreciate that information. You have my full support in trying to do something. Maybe that's something we direct Casey to investigate. I don't know how to handle it, but I would like to see something done about it.

Clopton, Melody: We'll come up with some thoughts and some ideas and proposals and be sure to get whoever we need to get involved.

Hines: I guess that would be legal just as much as anything. To a certain extent. I appreciate you speaking on it. I've been outspoken about it for years and I think it's a major problem and unless you live where we live, you don't realize it.



Garriss: Anything else, David?

Hines: That's all I have to say.

Garriss: Thanks, sir. Very good. Dylan?

Tillett: I want to echo a few thanks, starting with Liliana. Thank you so much for keeping our Town's finances in check and I know it's a large effort and we certainly appreciate it. The police station open house was this month, and it was a good turnout I think, and I want to thank chief and lieutenant and staff for putting that on. I think it was a nice event. Lastly, I echo Melody's thank you comment that we got from the DMV license plate agency. Getting something like that makes us all proud and that's a nice compliment. That's all I have.

Garriss: Thank you, Jeff?

Pruitt: I'd like to thank Liliana, and I'll go to the bike path, multi-use path. As far as the e-bikes are concerned, we'll let Melody investigate that. But as far as the signs are concerned, one time it was overgrown, and I just asked Willie if it could get cut back and he did it about as fast as it came out of my mouth as to do it. I think we could ask Willie to reposition these signs and so I think you'll see that move soon. Also, I'd like to also invite everybody out to the cemetery, it's always a good time. That's all I have.

Garriss: Thank you, Jeff. Charlotte?

Walker: Nellie, I'm going to have to correct you on the 12 acres of property. The State of North Carolina owns that. We do not own it. Talk to the state. The Welcome Center is state of North Carolina property. Kitty Hawk does not own it. I wish they did, but they don't. Thank you, Liliana, for your work. That's amazing job you've done. Thank you.

Garriss: Melody, as far as Ms. Healy's concerned about the drainage ditch being clogged. I think Willie was on top of that. Can you check with him?

Clopton, Melody: Oh, absolutely. Because that is an issue with hurricane season right here. I have a lot of notes today.

Garriss: All right. Good. Thank you. I agree with everyone, the open house at the police station was wonderful. Huge turnout. Every department in this Town worked hard on that project at one point or another and a lot of departments were there that night for the open house. So, thank you all that came. Thank you for all the hard work. Anything else, Council? If not, I'm going to make a motion that we go into Closed Session regarding North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11A3 to consult with the Town Attorney regarding matters protected within the attorney client privilege and to preserve that privilege. Do I have a second?

14. **Closed Session-** N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with the town attorney regarding matters protected within the attorney-client privilege and to preserve that privilege.

Tillett: Second.

Garriss: Second by Dylan. All in favor? I. I. All oppose. Folks, we are in Closed Session. So, I'm going to have to ask you to leave the room, please. Thank you so much for coming.

Garriss: We are back in regular session. Casey, can you please provide a synopsis of the Closed Session.

Varnell, Casey: Town Council entered Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(3) to discuss items that fall within the attorney client privilege.

Garriss: Anything else, Council? If not, I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

15. Adjourn

Pruitt: So, moved.

Walker: Second.

Garriss: All in favor?

All Council: Aye.

Garriss: All opposed? None. We are adjourned, thank you.



TOWN OF KITTY HAWK

Adjourned at 7:33 pm

The Minutes of the September 8, 2025, Kitty Hawk Town Council Meeting are approved at the October 6, 2025, Kitty Hawk Town Council Meeting.

D. Craig Garfiss

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Lauren Fox Garrett

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