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2200 Camp Branch Road
Waynesville, NC 28786
April 14, 2022

Subject: Email Dialog with **Jeff Stines**, Public Services Director, NO PARKING sign - Johnson Hill Drive.

This is an off-shoot of my email dialog with **Zeb Smathers** and **Jesse Fowler**, who have yet to respond to anything, other than a RESTRICTED phone call from **Zeb Smathers** personal cell phone.

For background, see, on www.haywoodtp.net :

[Email Dialog, Zeb Smathers + others and the No Parking Sign on Johnson Hill Drive. 4/2/2022...](#)

or

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/220402EmailDialogZebSmathers.pdf>

and

[Email Dialog, Zeb Smathers, Jesse Fowler + others and the No Parking Sign on Johnson Hill Drive, continued. 4/6/2022...](#)

or

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/220406EmailSmathersFowler.pdf>

To further understand the process of how a NO PARKING sign was placed at the end of Johnson Hill Drive, facing towards the end of the street, I initiated a Request for Public Information, directed to **Jeff Stines**, Public Services Director for the Town of Waynesville.

Who knew where this was going to lead?

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Haywood County Taxpayer

Subject: Request for Public Information - Work order for No Parking sign on Johnson Hill Road.

Date: Wed, 6 Apr 2022 15:30:30 -0400

From: Monroe Miller

To: Jeff Stines <jstines@waynesvillenc.gov>

CC: Jesse Fowler <jfowler@waynesvillenc.gov>, Chris Snyder <csnyder@waynesvillenc.gov>, Martha Sharpe Bradley <martha@sosharpe.com>, Rob Hites <rhites@waynesvillenc.gov>, Gary Caldwell <gcaldwell@waynesvillenc.gov>, Eddie Ward <eward@waynesvillenc.gov>

Mr. Stines,

This is a request for public information. I would like to either:

Inspect, or
Receive scanned copies of

Any and all work orders for a No Parking Sign that was installed at the end of Johnson Hill Drive, facing towards the end of the road. This includes every documentation from cradle to grave.

This Request for Public Information is directed to you, because I am presuming that you are the custodian of this information.

Please find enclosed, as a reference,

- A Request for Board Action (pdf) which includes a photo of a garbage truck driving off the road, allegedly somewhere on Johnson Hill Drive, but nowhere near the end of the road, and
- Minutes of the August 10, 2021 Board of Aldermen Meeting, page 5, Board approving No Parking signs, which included Johnson Hill Drive,
- A .jpg photo of the aforementioned garbage truck
- A .jpg photo of the installed No Parking sign at the end of Johnson Hill Road.

I am interested in the documentation path that was taken once this action was approved by the Board of Aldermen, including but not limited to drawings for the location for the sign to be placed, drawings indicating the direction the sign was to face, who signed off on everything, dates, ordering of the sign, and anything else related to the installation of this No Parking sign.

If you are not the custodian of this information, please let me know and I will redirect this Request for Public Information to Jesse Fowler.

Thank you,

Monroe A. Miller, Jr.

Subject: RE: Request for Public Information - Work order for No Parking sign on Johnson Hill Road.

Date: Wed, 6 Apr 2022 19:59:36 +0000

From: Jeff Stines <jstines@waynesvillenc.gov>

To: Monroe Miller

CC: Jesse Fowler <jfowler@waynesvillenc.gov>, Christopher Snyder <csnyder@waynesvillenc.gov>, Martha Sharpe Bradley <martha@sosharpe.com>, Rob Hites <rhites@waynesvillenc.gov>, Gary Caldwell <gcaldwell@waynesvillenc.gov>, Eddie Ward <eward@waynesvillenc.gov>

Mr. Miller,

Thank you for your request, I will have this information to you by early next week.

Sincerely,

Jeff

Subject: Re: Request for Public Information - Work order for No Parking sign on Johnson Hill Road. #2.
Date: Tue, 12 Apr 2022 14:06:24 -0400
From: Monroe Miller
To: Jeff Stines <jstines@waynesvillenc.gov>
CC: Jesse Fowler <jfowler@waynesvillenc.gov>, Christopher Snyder <csnyder@waynesvillenc.gov>, Martha Sharpe Bradley <martha@sosharpe.com>, Rob Hites <rhites@waynesvillenc.gov>, Gary Caldwell <gcaldwell@waynesvillenc.gov>, Eddie Ward <eward@waynesvillenc.gov>

[?]

If the information is ready, do I need to:

Come over and inspect it,
Supply a flashie drive for you to copy it,
Wait for the email?

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Haywood County Taxpayer

Subject: RE: Request for Public Information - Work order for No Parking sign on Johnson Hill Road. #2.
Date: Tue, 12 Apr 2022 20:03:16 +0000
From: Jeff Stines <jstines@waynesvillenc.gov>
To: Monroe Miller
CC: Jesse Fowler <jfowler@waynesvillenc.gov>, Christopher Snyder <csnyder@waynesvillenc.gov>, Martha Sharpe Bradley <martha@sosharpe.com>, Rob Hites <rhites@waynesvillenc.gov>, Gary Caldwell <gcaldwell@waynesvillenc.gov>, Eddie Ward <eward@waynesvillenc.gov>, Ricky Foster <rfoster@waynesvillenc.gov>

Mr. Miller,

See comment(s) below in red.

Sincerely,

Jeff

[**Editor's Note:** I received the following response from Jeff Stines, in red, highlighted in Italics.]

... Any and all work orders for a No Parking Sign that was installed at the end of Johnson Hill Drive, facing towards the end of the road. This includes every documentation from cradle to grave. *No work orders were created for this task. This was relayed verbally to that specific Department Head based on the BOA approval of the installation of said signage.*

... I am interested in the documentation path that was taken once this action was approved by the Board of Aldermen, including but not limited to drawings for the location for the sign to be placed, drawings indicating the direction the sign was to face, who signed off on everything, dates, ordering of the sign, and anything else related to the installation of this No Parking sign. *As stated above, no work order/drawing was created for this task. The sign was placed where the violation of on street parking was noticed by the staff of the Town of Waynesville Public Services and Waynesville PD. The approval came from myself based on the BOA approval for placement of signage that is included in the documentation I have already provided you with. If you have any further request(s)/concerns, feel free to contact me.*

[**Editor's Note:** Wrong Answer. Prompting the following response to **Jeff Stines.**]

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Waynesville, NC 28786
April 14, 2022

Jeff Stines
Public Services Director
Town of Waynesville
jstines@waynesvillenc.gov

Subject: The NO PARKING sign installed at the end of Johnson Hill Drive by the Town of Waynesville.

Your response to my Request for Public Information was the wrong answer.

On “September 13, 2021, two guys wearing work vests hammered the No Parking Sign where it is. **Ed Smathers** and **Dennis Ramsey** were jumping up and down laughing and chapping their hands on 146 (Johnson Hill Drive) property. They told Joe (Lipari) to move his SUV from the road because they would call police and he would get a ticket.”



NO PARKING sign installed at the end of Johnson Hill Drive, facing towards the dead end.

This is one of the most horrific instances of Intimidation and Abuse of Power by the Town of Waynesville and others (and we will get to the “and others”) that I have come across in a long time. The quote above is from a very distressed Lois Hollis, who lives with Joe Lipari at 156 Johnson Hill Drive, at the dead end of the street. **Ira Dove** lives across the street from Lois Hollis. The NO PARKING sign was installed by the City across the street from property owned by Ed Smathers at 146 Johnson Hill Drive as a punitive measure against Lois Hollis and Joseph Lipari.

The sign was specifically installed to harass an elderly couple beyond belief, i.e. Elderly Abuse. An example of harassment inflicted by **Ed Smathers** and **Dennis Ramsey** is shown on a short video clip taken by Joseph Lipari, from behind the “fence from hell” pointing towards the two yelling and communicating threats from **Ed Smathers** porch at 146 Johnson Hill Drive.

Watch the short video (it's only 30 seconds) on www.haywoodtp.net -

[.mp4 - Video. Extreme Elderly Abuse and Communicating Threats towards Joseph Lipari. CAUTION!!! PROFANITY AND OBSCENE GESTURES \(Middle-finger\). Cast of characters: Dennis Ramsey \(baseball cap\) and Ed Smathers. Location: Front porch of 146 Johnson Hill Drive. 9/13/2021. 4/3/2022...](#)

or

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aok--K_KUDxcxsB9fwvhVx5yKgG93VLY/view

I wanted to understand the complicity the Town of Waynesville had in the installation of this sign. I took as the starting point of this matter as the request for this sign having been approved by the Town of Waynesville Board of Aldermen. I requested some seemingly innocent information as to the process that took place by the Waynesville Public Services Department, to understand how this could possibly happen. I made a Requested for Public Information to you, Mr. Stines, on 4/6/2022, and you provided a response on 4/12/2022, in which you appended your response in **red (Italic)**. In part,

... Any and all work orders for a No Parking Sign that was installed at the end of Johnson Hill Drive, facing towards the end of the road. This includes every documentation from cradle to grave. *No work orders were created for this task. This was relayed verbally to that specific Department Head based on the BOA approval of the installation of said signage.* ...

and ...

... I am interested in the documentation path that was taken once this action was approved by the Board of Aldermen, including but not limited to drawings for the location for the sign to be placed, drawings indicating the direction the sign was to face, who signed off on everything, dates, ordering of the sign, and anything else related to the installation of this No Parking sign. *As stated above, no work order/drawing was created for this task. The sign was placed where the violation of on street parking was noticed by the staff of the Town of Waynesville Public Services and Waynesville PD. The approval came from myself based on the BOA approval for placement of signage that is included in the documentation I have already provided you with. If you have any further request(s)/concerns, feel free to contact me.* ...

WTF?

You don't do work orders?

WTF?

Is everything verbal?

Is that why the Town of Waynesville Sewer System is **FUBAR**?

You don't do work orders?

Rob Hites is now planning to borrow \$23.6 Million to fix this Sewer System catastrophe. When the new construction commences, who is going to be overseeing this operation? The guy who does not do work orders? I don't think so. I am inclined to make a recommendation I rarely make, and that will be to get more involvement in this new Sewer System by State and Regional government employees. (More government???)

Perhaps you should consider requesting having the Town of Waynesville send you to Work Order School and retake the refresher course - How to Create Work Orders 101.

Let's start from the end and work to the beginning...

You indicated: "*The sign was placed where the violation of on street parking was noticed by the staff of the Town of Waynesville Public Services and Waynesville PD.*" You have now dragged the Waynesville Police Department into this incestuous cesspool.

Do you happen to "remember", since everything appears to be verbal, the following?

- What and where this violation of on (sic)street parking took place?
- Do you have photos of these alleged parking violations?
- Who were the staff of the Town of Waynesville Public Services employees you referred to? Names please.
- Who were the officers from the Waynesville PD that observed this violation that you referred to? Names please.
- Who were the two employees that actually installed the sign on 9/13/2022? Names please.

I am not in the habit of making a Request for Public Information on issues that are verbal in nature, so I guess I am not really expecting a response to the above questions, since everything is verbal, and there are no work orders.

Backing up to the very beginning, let's see if this scenario doesn't refresh your recollection a little bit.

Jesse Fowler and **Ed Smathers** come marching into the office of Chris Snyder – Streets/Sanitation Superintendent, csnyder@waynesvillenc.gov , and demand he place a NO PARKING sign at the end of Johnson Hill Drive for the purpose of harassing the elderly couple at the end of the street. (Unfortunately, **Ira Dove** lives across the street from Hollis/Lipari, but he is a quiet guy and won't kick up a fuss.) This is escalating to the level of the Hatfield's and McCoy's. This property is owned by **Ed Smathers**, who he rents out to **Sharon** and **Dennis Ramsey** (of video clip fame). It is alleged that the property at 146 Johnson Hill Drive used to be a crack house, hence the problem with parking.

Does that jog your memory?

For some additional background on this, there is an ever expanding set of documentation on this issue on www.haywoodtp.net, which I encourage you to look at. Don't overlook the complaint against **L. Kevin Ensley** and the survey plats by **Ensley** and James Davenport, but concentrate on these two links:

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or

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and

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or

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/220406EmailSmathersFowler.pdf>

Based on that alleged initial interaction between **Ed Smathers, Jesse Fowler** and Chris Snyder, **you** produced and handed me documentation on 4/1/2022 that you had provided to **Jesse Fowler**, that was subsequently placed on the Agenda for a Board of Aldermen meeting, seeking approval to place a NO PARKING sign on Johnson Hill Drive.

TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION
Meeting Date: August 10, 2021

SUBJECT: No Parking Signs

AGENDA INFORMATION: APR 1 2022

Agenda Location: New Business
Item Number:
Department: Public Services
Contact: Jeff Stines, Director of Public Services – Chris Snyder, Street Department Superintendent
Presenter: Jeff Stines

BRIEF SUMMARY: We are having issues on several streets being able to navigate larger trucks/equipment around parked vehicles on the street. This causes a liability of injury to employees and damage to trucks/equipment. We have also had complaints from citizens not being able to access driveways etc.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION: To install “No Parking” signs on the following streets [Prevost Street, Daisy Avenue, Johnson Hill Drive and Morning View Road (see attached photos)]

FUNDING SOURCE/IMPACT: Streets & Sanitation Materials and Supplies



APR 1 2022

Photo Showing a Waynesville garbage truck somewhere on Johnson Hill Dr.

The following is the actual .jpg of the garbage truck driving off the pavement, obtained from Eddie Ward on 4/4/2022, following a Request for Public Information (photo labeled 21-Aug-10-4c):



This photo may or may not have been taken on Johnson Hill Drive, but under any circumstances, it is nowhere near the location that the sign was actually placed. There is no grass anywhere near where the sign was installed. This is a misleading photo, indicating that a garbage truck is having difficulty negotiating parked cars somewhere on Johnson Hill Drive, but in no way shape or form, is it related to your statement: **“we have also had complaints from citizens not being able to access driveways, etc.”**

The Board of Aldermen were clearly misled when they approved this NO PARKING sign on Johnson Hill Drive when they observed this photo in their agenda package.

APR 4 2022

Minutes

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

4. No Parking Signs

- Jeff Stines, Public Services Director

Mr. Jeff Stines explained to the Board that there had been several issues and complaints by citizens on different streets with large trucks and equipment navigating around parked vehicles, and not being able to access their driveways due to the on-street parking. The Board was referred to the pictures in their Board packets showing the parked cars and the limited space for the trucks. He said this was a big liability of injury to employees and damage to trucks or equipment. Mr. Stines stated that the signs would for no parking on either side of the streets.

Alderman Feichter asked Mr. Stines to consider Hemlock Street for no parking signs as well.

A motion was made by Alderman Jon Feichter, seconded by Alderwoman Julia Freeman, to install "No Parking" signs on the following streets (Prevost Street, Daisy Avenue, Johnson Hill Drive, Morning View Road, Calvary Street, Hemlock Street and Ethel Lane.) The motion carried unanimously.

5. Petitions for Traffic Calming Devices

- Jesse Fowler, Assistant Town Manager

Mr. Jesse Fowler, Assistant Town Manager told the Board that the Town had received three completed petitions for traffic calming devices. The locations of these approved by J. M Teague and are recommended to have traffic calming devices placed on the following streets:

1. Auburn Road – speed humps
 - 12' length x 3" height
 - JM Teague Estimate: \$10,400
2. Hendrix Street – speed table
 - 22' length x 3"
 - JM Teague Estimate: \$24,800
3. Ninevah Road – speed humps
 - 12' length x 3" height
 - JM Teague Estimate: \$15,200

The funding for the devices will come "Infrastructure Paving and Improvements" (Powell Bill.)

Additionally, there are no less than twenty (20) criminal and civil complaints that have been filed against Lois Hollis and Joseph Lipari by **Sharon and Dennis Ramsey**. They include, but are not limited to complaints filed with Magistrate Judges, and other multiple complaints, ranging from No Trespass (due to the NO PARKING sign), property damage, stalking, up to a COMPLAINT FOR NO-CONTACT ORDER FOR STALKING OR NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL CONDUCT.

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21CR 053008
21CR 052394
21CR 051811
21CR 052284
21CR 052156
21CR 052293

21 CDV 843
21 CDV 927
21 CDV 932
21 CDV 1298
21 CDV 1299
21 CDV 1300
21 CDV 824
21 CDV 920
21 CDV 926
21 CDV 1295
21 CDV 1296
21 CDV 1297
21 CDV 830

If nothing else, this is certainly an abuse of our court system.

There are several ways we can go. As I mentioned, there are “others” that have their fingerprints all over this issue (this goes back years), and they include:

- **Pat Smathers**
- **James Weaver “Kirk” Kirkpatrick the III**
- **L. Kevin Ensley** is already named in a complaint with the NC Board of Examiners
- + who knows who else that is hiding under a rock.

I am certainly willing and able to start digging further into this history. All I need is a little motivation.

If anyone is interested in my suggestions, they are:

- **Jesse Fowler** should be fired (not up to you).
- You should rip the [expletive deleted] “*signage*” out of the ground (again, not up to you).
- Extend an apology to Lois Hollis and Joseph Lipari, (up to you) for the incalculable pain and suffering these people have endured.

When anyone who is appointed or elected to a position of power, and they either Intimidate someone or Abuse their Power, I will go after them.

Like I said, you gave me the wrong answer. Where we go from here is up to you.

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