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**MINUTES**  
**Town of Blowing Rock**  
**Town Council**  
**Special Meeting- August 22, 2017**

The Town of Blowing Rock Town Council held a special meeting/workshop on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting took place at Town Hall located at 1036 Main Street, Blowing Rock. Present were Mayor J.B. Lawrence, Mayor Pro-Tem Albert Yount, Council Members Jim Steele, Sue Sweeting, Doug Matheson and Ray Pickett. Others in attendance were Town Manager Ed Evans, Town Engineer Doug Chapman, Parks & Recreation Director Jennifer Brown and Town Clerk Hilari Hubner, who recorded the minutes.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lawrence called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Council Member Matheson made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Council Member Pickett. Unanimously approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**ABC Store Travel Policy**

In accordance with North Carolina General Statute 18B-700 (g2), the ABC Store must have a personnel travel policy in place. The travel policy must be approved annually by the board's appointing authority. Since the Town of Blowing Rock is the appointing authority for the ABC Board, it is necessary for the Blowing Rock Town Council to approve the policy. Also, as result of the Town of Blowing Rock being the appointing authority, the Town of Blowing Rock travel policy may be used. The ABC Board has requested the Town of Blowing Rock Board of Commissioners approve this policy for their use.

**Tax Release – NC Assets LLC**

Per Watauga County, NC Assets LLC was taxed on the incorrect acreage due to a clerical error for several years. Last Council Meeting a release request was approved. However, it was brought to our attention the tax year 2014 on Tract Five, US HWY 321 was not included in that request. Subsequently we would like to submit another tax release request on this tract totaling \$326.12.

Council Member Sweeting made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Council Member Pickett. Unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

A Power Point presentation was made by the Community Design Assistance Center (CDAC), Landscape Art Project Manager Nick Proctor and Graduate Student Alex Jones from Virginia Tech to reveal a conceptual plan of enhancements to existing projects planned for Memorial Park and Broyhill Lake. The project was well received by all in attendance. Commissioners and audience members asked questions and provided feedback that will be helpful to the future discussion and development of the conceptual plan. Town resident Betsy Wilcox stated she was very impressed with how professionally this concept was presented. Additionally, she stated she was impressed with Manager Evans and staff for the professional manner in which this was handled, and praised the inclusion of the public in this presentation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

**MAYOR** \_\_\_\_\_  
**J.B. Lawrence**

**ATTEST** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Hilari Hubner, Town Clerk**