

MINUTES

Blowing Rock Board of Commissioners

Monday, June 28, 2004

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners for the Town of Blowing Rock met in special session on Monday, June 28, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. Present were Mayor J. B. Lawrence, Commissioners Barbara Ball, Terry Lentz, Keith Tester, and Rita Wiseman. David Wray was out of town and arrived at 4:25 p.m. Also present were Town Manager Scott Hildebran and Town Clerk Barbara Beach.

Mayor Lawrence called the meeting to order. Mr. Hildebran reported on the following matters relating to water treatment and storage. He advised Council that one of the new high service pumps has a damaged shaft, and staff is working to resolve this problem. Also, workers have been inspecting the interior of the water tank on Green Hill and have found three small cracks in the floor of the tank. These will be repaired in the next few days. In addition, the water treatment plant was forced to shut down over the past weekend due to a broken pump, but a replacement has been ordered and installed. Mr. Hildebran received notice that NCDENR has denied the Town's initial appeal of a fine levied as a result of spilling finished water into the Middle Fork of the New River in October. Mr. Hildebran will submit the request to the next level in hopes of gaining approval of the appeal.

Engineers Andy Lovingood and Doug Chapman of McGill Associates were present to discuss water/sewer and stormwater issues. Mr. Chapman reviewed NCDENR regulations for individual sewage pumps in comparison with those for septic tanks.

McGill Memo attached as Exhibit A

Council members discussed the problems of dealing with aging septic tanks that are being converted to individual pumping stations. At the present time, the Town has no ordinances to regulate the placement of these pumping stations, and Council members discussed drafting new language to regulate sewer storage units and possible effects on property owners for new construction and renovation of existing homes. Mr. Lentz stated his preference for storage under the structure. He believes homeowners should not be allowed to use old septic tanks for storage, and that the Town should specify the pre-constructed units.

Council agreed to appoint a committee to draft guidelines for Council consideration concerning a code amendment for these regulations. Committee members are: McGill Associates, Council member Terry Lentz, Town Manager Scott Hildebran, Public Works Director Johnny Lentz, and Building Inspector John Warren.

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Council also discussed the need for drafting a plan for installation of new sewer line construction so that property owners will know when they may expect extensions into their neighborhoods. Town Manager Hildebran recommended that Council delay sewer installation until Spring/Summer 2005. At that time, the Town will install sewer in the Green Hill Circle area and the North Green Hill Road area. Council concurred

with this recommendation and suggested notification to property owners be made this summer on the pending project.

Members also discussed possible implementation of a master stormwater management plan. Mr. Lawrence requested that the engineers identify and prioritize problem areas in Town so that these can be scheduled for repair as soon as possible. Mr. Tester agreed, suggesting a comprehensive study assessing long term needs and identification of critical short term problems.

Sidewalk Project – Supplemental Agreement Chestnut Street to U.S. 321

Mr. Hildebran presented an Enhancement Agreement from NCDOT which would extend the time limit from twelve months to fourteen months for completion of the South Main Street Sidewalk. The original agreement stipulated June 30, 2004 as the completion date, and this would allow more time to finish the project. Upon motion of Mr. Wray, second by Ms. Wiseman, Council voted unanimously to approve the supplemental agreement.

Agreement attached as Exhibit B

Adjournment

There was no further business and Mayor Lawrence adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

J. B. Lawrence, Mayor

Barbara G. Beach, Town Clerk