

**Town of Blowing Rock**  
**Request for Council Action**

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FROM: Town Manager Jim Freeman  
SUBJECT: Town Council Retreat Date and Location  
TO: Mayor and Council  
DATE: December 11, 2018  
REQUESTED BY: Council

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Public Hearing       Yes    No    Not required    NA  
Properly Advertised    Yes    No    Not required    NA

**BACKGROUND:**

As background, Town Council Retreats were scheduled on a Sunday through Tuesday over the Martin Luther King Holiday weekend....upcoming January 21<sup>st</sup>. Last year's location of the Retreat was the Doubletree Hotel in Asheville, NC. It is understood that having the retreat outside Town was to achieve a more focused and productive work environment when discussing and considering a list of complex town item/activity list.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Noting the retreat's date corresponds to an authorized town holiday (staff off), it is respectfully requested that Council consider the following:

- a. Decide on another retreat date or retain same holiday date; and
- b. Provide the Manager/staff direction as to arranging for either an in-town or out-of-town location.

## Retreat 2019:

- Town Manager Hiring Process – Timeline
- Bass Lake Sidewalk (update)
- Dog Park (Establishing)
- Water and Sewer Capital Account (Establishing) Additional Taps
- Update on a disaster plan in case of a Forrest Fire
- Discuss an implementation plan for memorial park, old firehouse (Virginia Tech Plan)
- Update on the auto water meter plan (with Blue Ridge Electric)
- Discuss Blowing Rock/Watauga County relations: ambulance, sales and SRO
- Discuss the design, implementation of the entrance to Sunset Drive
- Shuttle Service for 2019 (Route)
- Establishing a repaving account
- Sunset construction and timeline
- What's on the to do list for Parks and Rec
- What are our 6 month goals
- What are our 1 year goals
- An honest discussion on how we can work well with the new town manager - Discuss our relationship with Blowing Rock school -Discuss attracting end of life developments and businesses to Blowing Rock (we've had too many year-round families leave to go down the mountain to die.) -How to set up our town to be more energy efficient (solar, compost, electric vehicles, etc.) -How do we attract more year-round families
- Parking
- Acceptance of Credit Cards (Fee)
- Art Policy
- Clean Energy – Plan going forward

## January



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