## Town of Mars Hill

## **MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

Monthly Meeting

October 5, 2015 7:00 p.m.

Town Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor John Chandler; Aldermen Stuart Jolley, Nicholas (Nick) Honeycutt; Robert

W. (Bob) Zink

OTHERS PRESENT:

Eddie Fox, Fire Chief; Darhyl Boone, Town Manager; Larry Leake, Town Attorney

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chandler with the first order of business being approval of the August, 2015, Minutes. A motion was made by Nick Honeycutt, second from Stuart Jolley, to approve the Minutes as written. Unanimous approval.

On a motion by Bob Zink, second by Nick Honeycutt, and unanimous approval, the Agenda was accepted as presented with no modifications.

Under Old Business, Darhyl asked the Mayor and Board to consider approval of a minimum water rate to be charged for each rental unit in excess of a basement apartment.

Darhyl explained that the banners that are sometimes stretched across Highway 213 are a liability to install and could be a potential danger due to the wires which hold them being attached to one of the down-town buildings. He recommends that the installation to the building be disconnected and another area be used for this purpose. The Mayor and Aldermen were in agreement with this recommendation.

Darhyl announced that the County Commissioners recommended the Town's Grant Application for Wastewater Improvements to the Golden Leaf as one of the three applications that can be submitted to the Foundation.

Under New Business, the Town just received official notification that the Mars Hill Commercial District, down-town, has been entered into the National Registry of Historic Places.

There was discussion about the State's new procedures for closing a State road. The new process requires the Town to adopt an Ordinance and the liability of any damages is solely on the entity closing the road.

There will be a Library Dedication on Saturday, October 17, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

There was discussion about a down-town Christmas event this year. The merchants seem to be interested and more involved in the process.

With no Public Comment, Stuart Jolley made a motion that the meeting go into Closed Session to discuss personnel matters. The motion received a second by Nick Honeycutt and was unanimously approved.

Motion by Stuart Jolley, second by Bob Zink, to return to Open Session received unanimous approval.

Bob Zink made a motion to adjourn the meeting . The motion received a second by Stuart Jolley and was unanimously approved.

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