

**MINUTES
Town of Blowing Rock
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting-June 8, 2010**

The Town of Blowing Rock Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at Town Hall located at 1036 Main Street, Blowing Rock. Present were Mayor J.B. Lawrence, Commissioners Albert Yount, Phillip Pickett, Tommy Klutz, Doug Matheson, and Jim Steele. Others in attendance were Town Manager Scott, Hildebran, Town Attorney Allen Moseley, Town Engineer Doug Chapman, Planning Director Kevin Rothrock, Finance Officer Nicole Norman, Police Chief Eric Brown, Public Works Director Mike Wilcox, Parks & Recreation Director Jennifer Brown, EMS Director Kent Graham, and Town Clerk Sharon Greene.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lawrence called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Steele made a motion to approve the minutes for meetings held on May, 11, 18, 19, and 25, 2010 as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pickett. Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. FY 2010-2011 Budget (Ordinance #2010-12)

Mr. Hildebran advised the Recommended 2010-2011 Budget was presented to Council on May 11, 2010 for their review and worksessions were held on May 18, 19, and 25, 2010.

Also, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 159-12 (b), the public hearing and public notice of budget availability had been duly advertised in *The Blowing Rocket*.

As in the past five years, the property tax rate would remain at \$0.28 per \$100 of the value. The only change in fees would be a \$3.00 per month charge for curbside recycling, a reduction in the interconnection fee of \$1.00 per month, and an increase of \$0.50 per month for both water and sewer charges, producing a net effect of zero to water/sewer account holders.

Commissioner Yount asked Mr. Hildebran to elaborate further as to why the budget had not decreased as in other areas. Mr. Hildebran advised that Blowing Rock's budget had always been fairly conservative and the decrease in sales tax revenue had not affected

the Town's budget as in larger places because Blowing Rock did not rely largely on this revenue due to our smaller population and sales tax being distributed on a per capita basis. Mr. Hildebran also stated the various Master Plans helped to guide the steady timing of funds spent rather than having peaks and valleys. He said that department heads were also very frugal with their spending.

With no further comments, a motion was made by Commissioner Pickett, seconded by Commissioner Klutz to close the public hearing. Unanimously approved. Commissioner Matheson then made a motion to adopt the FY 2010-2011 Budget as recommended. Commissioner Pickett seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

FY 2010-2011 Budget Ordinance #2010-12 – Exhibit A

Mayor Lawrence thanked Mr. Hildebran for his hard work preparing the budget. Mr. Hildebran then thanked Finance Director Norman and Department Heads for their help with the budget process.

2. CUP #2010-01 Up on the Hill Subdivision

Mr. Hildebran advised the applicant had requested this item be postponed until a later date, possibly the July meeting. Commissioner Klutz, seconded by Commissioner Pickett made a motion to postpone the Up on the Hill Subdivision CUP #2010-01 as requested. Unanimously approved.

Mayor Lawrence and Commissioner Steele asked to be recused from the next agenda items due to their membership at the Blowing Rock Country Club.

3. CUP #2010-02 Blowing Rock Country Club

Sworn to speak during the public hearing were Planning Director Kevin Rothrock and Mr. Dan Page of the Blowing Rock Country Club.

Planning Director Rothrock presented Council with a request from Blowing Rock Country Club for a major amendment to their conditional use permit for a 2,440 sq. ft. and exterior renovations to their clubhouse.

Mr. Rothrock commented that in 2009, an addition to the clubhouse kitchen had been approved through a minor CUP amendment and this work was currently being completed under Phase 1A.

Mr. Rothrock said the proposed changes for the major amendment under Phase 1B are more substantial and required Planning Board recommendation and Council approval. During their May 20th meeting, the Planning Board recommended approval of the CUP amendment.

Commissioner Pickett commented that he thought the changes were an improvement to the clubhouse. With no further comments, Commissioner Pickett made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Klutz. Unanimously approved.

Commissioner Klutz made a motion to approve CUP #2010-02 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Matheson. Unanimously approved.

Mayor Lawrence and Commissioner Steele reentered the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Revised Resolution: Watauga County Solid Waste Management Plan (Res #2010-11)

Council received a Resolution to Accept and Endorse the revised 2009 Watauga County Solid Waste Management Plan. Mr. Hildebran stated that Watauga County was applying for an Abandoned Mobile Homes Cleanup Program Grant through NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources. The grant required that the County include specific language in their Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) that deals with abandoned mobile homes and that each town in Watauga County must adopt a resolution to accept and endorse the County's revised plan.

With no further comments, a motion was made by Commissioner Pickett, seconded by Commissioner Steele to accept Resolution #2010-11 as presented. Unanimously approved.

Resolution #2010-11 Watauga County Solid Waste Management Plan – Exhibit B

2. Bids – Curbside Recycling & 18-Gallon Bins

Mr. Hildebran advised that upon adoption of the proposed FY 2010-2011 Budget, the following actions were required.

- 1) The Town of Blowing Rock received Requests for Proposals for residential curbside recycling. The proposals were as follows:

	<u>Bid</u>
GDS (Boone)	\$3.00/mo.
High Country Waste Solutions (Boone)	\$3.21/mo.
L&S Recycling (Morganton)	\$5.00/mo

The weekly service would include curbside recycling to all 1,700 residential solid waste customers with collection of the "The Big Five" – Aluminum, Glass, Paper, Plastic & Steel.

- 2) The Town of Blowing Rock received bids for 2000 18-gallon curbside recycling bins. The bids were as follows:

	<u>Bid</u>
Rehrig Pacific Co. (via GDS)	\$19,035
The Fibrex Group (Suffolk Va.)	\$13,900
Otto Environmental (Charlotte)	\$13,020

Staff recommended approval of the curbside recycling contract with GDS and the award of the recycling bin bid to Otto Environmental for \$13,020.

Mr. Hildebran stated the curbside recycling would begin August 1, 2010 and the days for pick up would be Thursday and Friday. The schedule for neighborhoods would be determined later.

Commissioner Klutz made a motion to approve the recycling contract with GDS and award the contract to Otto Environmental for recycling bins in the amount of \$13,020 as recommended by staff. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pickett. Unanimously approved.

Recycling Agreement – Exhibit C

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Mr. Hildebran gave an update on the Robbins Pool at Broyhill Park. He stated that in the first eight days the new facility was open approximately \$14,000 was received compared to \$3,500 last year during this time.

Town Manager Hildebran stated that he had received an item that was not on the agenda that needed approval from Council. He presented Change Order No. 2 for the final close out of the Robbins Pool project. During their April meeting, Council approved a change order for the addition of a window which McGill Associates agreed to pay one half of the total cost. Mr. Hildebran stated with the approval of the final change order there would be a credit of \$245.00 making all contract costs a total of \$1,089,564.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Pickett, seconded by Commissioner Klutz to approve Robbins Memorial Swimming Pool Improvements Change Order No. 2 as presented. Unanimously approved.

Robbins Pool Project Change Order No 2 – Exhibit D

He also mentioned that Town Hall had received an Automated External Defibrillator via grant funding and training would begin soon. He said the Town hoped to get other defibulators for police cars and other locations as well. He advised the approximate cost was \$1,300.00 per unit.

ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

MAYOR _____
J.B. Lawrence

ATTEST _____
Sharon Greene, Town Clerk

ATTACHMENTS(June 8, 2010)
FY 2010-2011 Budget Ordinance #2010-12 – Exhibit A
Resolution #2010-11 Watauga County Solid Waste Management Plan – Exhibit B
Recycling Agreement – Exhibit C
Robbins Pool Project Change Order No 2 – Exhibit D