

Town of Mars Hill
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Monthly Meeting

April 3, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Town Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor John Chandler; Aldermen Larry Davis, Stuart Jolley, Nicholas (Nick) Honeycutt, Robert W. (Bob) Zink

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Moran; Scott Greene; Steven SuBera; Robb Pierce; Laurie Seleski; Stephanie Lounsbury; Lee Hoffman; Darhyl Boone, Town Manager; Jamie Stokes, Town Attorney

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Chandler with first item of business being approval of the March, 2017, Minutes. A motion was made by Nick Honeycutt to approve the Minutes as written. Motion received a second from Bob Zink and was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Bob Zink with second from Stuart Jolley to approve the Agenda as presented. Unanimous approval.

Mayor Chandler called the meeting to a Public Hearing for discussion and public comment on the Town's application to the Parks & Recreation Trust Fund for financial assistance in the purchase of the "Smith Farm" property that connects to the Hoffman Foundation property at Bailey Mountain for outdoor recreation. There were questions from the public about what the property will be used for. Darhyl Boone and Lee Hoffman explained the proposed use for the land. A small committee will be appointed by the Mayor & Aldermen for further review of the use but this meeting is for discussion of the purchase of the property. Laurie Seleski questioned the exact location of the property. Lee Hoffman responded with specific details on the area. With no more discussion or public comment, the Public Hearing was closed and the meeting went back into regular session.

Under the next Agenda item, Manager Darhyl Boone explained some problems the Town is experiencing with utility customers paying their bills. After discussion by the Mayor & Aldermen, there was consensus by the Board for Darhyl to bring the necessary amendments to the Town's Water & Sewer Regulations (policy) for their review.

There was discussion about the Town's recycling practices with Madison County. Darhyl will explore some other alternatives to help reduce costs and man-hours and will present to the Mayor & Board in the next few months for consideration.

Under Old Business, Darhyl announced the Dr. W. Otis Duck Greenway dedication is planned for April 26, 2017, 1:00 p.m., at Ponder Field.

With no New Business meeting moved to Public Comment. Laurie Seleski asked what the Town is doing about the littering by college students around Town. Darhyl explained what measures the Town takes with the Sheriff's Department, etc. Bob Zink discussed measures that are taken with the State of NC

Adopt-A-Highway Program. Darhyl further explained that littering has been an on-going problem for decades and will, no doubt, continue. Littering was and will always be an uphill battle.

A motion was made by Bob Zink, second by Stuart Jolley, to adjourn the April 3 meeting. Unanimous approval.

Darhyl Boone