

Town of Mars Hill
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Monthly Meeting

May 5, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Town Hall

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. & Mrs. Jon VanHoff; Jan Shepherd, Madison County Health Department; Sonya Coates; George Shepherd; Larry Leake, Town Attorney; Darhyl Boone, Town Manager

Mayor Chandler called the meeting to order with the first item of business being approval of the March, 2014, Minutes including CDBG Public Hearing on March 25, 2014 and March 27, 2014. A motion was made by Nick Honeycutt to approve the Minutes as written. The motion received a second from Larry Davis and was unanimously approved.

Under Agenda Modification, Bob Zink requested that the Agenda be modified to include the Financial Statement. A motion was made by Nick Honeycutt, second from Bob Zink, to approve the Agenda with the requested modifications. The motion received unanimous acceptance.

Ms. Jan Shepherd, Health Director for the Madison County Health Department, gave a brief presentation about the Board of Health's work concerning tobacco free spaces. The Madison County Board of Health is considering a rule restricting tobacco use in government spaces which will include all the Towns within the County. Ms. Shepherd explained that the Board of Health has been working on this issue for about eighteen months and, due to the impact on local governments, felt it necessary to inform the towns and receive any concerns or input. Ms. Shepherd expressed that Public Hearings will be conducted by the Board of Health and the Town is encouraged to contact her any time with regards to concerns or comments.

A motion was made by Bob Zink to approve a Resolution in support of an application to participate in the North Carolina Small Town Main Street Program. The motion received a second by Larry Davis and was unanimously approved. The Main Street Program offers free technical assistance for down-town revitalization efforts through the NC Department of Commerce.

A motion was made by Bob Zink, second by Nick Honeycutt, to approve a Cooperative Agreement between the Towns of Mars Hill and Weaverville and the Madison and Buncombe County Soil and Water Conservation Districts to work together to help improve the water quality in the Ivy River Watershed. The motion received unanimous approval.

A motion was made by Larry Davis to approve the March 31, 2014, Financial Statement. The motion received a second from Nick Honeycutt and was unanimously approved.

Being no Old Business, the next item of business was New Business. Darhyl explained that Madison County 911 has requested Town approval for a road name petition. The new road will serve the Mars

Hill Commons Housing Complex located on Roy Edwards Lane, State Road # 1553. The first choice of road name is Mars Hill Commons Lane; second choice, Mars Hill Commons Way and third choice, Mars Hill Commons Road. Nick Honeycutt made a motion to approve the Road Name Petition. Larry Davis gave a second and the motion was unanimously accepted.

Other New Business included a discussion of a request received by Mayor Chandler to conduct an adult softball league at the Town's Recreation Park. There was discussion and Darhyl will contact the County Recreation Director for further review.

Under Public Comment, Ms. Sonya Coates requested that the Mayor & Aldermen consider becoming a Certifying Organization for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. The program awards volunteers for their service and there are many young and old who volunteer their service in the Mars Hill area. To become a Certifying Organization, someone will have to take a short e-course and receive a code to submit applications. The Mayor and Aldermen voiced an interest and Nick Honeycutt expressed that he would be willing to do the short course. Ms. Coates will send Darhyl additional information on the Program.

With no further Public Comment, Bob Zink made a motion, second by John Chandler, that the meeting go into Closed Session for discussion of personnel matters. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Bob Zink made a motion that the meeting go back into Open Session. Larry Davis gave a second to the motion and it was unanimously accepted.

Mayor Chandler made a motion to approve a \$.50/hour salary increase for Gordon Peek retroactive to his six month probation period. The motion was seconded by Nick Honeycutt and unanimously approved.

With no further business, Bob Zink made a motion, second from Larry Davis, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion received unanimous approval.
