

**Town of Blowing Rock
Town Council 2022 Annual Retreat
February 14, 15 and 16, 2022**

The Town of Blowing Rock Town Council met for their annual retreat on Monday, February 14, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. at the American Legion, Blowing Rock, North Carolina. Present were Mayor Charlie Sellers, Mayor Pro-Tem Doug Matheson, Council Members Albert Yount, David Harwood, Melissa Pickett and Pete Gherini. Also present were Town Manager Shane Fox, Parks and Recreation Director Jennifer Brown, Public Works and Utilities Director Matt Blackburn, Planning Director Kevin Rothrock, Police Chief Aaron Miller, Fire Chief Kent Graham, Finance Officer Nicole Norman, Town Engineer Doug Chapman, Town Clerk Hilari Hubner, who recorded the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sellers called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, February 14th and welcomed everyone. Mayor Pro-Tem Matheson made a motion to open the meeting, seconded by Council Member Harwood. Unanimously approved.

Monday Items Discussed:

- Review of the Past Year Retreat Topics and Accomplishments
- 2021-2022 Mid-Year Financial Update
- Debt and Bond Update
- Fund Balance Update
- 2022 vs. 2012 vs. 2002 – The Next 20 Years

The meeting recessed from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

- 2022 Board Appointments
- Watauga County Property Tax Revaluation
- EMS Discussion
- Solar Sustainability
- Underground Utilities

At 5:30 p.m. Council recessed for the evening.

On Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. at the meeting reconvened. Present were Mayor Charlie Sellers, Mayor Pro-Tem Doug Matheson, Council Members Albert Yount, David Harwood, Melissa Pickett and Pete Gherini. Also present were Town Manager Shane Fox, Parks and Recreation Director Jennifer Brown, Public Works and Utilities Director Matt Blackburn, Planning Director Kevin Rothrock, Police Chief Aaron Miller and Finance Officer Nicole Norman, Town Engineer Doug Chapman, Town Clerk Hilari Hubner, who recorded the minutes.

Tuesday Items Discussed:

- Blowing Rock TDA
- Parking Inventory
- Paid Parking
- Enforcement
- Satellite Parking
- Shuttle Options

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- Parks and Rec Committee – Strategic Plan
- Parks and Rec Committee – Next steps
- 10 Year Capital Planning – Streets
- 10 Year Capital Planning – Water and Sewer – Plants and Lines
- 10 Year Capital Planning – Town Buildings
- 10 Year Capital Planning – Water Meters

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On Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., the meeting was reconvened. Present were Mayor Charlie Sellers, Mayor Pro-Tem Doug Matheson, Council Members Albert Yount, David Harwood, Melissa Pickett and Pete Gherini. Also present were Town Manager Shane Fox, Parks and Recreation Director Jennifer Brown, Public Works and Utilities Director Matt Blackburn, Planning Director Kevin Rothrock, Police Chief Aaron Miller and Finance Officer Nicole Norman, Town Engineer Doug Chapman, Town Clerk Hilari Hubner, who recorded the minutes.

Wednesday Items Discussed:

- Traffic and Pedestrian Safety – 321 Traffic Issues Update
- Governors Highway Safety Grant
- Downtown Planning and Zoning – Overlay District
- Outdoor Restaurant Seating
- 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update
- Town Council Update on Procedures and Policies

The meeting recessed from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

- Stakeholders Presentations – Village Foundation
- Stakeholders Presentations-BRCA
- Stakeholders Presentations – Historical Society – 1888 and Edgewood
- Council, Manager and staff worked on developing a priority summary of items in which they wish to accomplish in the next year and beyond.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

ADJOURN

At 4:00 p.m. with no further business to discuss Mayor Pro-Tem Matheson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Harwood. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR _____ **ATTEST** _____

Charlie Sellers, Mayor

Hilari Hubner, Town Clerk