

TOWN OF WEBSTER
May 1, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes



The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Webster met for a regularly-scheduled board meeting at Town Hall, 1411 Webster Road.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Tracy Rodes; Vice-Mayor Leigh Anne Young; Commissioners Billie Bryson, Kelly Donaldson, and Allan Grant.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Danell Moses

OTHERS PRESENT: Ken Buchanan; Louise Stephens; Sallie Taylor, guest speaker; Town Attorney William Morgan, and Town Clerk Debbie Coffey.

GENERAL MEETING

Call to Order/Ethics Statement: Mayor Tracy Rodes called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and read the Ethics Statement. No board member expressed any conflict of interest.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Commissioner Grant moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Young seconded. Motion carried.

Informal Comments by Public

None.

Guest Speaker: Sallie Taylor for the Blue Zone Initiative

A handout on the Blue Zones Project was provided to the commissioners with their agenda packet. Ms. Taylor outlined Blue Zones as being identified by Dan Buettner as places where people live measurably longer, happier and healthier lives with lower rates of chronic disease and higher quality of life. Nine characteristics were noted as part of this lifestyle. Ms. Taylor will be hosting a presentation with a Q&A session with Mr. Buettner on Monday, June 10 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands. All board members were invited to attend.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the April 3, 2019, Board Meeting, April 12, 2019 Work Session, and the April 16, 2019 Joint Meeting with the Planning Board were emailed prior to the meeting for review. Attorney Morgan requested the April 3 minutes be amended to show his name as William Morgan, not William Smith.

MOTION: Commissioner Young moved to approve the April 3 minutes as amended. Commissioner Grant seconded. Motion carried.

MOTION: Commissioner Grant moved to approve the April 12 minutes as presented. Commissioner Young seconded. Motion carried.



MOTION: Commissioner Grant moved to approve the April 16 minutes as presented. Commissioner Young seconded. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Report

March Financial statements will be at a later date. April transactions currently include:

Income of \$2,101.22

Expenses of \$2,744.38

Current Account Balances as of May, 2019 are:

\$72,521.83 – Checking

\$25,522.68 – 11-Month CD

\$38,225.21 – 48-Month CD

MOTION: Commissioner Bryson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Grant seconded. Motion carried.

It was noted by Mayor Rodes that the 11-Month CD will mature and automatically renew in three days. This would be a prime opportunity to move the CD to a higher yielding investment.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor's Report:

- Rain is forecasted for the community workday on Saturday, so she would like three people to make the decision as to canceling it on that morning. A notice will be placed on the facebook page if it is canceled or postponed. Justin Woodard reported finding hypodermic needles in the mulch there this week, so everyone attending the workday should use caution and bring gloves. Mayor Rodes is continuing to work on securing permission for underground hard-wiring for lighting at that location.
- A benefit for Annalise Davis, who is battling cancer will also be held Saturday at the Jackson County Recreation Center or at Cullowhee Valley School in the event of rain.
- Commissioners are encouraged to contact their legislators to oppose two bills, HB 645/SB 534 Revisions to Outdoor Advertising Laws, and HB 278/SB 179 Parity for First Responders. Public input does help inform our elected officials' votes on these issues.
- Mayor Rodes requested that town business that is not an emergency be handled between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For emergencies, please call her cell or publicly listed home phone number.

Council Members' Reports:

Commissioner Young stated that the Planning Board will meet next Tuesday night. The Greenway Meeting will meet tomorrow. Commissioner Young has also made a trip to County Roads Farm to investigate plant options for the Grant Project.



NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Budget Review for the 2019-2020 Proposed Budget: Mayor Rodes would like to see the \$1,000 donation to the Cemetery and the \$1,000 donation to Jackson County Rescue Squad moved from the Residential Services category. The purpose is to increase transparency and also to clarify that these are not residential services that the Town is invoiced for or is responsible for, but that they are charitable in nature. Several options were discussed included moving all donations to GOV Miscellaneous Expenses or creating a new line item for GOV Charitable Contributions. It was the consensus of the board to move all contributions to GOV Miscellaneous Expenses. The board consensus was to continue to budget for other usual annual memberships such as Circles of Hope, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Jackson County and Webster Historical Societies.

2. CD Management:

MOTION: Commissioner Young moved to withdraw the 11-month CD upon its maturity to be invested in a higher yield account. Commissioner Grant seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Rodes and Commissioner Young will meet at Entegra Bank and put the CD funds into the general account until a better investment account can be secured.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Grant moved to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Grant Project Workday: Saturday, May 4, 2019 at the WWII Monument at 9:30 a.m.

Budget Public Hearing - June 5, 2019 at 5:05 p.m.

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 5:15 p.m.

Tracy Rodes, Mayor

Debbie Coffey, Town Clerk