

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
August 10, 2017

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on August 10, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Municipal Hall, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, N.C.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Lynda Sossamon and Commissioners Mary Gelbaugh, Greg McPherson and David Nestler.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Barbara Hamilton and Harold Hensley.

STAFF PRESENT: Amanda Murajda (Town Clerk), and Eric Ridenour (Town Attorney).

VISITORS PRESENT: Mark Jones, Martha Jones, Patricia Yerdon, Christopher Buchanan, Lois Danner, Evelyn Graning, and George Graning.

CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Sossamon called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to add a discussion on the upcoming solar eclipse and approve the agenda. Commissioner Nestler also made a motion to a closed session pursuant to 143.318.11. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: *Commissioner Nestler made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Sossamon noted the anticipation of the upcoming solar eclipse.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Nestler told the board about a committee at WCU seeking funding to study water runoff and would like a letter of support from the Town.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Dowling was out of town at a PELA class.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: None.

PUBLIC HEARING-TEXT AMENDMENT IN THE R1-A ZONING DISTRICT: Mayor Sossamon opened the hearing at 5:33 p.m. Amanda Murajda explained that the text amendment request received was to add daycares as a conditional use in the R1-A zoning district. Mayor Sossamon read the list of conditional use already allowed. Mark Jones of Falls Circle addressed the board and explained that he opposed the text amendment for traffic and safety concerns. He described to the board the road measurements for Falls Circle. He also explained that the amount of traffic that would be added because of a daycare would lead to safety concerns of other drivers in the neighborhood. Lois Danner of Dills Cove agreed with Mr. Jones and explained that the embankment on the road limits visibility. Christopher Buchanan of Heritage Christian Academy address the board and explained that the daycare currently has 18 students and would hopefully grow to 35 students. Martha Jones of Falls Circle also commented that Summit Church held vacation bible school on their property on Dills Cove and it created a traffic jam. Mayor Sossamon explained again that the hearing was for a text amendment not a conditional use permit and the board would be voting on whether to allow daycares in the overall

R1-A zoning district as a conditional use. *Being no further comment, Mayor Sossamon closed the hearing at 5:53 p.m.*

NEW BUSINESS

TEXT AMENDMENT—R1-A: DAYCARE FACILITIES: *Commissioner McPherson made a motion to approve the text amendment. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPLACEMENT: *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to table the replacement until a future meeting allowing the board to solicit applications for the committee. Then motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

RESCHEDULE THE SEPTEMBER PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MEETING: *Commissioner McPherson made a motion to move the September Public Art Committee meeting to Monday, September 18, 2017. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

SOLAR ECLIPSE DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Gelbaugh told the board that Jackson County Commissioners had voted to make Monday, August 21, 2017 a holiday for the safety of employees and the amount of traffic expected in the area. Gelbaugh made a motion to make Monday, August 21, 2017 a holiday for the Town of Sylva. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

CLOSED SESSION: *Commissioner Neslter made a motion to enter closed session pursuant to NCGS. 143-318-11(a)(3) regarding attorney-client privilege at 6:00 p.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to come out of closed session. The motion carries with a unanimous vote and the Board entered into regular session at 6:20 p.m. No action was taken during closed session.

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Nestler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

Lynda Sossamon
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk