

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(6)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: **October 2, 2007**

**TITLE: Request To Set A Public Hearing: Harmony Farms aka Jones Property
Voluntary Annexation**

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ____ NO _X_
ATTACHMENTS: A. Petition for Annexation B. Boundary Description C. Location Map D. Orange Co Land Records Summary E. Rural Fire Dept Debt Information F. Resolution	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Williford 918-7325

PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is to accept a petition for the voluntary annexation of the proposed Harmony Farms aka Jones Property Architecturally Integrated Subdivision and to set a public hearing for October 23, 2007.

INFORMATION

David Hale, Vice President of Priority Development LP, submitted a petition for annexation dated August 15, 2007. The petition requests that the 23.1 acres located at 8112 Old NC 86 be annexed into the Town. The area to be annexed is contiguous to the Town's municipal boundary and is referenced as Tax Map 7.23.C.31F. The vacant acreage proposed for annexation encompasses the site for the proposed 65 lot Harmony Farms aka Jones Property Architecturally Integrated Subdivision. This petition is being submitted in compliance with a condition of the approved CUP authorizing the subdivision.

Orange County Land records identify this property (Tax Map 7.23.C.31F) as being within the New Hope Fire District, tax rate code 07 (See Attachment D). Since this property is within the New Hope fire district the State statutes (G.S. 160A-31.1) requires the municipality to assume that portion of the fire department's annual debt attributable to the tax base of the annexation area. The portion of the New Hope rural fire department's debt attributable to this property this year is approximately \$246.50 (see attachment E). The total lump-sum debt payment attributable to the annexation of this property is estimated to be \$774.40 (See Attachment G).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached resolution that accepts the petition for annexation and sets a public hearing date for October 23, 2007.