

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
May 5, 2016

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on May 5, 2016 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, Barbara Hamilton, Mary Gelbaugh, Greg McPherson, and David Nestler.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Harold Hensley.

STAFF PRESENT: Paige Dowling (Town Manager), Amanda Murajda (Town Clerk), Rick Bryson (Police), and Jeff Goss (Attorney).

VISITORS PRESENT: Tanner Hall.

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

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Sossamon thanked the Police Department for providing security during the filming of the movie on Main Street. Sossamon acknowledged the excitement on Main Street associated with the movie. She also noted that she had attended a meeting with the NC Department of Commerce about grant funding.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner McPherson also attended the meeting with the NC Department of Commerce. McPherson will present a contract for a graphic design assistant to work with the town at the next board meeting. Commissioner Hamilton agreed with the movie excitement in the downtown area. Hamilton apologized for missing the last meeting as she was out of town for a funeral and a graduation. Commissioner Gelbaugh also acknowledged the movie excitement and encouraged everyone to still shop local during the movie filming. Commissioner Nestler thanked everyone that participated in the trash clean up on Chipper Curve on April 30th. A total of 30 lbs. of trash was collected. He thanked Jackson Paper for participating as well.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Dowling attended the County Comprehensive Plan meeting on May 4th on economic development goals. The Police Department has hired K.J. Adams as an officer. She told the board that she had registered the Town of Sylva for the the mobile skate park participation as requested by the board.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: The Planning Board met on April 21st and reviewed a 10 pages of ordinances and found no changes. In May, the board will hear 2 conditional use permits and one text amendment request.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE:

Dowling reviewed the preliminary list of recommendations for the committee:

1. Kelly Custer—107 Downtown
2. Julie Spiro—Chamber
3. Boyd Sossamon—107 (Radio Shack) and Planning Board
4. Chirs Wilcox—Downtown City Lights Bookstore
5. Jeanette Evans—Downtown Mad Batter
6. Keith West—107 (CrossFit Swerve)
7. Curt Collins—Gourmet Hotdog Cart
8. Larry Hinton—107 (Andy Shaw Ford)
9. Bernadette Peters—Downtown (City Lights Café/Evolution)
10. Nicole Dexter—Downtown (Innovation Brewing)
11. Lauren Baxley—Downtown (Baxley’s Chocolate)
12. Terri Clark—Downtown (Terri Clark Photography)
13. Wayne Smith

Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to approve the preliminary list of recommendations to the Economic Development Comprehensive Plan committee. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Nestler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

Lynda Sossamon
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk