

Town of Mars Hill  
**MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
Monthly Meeting

October 3, 2016  
7:00 p.m.

Town Hall

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** 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 August, 2016, Minutes. The Minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Stuart Jolley and second from Larry Davis.

Being no Agenda Modifications, a motion was made by Nick Honeycutt to approve the Agenda as presented. Unanimous approval.

Darhyl Boone gave an update on funding for the possible purchase of the Smith Farm property connecting to Bailey Mountain for a future outdoor recreation area. A Clean Water Management Trust Fund grant has been approved for \$411,000.00 and a possible Land & Water Conservation Fund grant of \$250,000.00. Work will continue on the project.

There was discussion about the possible use of residential dwellings for vacation rentals. No action was taken on this matter.

A motion was made by Nick Honeycutt to approve the Project Budget for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. The project is estimated to cost \$975,300.00 with funding from Golden Leaf of \$487,650.00, US Department of Commerce – Economic Development Administration \$390,120.00 and the Town of Mars Hill \$97,530.00. The motion received a second by Stuart Jolley and was unanimously approved.

Under Old Business there was discussion about upgrades to the alley between Cornwell Hall and the down-town businesses. Planning for this project will continue.

Under New Business there was discussion concerning the possibility of allowing some portion of street level down-town business buildings being used as residential. Darhyl will take this matter to the Planning & Zoning Board for review and discussion.

With no Public Comment, Bob Zink made a motion that the meeting go into Closed Session for personnel matters. Motion received a second by Stuart Jolley and was unanimously accepted.

Motion by Bob Zink, second by Stuart Jolley, that the meeting go back into Open Session. Unanimously approved. John Chandler made a motion to approve a \$500.00/year salary increase for certifications received by three firemen, retroactive to the date of certification. The firemen are: Asheley Davis,

Nathan Waldrup and Timothy Barr. Motion received a second from Nick Honeycutt and was unanimously approved.

Bob Zink made a motion to adjourn. Motion received second from Stuart Jolley and was unanimously approved.

  
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