

MINUTES
Town of Blowing Rock
Town Council
Mid-Year Retreat
June 26, 2023

The Town of Blowing Rock Town Council held their Mid-Year on Monday, June 26, 2023. The meeting was held at Town Hall located at 1036 Main Street, Blowing Rock. Present were Mayor Charlie Sellers, Mayor Pro-Tem Doug Matheson, Council Members Albert Yount, David Harwood, Melissa Pickett, and Pete Gherini. Others in attendance were Interim Town Manager Kevin Rothrock, Finance Officer Nicole Norman, Parks and Recreation Director Jennifer Brown, Interim Planning and Inspections Director Brian Johnson, Police Chief Aaron Miller, Emergency Services Director Kent Graham, and Town Clerk Hilari Hubner, who recorded the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sellers called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION

Topics Discussed

- Wayfinding Signage – Presentation given by Destination by Design
- Storm Water Fund/Utility – Presentation given by McGill.
- Memorial Park Bathrooms – Bid Summary – Council consensus was to have the bathrooms portion on the July agenda and staff to re-prioritize the PARTF portion and present it at the August meeting.
- Main Street Project – McGill gave a timeline update.
- Town Cemetery Expansion – Update on section 8, still working on a plan.
- Food Trucks Discussion – Council asked for a report at the July meeting to get feedback on how the trial run is for July 4th festival weekend. Also asked for the Chamber to help inform the local restaurants and get their feedback.
- Paid Parking
- BRAAC – Role and responsibility/Parks and Rec Advisory Board – Council consensus was to bring back to Council at the September meeting.
- Green Hill Communication Building

UPDATE TOPICS

- Parade
- BR Academy
- Town Hall Renovations & Front walk replacement/plumbing/electrical
- Comprehensive Plan Update
- Symphony July 21st
- Tour of Homes July 28th
- Community Service Days – Adding to Employee Handbook

ADJOURN

At 5:00 p.m. Council Member Harwood made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Pickett. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR _____ **ATTEST** _____
Charlie Sellers **Hilari Hubner, Town Clerk**