

# Town Manager's Weekly Report: (# 129)

For the Week-Ended: Friday, July 17, 2015

- The North Carolina Department of Labor has announced that the Town of Dallas, Public Works Department has been designated for the "SHARPS" occupational safety award, joining previous Town Departmental winners, Electric & Police. As such, Labor Commissioner, Cherie Berry, will be in attendance to begin our August 11<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting and will be officially presenting the award to the Public Works Department.
- Earlier this week, we ordered the new, outdoor Nativity Scene for the Christmas Holiday display on the Courthouse Square, consistent with the approved Budget, and including the secular symbols to allow its display to conform to current legal precedent. The Nativity was ordered from a specialty artisan shop and will be delivered by late October; while the secular holiday symbol statuettes were ordered locally and will be stored upon receipt.
- We received optimistic news this week in our pursuit of the NC Rural Center Economic Development Grant Funding under the "Building Re-use" program, for our planned downtown restaurant project in the Setzer Building. Specifically, our project, as described to State Commerce department staff responsible for the program, was deemed fully eligible for submittal under the \$5,000 per-job-created category (tier 2 Counties) and could potentially yield us \$90,000 to \$100,000 in Grant Funding if the project produces 18-20 full-time-equivalent jobs within the first six months following opening. Knowing this, we are now prepared to submit our application quickly following actual Board approval of the Project agreements.
- Finally, Preservation North Carolina has asked that we provide them a list of local officials who will be attending the Awards Luncheon in Salisbury on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Meroney Theater at 213 S. Main Street – Where the Town of Dallas Courthouse renovation will be Honored with the prestigious, "Gertrude S. Carraway Award of Merit". As such, if you would like to attend, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can sign you up. Mayor Coleman, along with DHCF Board President, Charlotte Jenkins, will be accepting the Award on behalf of the Town. Our Architect, Ellen Harris will also be attending, as will I as Town Manager and Project Coordinator.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**James M. Palenick, Interim Town Manager**