



TOWN OF WEBSTER
October 7, 2020, Board Meeting Minutes

The Webster Board of Commissioners met remotely on October 7, 2020 via Zoom for a regularly scheduled board meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Members/Staff Present: Mayor Tracy Rodes; Vice-Mayor Leigh Anne Young; Commissioners Allan Grant, and Danell Moses; Town Clerk Debbie Coffey; and Attorney Michelle Smith.

Members Absent: Commissioners Kelly Donaldson, and Allen Davis

Public Present/Public Comment: None

GENERAL MEETING

Call to Order/Ethics Statement: Mayor Tracy Rodes called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and read the Ethics Statement. No board member expressed any conflict of interest.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September 2, 2020, meeting were emailed prior to the meeting for review.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Report:

August Financial statements were provided prior to the meeting. September transactions currently include income of \$20,338.47 and expenses of \$7,389.61. Current Account Balances as of today are:

\$ 48,893.29 - Select Business Checking
\$ 84,983.23 - Select Banking and Trust Money Market

MOTION: Commissioner Moses moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Young seconded. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Rodes noted that Jackson County had 561 active Covid-19 cases last month and has increased to 720 as of yesterday. North Carolina is currently in Phase 3 of reopening, allowing more business openings and larger gatherings at outdoor venues.



- Commissioner Donaldson reported to Mayor Rodes prior to the meeting that he has observed an increase in cars turning onto Buchanan Loop and then turning around. The road sign is missing and may need to be replaced.
- Long time Webster resident Helen Dillard passed away recently. Our condolences go out to her family.
- Mayor Rodes emailed Nick Breedlove requesting followup information on the March letter to the TDA asking for parking to be provided for visitors fishing the Tuck. He replied that the letter was forwarded to the Sustainability Committee, but due to the pandemic they have not been able to meet. He did note that the TDA would be supplying “Leave No Trace” signage along the river.

Council Members’ and Clerk’s Reports: Commissioner Young reported that the Planning Board should have the Webster Land Use Plan ready for review in the near future. Planning Chair Kelli Rhoads will be unavailable for the next few months, so a vice-chair will be elected at the October meeting to continue the momentum in her absence. Commissioner Moses stated that Planning Board Member Jenny Reisinger is now working at SCC and is an asset to the College.

OLD BUSINESS

- Noise Control Ordinance:** Section 2.5 was added to prohibit the use of Unmuffled Engine Compression Breaks. The verbiage used is taken from DOT guidelines. Following additional review, Attorney Michelle Smith recommended changing Section 2 to read, “The following provisions are considered Unreasonably Loud and Disturbing...” to give a more concise definition. It was the consensus of the board to post the additional changes and vote to approve the ordinance in November.
- Jackson County Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Discussion:** Expenditures are \$1,247.21 as of October 5, and have been submitted to Darlene Fox, Jackson County Financial Director. Workplace Solutions is scheduled to sanitize and clean the carpet on Thursday, October 15th. Mayor Rodes has ordered nine new chairs, and is in the process of assembling them. Commissioner Young volunteered to assist with this. Mayor Rodes is waiting to order the air purification system until the IT equipment is ordered and final costs are available.
- Jackson County Sheriff’s Office Patrol for Halloween:** It was the consensus of the board to not have additional patrols on Halloween. Commissioner Young stated that having additional patrols would send a mixed message to encourage door to door contact. Commissioner Moses agreed and reported hearing from several residents who do not want to participate in Trick-or-Treating this year due to the pandemic. Mayor Rodes feels a safe alternative to traditional trick-or-treating is not possible at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- Budget Amendment #3 for FY 2019-2020:** The amendment increases the General Operating Budget by \$5,000 for the 2019-2020 Jackson County Municipal Grant. Increases were made to several expense line items as needed. The final 2019-2020 budget is \$102,500.



MOTION: Commissioner Young moved to approve Budget Amendment #3 for FY 2019-2020. Commissioner Grant seconded. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Grant moved to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

Tracy Rodes, Mayor

Debbie Coffey, Town Clerk