



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016, 6:00 P.M. AT THE LAKE LURE MUNICIPAL
CENTER**

PRESENT: Mayor Bob Keith
Commissioner John W. Moore
Commissioner Mary Ann Silvey
Commissioner Bob Cameron
Commissioner Stephen M. Webber

Sam Karr, Interim Town Manager Finance Director
J. Christopher Callahan, Town Attorney

ABSENT: N/A

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bob Keith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Attorney Chris Callahan gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council members led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Commissioner Stephen Webber asked to add employee recognition to the agenda to immediately follow item 4 (approval of the agenda).

Commissioner John Moore asked to add a closed session in accordance with G.S. 143-318.11(A)(3) for attorney client privilege to discuss litigation between the Town of Lake Lure and Eisenbrown, Self, Jones, et. al. as item 10d on the new business portion of the agenda.

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Commissioner Stephen Webber made a motion to approve the agenda as amended adding employee recognition and a closed session. Commissioner Mary Ann Silvey seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

RECOGNITION OF CERTAIN TOWN STAFF

Commissioner Stephen Webber recognized Community Development Director Shannon Baldwin, Zoning Administrator Sheila Spicer, and Environmental Management Officer Clint Calhoun for outstanding performance and explained that Tom Terrell, an outside attorney hired by the town, stated that the expertise of these employees was unsurpassed in his many years working as a land use attorney.

Commissioner Stephen Webber presented a letter of commendation to Dam Operator Donnie McCraw for his performance during a significant rain event that recently took place.

STAFF REPORTS

Interim Town Manager/Finance Director Sam Karr presented the town manager's report.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS & COMMENTS

Commissioner Stephen Webber reported the activities of the Parks and Recreation Board and the Lake Lure Board of Adjustment/Lake Structures Appeals Board.

Commissioner John Moore reported the activities of the Zoning and Planning Board.

Commissioner Bob Cameron reported the activities of the Utility Advisory Board.

Commissioner Mary Ann Silvey reported the activities of the Lake Advisory Board Lake and the Lake Lure ABC Board.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Bob Keith invited the audience to speak during public forum.

Patricia Maringer suggested that cameras be placed on the Flowering Bridge to help prevent items from being stolen (Mr. Karr mentioned during his staff report that items have been reported missing from the bridge to the police department.)

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Bob Keith presented the consent agenda and asked if any items should be removed before calling for action.

Commissioner Stephen Webber asked that on the April 11, 2016 Special Meeting minutes and the May 1, 2016 Special Meeting minutes the day be changed from “Tuesday” to “Monday” since both meeting were held on Mondays. Mayor Bob Keith asked that “Development Associates” be capitalized in the minutes as well.

Commissioner Mary Ann Silvey made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended including the proposed changes to the minutes. Commissioner Stephen Webber seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous. Therefore, the consent agenda incorporating the following items was unanimously approved:

- a. minutes of the April 11, 2016 special meeting, the April 12, 2016 regular meeting, and the May 1, 2016 special meeting;
- b. a contract between the Town of Lake Lure and Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, PA. to audit accounts for the Town of Lake Lure;
- c. direct the Zoning and Planning Board to work with Environmental Management Officer Clint Calhoun to draft potential amendments to the Town of Lake Lure Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Regulations to ensure compliance with state standards as promulgated by the NC Sediment Control Commission.

End of Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A WHISTLE BLOWER POLICY TO BE ADDED TO THE TOWN OF LAKE LURE PERSONNEL MANUAL |
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After discussion, Commissioner Stephen Webber made a motion to approve a proposed Whistle Blower Policy to be added to the Town of Lake Lure Personnel Manual as article XVIII. Commissioner Bob Cameron seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. CONSIDER A REQUEST SUBMITTED BY DONNA MORRISON REQUESTING |
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USE OF THE COMMUNITY HALL FOR YOGA CLASSES

Donna Morrison explained that she has been teaching yoga in the area and requested use of the Community Hall for weekly yoga classes to be held on Wednesday evenings.

After discussion, Commissioner John Moore made a motion to give the group permission use the community hall for the proposed yoga classes on a trial basis. Commissioner Bob Cameron seconded the motion. Commissioner Stephen Webber suggested an eight week trial period beginning May 18, 2016 and asked Ms. Morrison to report back to council after the trial period. Council unanimously voted in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

**b. PRESENTATION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED RENAMING OF
THE DONALD ROSS NATURE TRAIL**

Parks and Recreation Board member Linda Turner presented a recommendation on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Board concerning the proposed renaming of the Donald Ross Nature Trail.

Ms. Turner stated that the Parks and Recreation Board unanimously voted to recommend that the Donald Ross Nature Trail be renamed the Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail and that a plaque be placed at the trailhead describing how and why the trail system was created.

Ms. Turner described Ed Dittmer and Martyn Watts, whom the trail is proposed to be named after, as “trailblazers” and stated that their contributions have been of the most extraordinary nature.

Commissioner Stephen Webber explained that per the policy for naming town facilities adopted by council, if a park is to be named after someone who is living they must agree to the naming. Commissioner Webber stated that, after some convincing, Mr. Watts and Mr. Dittmer agreed to the proposed renaming at the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting.

After discussion, Commissioner John Moore moved that the Donald Ross Nature Trail be renamed the Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board. Commissioner Bob Cameron seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

c. DISCUSSION CONCERNING ABC BOARD LICENSING

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Commissioner Mary Ann Silvey explained that Lake Lure is in a different classification than other local municipalities (such as Chimney Rock and Forest City) and would like to know if this can be changed. Currently a small business in Lake Lure must pay several thousand dollars for a liquor license in order to serve alcohol even if they do not want to serve liquor. Commissioner Silvey asked that the ABC Board review the matter and outline potential options concerning the requirement.

After discussion, Commissioner Bob Cameron made a motion to direct the Town of Lake ABC Board to review the town's structure for ABC licensing. Commissioner Stephen Webber seconded and the vote of approval was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

d. CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH G.S. 143-318.11(A) (3) FOR ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE TO DISCUSS LITIGATION BETWEEN THE TOWN OF LAKE LURE AND EISENBROWN, SELF, JONES, ET. AL.

Commissioner Bob Cameron made a motion to enter into closed session in accordance with G.S. 143-318.11(A)(3) for attorney client privilege to discuss litigation between the Town of Lake Lure and Eisenbrown, Self, Jones, et. al. Commissioner Mary Ann Silvey seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

While in closed session council voted to seal the minutes of the closed session portion of the meeting.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

With no further items of discussion, Commissioner Stephen Webber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bob Cameron seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

ATTEST:

Andrea H. Calvert

Mayor Bob Keith