

Town of Mars Hill
Mars Hill, NC 28754

MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Monthly Meeting

March 6, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Town Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor John Chandler; Aldermen Nicholas (Nick) Honeycutt and Robert W. (Bob) Zink

OTHERS PRESENT: Anna Richarde, The News Record and Sentinel; Marcus Barksdale; Darhyl Boone, Town Manager; Jamie Stokes, Town Attorney

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Chandler with first item being approval of the Minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Nick Honeycutt, second by Bob Zink.

A motion was made by Bob Zink, second from Nick Honeycutt, to approve the Agenda as written with the exception of a closed session for discussion of a personnel issue.

Mayor Chandler announced that the meeting would go into a Public Hearing to review the Request for Annexation by Sorota Mars Hill, LLC. After review and discussion, Mayor Chandler announced the meeting would return to regular session. A motion was made by Bob Zink, second by Nick Honeycutt, to approve the Ordinance to Extend the Corporate Limits of the Town of Mars Hill. Unanimous decision.

Mayor Chandler announced that the meeting will again go into a Public Hearing to discuss the Town applying to the Parks & Recreation Trust Fund for grant assistance in purchasing the Smith Farm property that adjoins Bailey Mountain for the purpose of outdoor recreation. There was discussion by the Mayor & Aldermen and the public was invited to give comments. No public comments were given.

Mayor & Aldermen discussed a possible time and date to hold a dedication ceremony for the new Dr. W. Otis Duck Greenway. The event will be held the last week in April. Precise date and time to be determined.

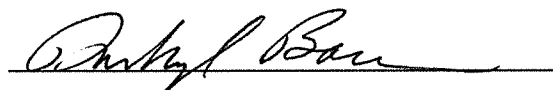
Being no Old Business, the next item on the Agenda was New Business. Nick Honeycutt announced he has had some Town residents expressing concern about the blind driveway exit from the Edna Moore Dorm on Bailey Street. Darhyl will report the concern to Mars Hill University.

Being no Public Comment, a motion was made by Bob Zink for the meeting to go into closed session for discussion of personnel with second from Nick Honeycutt and unanimous approval. After a brief session, a unanimous decision on a motion by Bob Zink, second from Nick Honeycutt, to return to open session.

Nick Honeycutt made a motion to approve a \$600.00 per year salary increase for Nathan Waldrup and Bryan Hopps for receiving their Fire Investigator Technician Certification. Motion received a second from Mayor Chandler and was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mayor Chandler to appoint Jamie Stokes as the Town's Attorney at a \$600/mo. retainer. The motion received a second from Nick Honeycutt and unanimous acceptance.

Bob Zink, second from Mayor Chandler, with unanimous approval to adjourn.

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