

Town of Mars Hill

MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

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Mayor
Nicholas A. Honeycutt
Vice-Mayor
Robert W. Zink
Treasurer
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Clerk
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Secretary

MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING Mars Hill Town Hall – Conference Room September 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

The Town of Mars Hill Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in special session on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Mars Hill Town Hall pursuant to a duly posted notice.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor John Chandler; Aldermen Larry Davis, Nicholas (Nick)

Honeycutt (by teleconference), Stuart Jolley, and Robert W. (Bob) Zink

STAFF PRESENT: Nathan R. Bennett, Town Manager

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Chandler. Mayor Chandler welcomed those in attendance.

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Chandler asked the Board to review the proposed agenda for approval. Upon review of the agenda, Mayor Chandler called for a motion. Alderman Bob Zink made a motion that the agenda be approved as presented. Alderman Stuart Jolley seconded the motion. Upon a call for a vote on the motion by the Mayor, the agenda was approved unanimously. (Attachment A)

N.C. Department of Environmental Quality Water System Feasibility Study Grant

The Mayor addressed the first item of business, that being a proposed grant application to the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality for funds to conduct a study of the Town's water infrastructure. The Mayor recognized Town Manager Nathan Bennett who provided a summary of the proposed project. Mr. Bennett advised the Board that this grant, if awarded, would provide up to \$50,000 for an evaluation of the Town's current water system infrastructure and conduct a merger regionalization study exploring opportunities for interconnection and water supply between Mars Hill and the towns of Weaverville and Marshall. There is no required local match. Mr. Bennett advised the Board that it has been over ten years since any such evaluation has been conducted and that this project would give the Town valuable information on our current position and recommendations for future system improvements. Further, the Town currently has a water system interconnection with the Town of Weaverville, which has been in place for over ten years, and the governing agreement between the

towns has expired and may need to be revised. Mr. Bennett stressed to the Board that any recommendations made as a result of the study would not be binding on the Town and any resulting implementation will be at the discretion of the Town of Mars Hill. Mr. Bennett reviewed the proposed resolution with the Board providing authorization to file a grant application for the water infrastructure study. Following discussion by the Board, Mayor Chandler called for a motion. Alderman Zink made a motion to approve the proposed resolution titled "Authorization to File a Water Infrastructure Study Grant Application to the State of North Carolina." Alderman Larry Davis seconded the motion. Upon a call for a vote on the motion by the Mayor, the motion was approved unanimously. (Attachment B)

Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, Mayor Chandler called for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Zink made a motion to adjourn, Alderman Jolley seconded the motion. Upon a call for a vote on the motion by the Mayor, the motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.

Approved and authenticated this the _7th __ day of _October_, 2019.

John L(Chandler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nathan R. Bennett, Town Manager

ATTACHMENT A



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AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING Mars Hill Town Hall Conference Room September 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

- 1. Call to Order Mayor John L. Chandler
- 2. Approval of Agenda
- 3. N.C. Department of Environmental Quality Water System Feasibility Grant a. **RESOLUTION** Authorization to Submit Application
- 4. Adjourn



Town of Mars Hill

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZATION TO FILE A WATER INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the Federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987 and the North Carolina Water Infrastructure

Act of 2005 (NCGS 159G) have authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units

of government in financing the cost of merger and regionalization study grants; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mars Hill has need for and intends to conduct a merger regionalization study project

described as exploring opportunities for interconnection and water supply between Weaverville,

Mars Hill, and Marshall; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mars Hill intends to request state grant assistance for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF MARS HILL THE FOLLOWING:

That the Town of Mars Hill, the **Applicant**, will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State grant award.

That Nathan Bennett, Town Manager, the **Authorized Official**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the **Applicant** with the State of North Carolina for a grant to aid in the project described above.

That the Authorized Official, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project: to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the **Applicant** has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

ADOPTED this the 19th day of September, 2019 by the Town of Mars Hill Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Attest:

STUART L. JOLI Town Clerk JOHN L. CHANDLER,

Mayor



Notice of Special Meeting of the Town of Mars Hill Mayor and Board of Aldermen Scheduled for 19 September 2019

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mars Hill Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall, pursuant to NC Gen. Stat. 160A-71 and NC Gen. Stat. 143-318.12(b)(2), hold a special meeting at the following designated place and time:

Date of Meeting:	Thursday, 19 September 2019
Time of Meeting:	9:00 a.m.
Place of Meeting:	Mars Hill Town Hall Large Conference Room 280 North Main Street Mars Hill, North Carolina
Purpose of Meeting:	Review and take possible action to authorize a water system study grant application to the NC Department of Environmental Quality.
This the 17 th day of September 2019.	
	John L. Chandler, Mayor
Posted as required by NC Gen. Stat. 153A-40(b) and NC Gen. Stat. 143-318.12(b)(2) on this 17 th day of September, 2019 at 8:55 o'clock a.m.	

Nathan R. Bennett, Town Manager