

Town of Mars Hill
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Monthly Meeting

December 14, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Town Hall

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Anna Freeman, News Record and Sentinel; Darhyl Boone, Town Manager; Larry Leake, Town Attorney

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chandler with the first item of business being approval of the October, 2015, Minutes. A motion was made by Bob Zink, second from Larry Davis, to approve the Minutes as written. Unanimous approval.

A motion was made by Stuart Jolley to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion received a second from Larry Davis and was unanimously accepted.

Mayor Chandler administered the Oath of Office to Larry Davis and Stuart Jolley.

A motion was made by Bob Zink with second by Larry Davis to re-appoint John Chandler to another term on the Fireman's Relief Fund Board. Motion received unanimous approval.

A motion was made by Bob Zink to deny a Request for Non-Contiguous Annexation by Ernest Hays, 531 Green Meadow Lane, Mars Hill due to the inability to fulfill obligation of Town services. The motion received a second from Stuart Jolley and unanimous approval.

A Budget Amendment of \$25,000.00 in the Police Department was presented. The Amendment received unanimous approval on a motion by Larry Davis and second from Stuart Jolley.

The quarterly Financial Statement for period ended September 30, 2015 received unanimous approval following a motion by Stuart Jolley and second by Larry Davis.

Under New Business, Mayor John Chandler received a letter from Robert Moore and Lucy Pearson at 381 North Main Street (old Ed Krause house) concerning the danger of their driveway on North Main. Darhyl will contact NC Department of Transportation since this is a State road.

Being no Public Comment, a motion was made by Bob Zink, second by Stuart Jolley, and unanimous approval that the meeting go into Closed Session to discuss possible property acquisition.

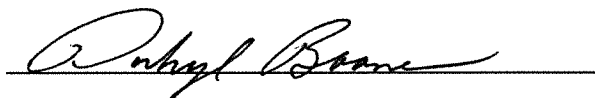
A motion was made by Stuart Jolley, second by Larry Davis, with unanimous approval to return to Open Session.

A motion was made by Stuart Jolley that the Town pursue a PARTF Grant to acquire the Smith Farm property (88 acres) which joins the Hoffman Foundation Property (250 acres) to allow this as future outdoor recreation. The Hoffman Foundation will work to acquire the matching money for this grant. The motion received a second from Larry Davis and was unanimously approved.

A motion from Bob Zink, second from Stuart Jolley, was made to approve a \$1,000/year pay increase for Shawna Mace's completion of training to do accounts payable to be retroactive to December 1, 2015. Motion received unanimous approval.

A motion was made by Larry Davis to approve an hourly pay rate of \$19.50 for Bryan Hopps and \$18.50 for Nathan Waldrup as Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief respectively. The motion receive a second from Bob Zink with unanimous approval.

Motion by Bob Zink, second by Stuart Jolley, and unanimous approval to adjourn the meeting.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Beane", is written over a horizontal line.