

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
July 12, 2018

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on July 12, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Municipal Hall, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, N.C.

PRESENT: Lynda Sossamon, Mayor
Barbara Hamilton, Vice-Mayor
Mary Gelbaugh, Commissioner
Harold Hensley, Commissioner
Greg McPherson, Commissioner
David Nestler, Commissioner

Paige Dowling, Town Manager
Amanda Murajda, Town Clerk
Eric Ridenour, Town Attorney

ABSENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT: Rick Bryson (Assistant Police Chief).

VISITORS: Lillian Hatton, Holly Kays, Tanner Hall.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Gelbaugh attended the annual Fire Department Officer Installation dinner on July 9, 2018. She also attended flagger training with other members of the board. Gelbaugh mentioned the August edition of Outside Magazine and the pump track featured in it. She would like to see the possibility of having a pump track in Sylva entertained. Gelbaugh encouraged everyone to visit the mobile unit of Jackson General Store. She also noted that the community yard sale was a great success. Commissioner McPherson commented that the dog park at Mark Watson Park was becoming overcrowded and wanted to know of other options for a park. Commissioner Hamilton is concerned about allowing dogs at Concerts on the Creek. She has witnessed a few dogs that are aggressive towards people.

MANAGERS REPORT: Manager Dowling announced that a representative from the NC-APA will visit Sylva on August 17, 2018 to present the Great Places—Great Main Street Award at the Concert on the Creek. The application process for the Public Works Director position will close on Friday, July 13th and interviews will be at the end of July. The Bridge Church on campus is going to do a litter cleanup on NC 107 Saturday, July 21st. Dowling, along with Dan Schaeffer and Rose Bauguess, met with employees of Equinox about storm water issues identified in the watershed assessment. They have determined the primary source of contamination in Scotts Creek is from storm water and runoff. They identified 17 sites that are opportunities for improving the water quality in Scotts Creek. They discussed the sites and the feasibility of making improvements versus impact. They identified Bridge Park as the location for the concept plan that was included in the scope of work. Bridge Park was selected because it is visible, publicly owned, and there is an opportunity for education and community involvement.

MAIN STREET REPORT: None.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

NEW BUSINESS

REAPPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS: The terms of Dawn Gilchrist and Russ Harris are expiring. Both wish to be reappointed to the Planning Board. *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to reappoint Dawn Gilchrist and Russ Harris to 3-year terms on the Planning Board. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

REAPPOINTMENT OF ABC BOARD MEMBER: Maurice Moody would like to be reappointed to the ABC Board. The State ABC Board voted unanimously on July 11, 2018 to remove the term limit requirement from the forming resolution of the Board. *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to reappointment Maurice Moody to the ABC Board. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

SCHEDULE SPECIAL MEETING FOR HIGHWAY 107 PROJECT: *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to schedule a special meeting on August 6, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall for the purpose of receiving an update on the Highway 107 project from NCDOT and conducting a public hearing on the project. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

Lynda Sossamon
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk