

FYI

Summerfield Town council

June 30, 2008

I wanted to express my concern regarding the recent unanimous vote regarding the Ethic Statement requesting all volunteers to freely admit any civil or criminal charges before serving on a committee

I fear this is information that will be misused by council and other citizens requesting all information be disclosed through the Freedom of Information Act. I have documentation of an events from a year ago from Mrs. Strickland thinking it was pertinent for all to know of a real estate agent losing his license – distributing it out in a mass e-mail and Dwayne Crawford taking it upon himself to further “investigate” this information.—and mass e-mailing his findings to the Summerfield Public.

I also have documentation of a typed letter from Mrs. Gail Dunham addressed to my neighbor her opinions of my husband Jay Copeland. Her opinion of Jay is pointless but what I find alarming is the discussion Doug Canavello is having with Sue Beeson via e-mail regarding Jay Copeland and Tom Valent.

Mr. Canavello is right to express his opinion of why he does not wish to have Jay as a voting member on the P&R committee to Sue Beeson. But why is it ok to mass e-mail his opinion to others outside the committee? Specifically Gail Dunham? Why is it ok to discuss Mr. Valent again regarding his hardship?

I also would like to know if all council members, town manager and all town hall staff have been subjected to criminal/civil background checks. If this procedure is necessary for Summerfield to run as a town—then all checks should begin with Town Hall and Town Council before subjecting volunteers to such.

I find it sad that Summerfield supports such a lame process and also will end this knowing that when a citizen files to run for council – the BOE does ask citizens to disclose bankruptcy—why should volunteers? Also, if a citizen is guilty of such acts, can he/she not serve? If not, then what is the point other than wanting to be nosey and gossip about your neighbors?

Whitney Lee

Summerfield citizen/resident, 44 years.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 20, 2007 3:37 PM  
**Subject:** Thomas R. Valent

Sandra and Jay:

Per the North Carolina Real Estate Commission newsletter received June 14, 2007

(NCREC is a State regulated agency):

"DISCIPLINARY ACTION. Penalties for violations of the Real Estate Law and Commission rules vary depending upon the particular facts and circumstances present in each case. Due to space limitations in the bulletin, a complete description of such facts cannot be reported in the following Disciplinary Action summaries:

"THOMAS R. VALENT (Summerfield) - By Consent, the Commission revoked the broker license of Mr. Valent effective June 1, 2007. The Commission found that Mr. Valent failed to account for and deposit and maintain rents and security deposits belonging to his clients and their tenants in a trust account in accordance with the Commission rules."

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**Cc:** <MBrandt@summerfield-nc.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2007 11:31 AM  
**Subject:** Recent E-mails

I am sure you have received two e-mails this morning from Dwayne Crawford, one that attached a tax lien against a citizen. I just wanted to be sure all realized that the second half of that document contains a "certificate of release", meaning that the individual involved has resolved that tax issue with the IRs.

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**From:** "Dwayne Crawford" <jcrawford@triad.rr.com>  
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**Sent:** Monday, June 25, 2007 12:40 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Thomas R. Valent

Becky,

Regarding issue you pointed out last week where local realtor recently had his broker license revoked due to "*failure to account for and deposit and maintain rents and security deposits belonging to his clients and their tenants in a trust account in accordance with the Commission rules*" ...I did a little poking around at County Court records office on Friday. Here is what I found (*notation: Plaintiff vs. Defendant/Issue*)...

2002

- Beaman Realty Co vs. Tom Valent/Money Owed

2003

- Primrose School of Brassfield vs. Thomas Valent & Catherine Valent/Money Owed

2005

- Winchester, Woodrow vs. Tom Valent, Keller Williams Realty, & Rick Fuller/Money Owed

2006

- Segars & Co LLC and Comm Express of Central NC vs. Thomas Valent/Money Owed
- Overhead Door vs. Tom Valent/Money Owed

2007

- Angel Broughton vs Thomas Valent/Money Owed

Other (possibly related) information...

According to the non-profit research site, Guide Star (<http://www.guidestar.org>), Summerfield Recreation Association's mandatory IRS 990 form is unavailable for years 2005 and 2006. Summerfield

Recreation Assn. 990 forms were filed and available for years 1998 through 2004. A helpful summary for understanding IRS Form 990 can be found at [http://www.npceny.org/Form\\_990/990.htm](http://www.npceny.org/Form_990/990.htm). Per IRS, a non-profit charity organization MUST provide a copy of their 990 filings to anyone who asks (reasonable fee for copy/postage can be charged).

According to Summerfield Recreation Assn. web site (<http://www.summerfieldrec.org>), Tom Valent is current director of sponsorships and given contact for those wishing to donate for SRA sponsorship.

According to County Register of Deeds, Thomas Valent filed for and received a "Certificate of Assumed Name for Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, or Limited Partnership" on October 25, 2006. Assumed name was/is "Summerfield Recreation Associates". County records make no mention of exactly which business Summerfield Recreation Associates (not to be confused with the nonprofit *Summerfield Recreation Association* organization) is an assumed name for. For the record, I asked Mr. Copeland (SRA President) about this assumed name sometime around turn of new year. Mr. Copeland said he knew nothing about the assumed name filing but he speculated it might have something to do with potential SRA business reorganization that had been discussed (not trying to imply anything here - Mr. Copeland sounded very sincere in his statements)

Tom Valent and Jay Copeland work out of same rented office space on Westgate in Greensboro.

Dwayne



Subj: **from Baseball "buddy"**  
Date: 8/12/2007 2:07:08 PM Eastern Daylight Time  
From: GADunham  
To: GADunham

Sorry no email address for you. [GADunham@aol.com](mailto:GADunham@aol.com)

To Roxanne Gilgallon,

The following email from Doug Canavello includes an email from Jay Copeland, "Baseball Buddy."  
Please know that Jay's slanderous accusations about Doug are just not true.

Doug Canavello did not organize the neighborhood signs, Concerned Cicitzen was NOT involved in any way, there was no endangered species to stop any development, Doug never stole from anyone, and certainly not the Friddle family, and NONE of this slander is true. No one in Summerfield should be constantly expected to defend themselves against Jay Copeland and Tom Valent's lies and accusations.

Why is there such a special interest in one piece of property? Becky Strickland wisely asked town council to agree to NO town core septic field on ball fields, but all the others said NO. Would you want a massive town core septic field in your back yard? Adjacent to your property? Would you want 32 high intensity night lights for a Sports Complex in your back yard?

Why is Jay often so outraged and hateful to others? I'm tired of his lies about me.

Why this awful attack on Doug?

Concerned Citizens has no website and what have they done in the last two years? Why the constant drumbeat to hate Concerned Citizens?

I have not met you but ask that you not pass judgment about people you have not met.  
I wish you a measure of peace each and every day.... you may need it for the next three months...  
For some politics in Summerfield is not about the issues ...  
Gail Dunham  
643-1321

In a message dated 8/8/2007 10:06:31 AM Eastern Daylight Time, [doug@pyramidenvironmental.com](mailto:doug@pyramidenvironmental.com) writes:  
Here's what I sent to Sue Beason yesterday.

Sue,

When you mentioned that we should consider bringing Jay Copeland on the committee as a voting member, I thought it important to share with you what type of character the man demonstrates.

Jim Flynt received the following e-mail as a response to his posting on the Northwest Observer weblog regarding his opinion of me and of my capabilities as a candidate for Town Council. Jim responded to Jay, and I also followed up with Jim just to assure him that these accusations were not true (although no-one who knows me at all would think they were; it reminds me of the old law school joke.. 'Have you stopped beating your wife?').

As far as I'm concerned, the SPARC committee would be gravely in error to have this man on its roster. Also, are you aware that Tom Valent has had his real estate license revoked?

from : NC Real Estate Commission website:

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Doug

From Baseball Buddy:

I know of his affiliation with the CC group and he sat on the SPARKS committee for over a year without coming to a meeting until it involved the committee making a decision to move forward with the purchase of the Friddle property for ballfields. This property is about 3/4 of a mile from his. All of a sudden he and all his cronies show up in opposition with all kinds of environmental issues. Also claiming and endangered species of Cape Fear Shiner was living in the runoff creek that was close to the property. This man showed great nepotism in voting for the other property and trying to sway others to do so. This upset several committee members who left outraged and also upset me. I am a member without voting power on this committee. I had asked not to have voting power due to Ms Strickland and Mr Crawford would say I had conflict of interest. So I was just there to advise on the behalf of SRA and ballfields.

All I know about him is he will lie to get what he wants.

He also has stolen from Tim Friddle a deer stand on Jerry Friddle's property. This was told to me by Tim's wife.

So now not only will he lie but he is a thief also. This is not what should represent the Town of Summerfield.

I am glad he could help you and yours out but I am sure he did not do it for FREE. I am sure he gets paid to find problems and help to get them corrected.

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