

BRAAC Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2014

BRAAC Members Present: Bo Henderson, Alice Roess, Rita Wiseman, Melissa Picket, Myra Scoggins, and Anne Barnes

BRAAC Members Absent: Curt Andrews, Barbara Wright, and Deborah McDowell

Staff Members: Chris Pate, Jennifer Brown, and Scott Fogleman.

The meeting was called to order by Bo at 5:30 p.m.

Approve May Minutes – Rita made a motion to approve, Anne seconded it and it was a unanimous vote to approve.

Budget Update – Jennifer handed out the fund summary and Scott reviewed for BRAAC Committee. BRAAC FY 2014 revenues to date (6/5/14) total \$22,875. This comes from \$18,760 of general donations, \$1,780 from hanging baskets, \$415 for cemetery donations, and \$2,000 from grants. BRAAC FY 2014 expenses to date (6/5/14) is \$14, 446.65. \$544.98 for miscellaneous, \$3,000 for Town contribution (flower watering and fountain), \$440 for contracted services, \$72.29 for clean-up day, \$7,349.09 for flowers/landscaping, \$109 for PO Box rental, \$2, 576.50 for printing, and \$357.79 for maintenance/repair vehicle. Alice asked who pays the intern and Jennifer stated that the grant from the Blowing Rock community Foundation grant covers the cost. Alice also asked what the \$2,600 for printing spent on and Jennifer stated that it was the printing and postage for the donation letters.

Spring Planting Day follow-up- Myra asked why Town Hall is the only place that volunteers planted. She also wanted to know what if 30 or more people showed where they would go because that is too many for one area. Jennifer stated that Chris has plenty of places planned for volunteers to go if a lot of people did show up. She suggested that instead of having one day for planting day next year have a week that people can volunteer when they are available. Bo mentioned that someone needs to address the community with better advertisement for planting day or week.

Town Hall Beautification Project Update- Everyone agreed that the front of Town Hall looks great. Chris updated everyone on the Town Hall Beautification Plan. It was agreed that relocating the two trees to the right of the Town Hall front door would be a good idea when it is the right time of the year.

Christmas Decoration Plan- Bo asked about our lights and if the Town uses the same lights each year. Jennifer stated that the Town replaces the lights each year as needed. After further discussion about the Christmas decoration plan, it was decided that the Town will do up lighting on the Blue Spruce tree, and Bo suggested the possibility of having sacrificial trees for the lighting. He also said that people in the community could donate these trees. Bo asked Scott, Jennifer, and Chris to come back with a cost of what the trees would cost next meeting.

BRAAC Truck Replacement- Scott explained that the BRAAC watering truck has difficulty going in to reverse and is not in the best of shape. The plan for the truck is to take Chris' Town truck and make it the BRAAC truck and then find a used truck to replace his Town truck. It was decided that since the Town already had the replacement truck included in their budget, to go ahead and let the Town fund it.

Other Business- Alice suggested that BRAAC donate \$5,000 to the American Legion project. Anne asked if this would be towards the exterior of the American Legion. After further discussion Alice made the motion to pledge \$5,000 to the exterior of the American Legion building, Rita seconded it and it was an unanimous vote to approve.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held Tuesday, July 1, 2014 at Town Hall at 5:30 p.m.