Lynn West opened the meeting by reading the minutes from the April meeting. The minutes were approved and the meeting commenced with the discussion of old business.

Old Business:

- Alice Butler reported that the new Christmas Lights were delivered.
- Lynn West proposed that a dedication of the new lights be done in combination with the 2017 Tree Lighting Ceremony. Which is to be held on November 30th.
- The cost for painting lines for the new basketball goal could be anywhere between $17 and 517 dollars. A reusable stencil to be used to paint the lines could be purchased for $150 to 200 dollars.
- The cost to purchase a new gooseneck basketball goal would be around $2000. Alice suggested that the group could possibly ask the businesses in town to contribute to a fund to purchase the goal.
- Anthony Bennett reported that he had spoken with the current owner of the “old” Citizens’ Bank Building and the owner shared with him that he was continuing to make repairs on the building.
- Roland Hall then shared with the group a presentation from the NC Main St. Conference that he had attended. He shared the conference’s website address with the group and talked briefly about the main ideas he took from the conference.
- Several Main points that he shared were; the importance of partnering with others in the community, especially those in the Arts, work with millennial entrepreneurs, knowing your community and the demographic make-up, hold festivals and special events that are unique to your town, celebrate all successes no matter how small, support your existing local business and involve as many people as possible.
- Last item in old business, Alice Butler relayed to the group the unofficial report from the CPNI visit to Roseboro. While the town is still waiting on the official report, the group did share three ideas with town leaders. They are to add more restaurants and possibly a brewery in the downtown area, create a walking trail along the old railroad bed, and to get a festival going.

In New Business:
On the topic of a festival for Roseboro, Allie Strickland shared with a group a presentation with the group on that very topic. She started her presentation with a remark that Roseboro reminds her of Apex, the small town where she was raised and where a successful festival is held annually. A Roseboro “BloomFest”, is what she proposed as a title for the festival. She suggested as one of the first steps would be to get some sponsors for the event. The committee agreed to support Allie’s idea to start a festival with a motion from Alice Butler and a second from Roland Hall.

Alice also invited Allie to come to the next Town Board meeting to present her ideas to the Town Commissioners.

Another note on the festival, an idea was proposed to have a local artist, The Art of Hope, to create an inspirational painting to be auctioned off at the festival.

The next item, Sean Hobbs proposed the creation of a Downtown Business Association which would focus not only on getting the downtown area revitalized, but on beautification of the area.

On that note, Alice shared an idea to have foam flower pots painted and placed around the downtown area, much like Clinton has pigs placed in certain locations.

The meeting concluded with the mention of some events that would be occurring in the near future. On Saturday May 6th, the annual Roseboro 5K, a Toys for Tots event with a Gospel Concert from 11:00-6:00 in the park and a book signing by Chastity Melvin at Roseboro-Salemburg Middle School. Lastly, Allie Strickland shared that would be a “Sip and Shop” event held at the Railroad Steakhouse on May 11th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

The meeting was then adjourned at 7:24, with plans to meet on June 6th at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
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