

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
TOWN HALL – 9 SOUTH MAIN STREET
JANUARY 26, 2010
TUESDAY – 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2010

ITEM 2. PRESENTATION BY ARTIST TERESA PENNINGTON
PRINT COMMEMORATING GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS
NATIONAL PARK 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Local artist, Teresa Pennington has graciously offered to donate a print of her art work which was done to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. We have asked Ms. Pennington to attend the meeting to make the presentation so that the Town may give her proper recognition for such a nice gesture.

It is noted that in the late 1990s, Ms. Pennington donated a framed print of a scene from the overlook at the entrance to the Cataloochee Valley, and that print currently hangs in the lobby of the Municipal Building.

ITEM 3. PRESENTATION OF THE PEDESTRIAN PLAN

In the 2008-2009 budget, the Town was awarded a grant from the Department of Transportation for the development of a Pedestrian Plan for the community. In addition, the town received a grant for the development of a plan to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion through the reconfiguration of Russ Avenue.

The Town developed a request for proposals from various firms, and the firm of Wilbur Smith was selected to do both plans. That firm worked with a Pedestrian Committee that had been appointed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen as well as members of Town Staff. Mr. Terry Snow will be in attendance at the Board meeting on Tuesday evening to present the Plan.

I would note that the Pedestrian and Russ Avenue Plans were nearing completion in the fall of 2009 when the economy forced the Wilbur Smith firm to reorganize. In that process, the firm closed some of its North Carolina offices, leaving Raleigh as its only office in the State. Mr. Snow has been diligent in completing the work on this plan and in providing the Town with copies for review.

ITEM 4. SKATE PARK DESIGN

This matter was originally scheduled for the Board meeting of January 12; however, with Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro-Tem Caldwell unable to attend the meeting, the remaining Board members opted to delay consideration until all were present.

ITEM 5. ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF FIREMEN

Each year, the Chiefs of all Fire Departments in North Carolina must submit a certification to the State that the firefighters in that department have been active in responding to fires and in receiving the required annual thirty-six annual training hours. If a fireman is on this certified list, that individual or his heirs become eligible for certain benefits, including the state line-of-duty death benefit. After a period of service and certification spanning twenty years, and at the age of fifty-five years, the firefighter becomes eligible for a small monthly payment through the Firemen's' Pension Fund.

Chief Joey Webb has submitted the attached list of firefighters and certified that they have the appropriate number of training hours. In order for these individuals to be certified, the Town Board must approve the list as well.

ITEM 6. REAPPOINTMENT
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

At the present time, the Historic Preservation Commission is made up of seven members and there are two vacancies on the nine member commission.

The term of member Peter Sterling is set to expire on January 31, 2010. Mr. Sterling has been a good and faithful member of this Commission and would like to continue serving in this capacity. If the Town Board chooses to reappoint Mr. Sterling, it would be for a four year term expiring January 31, 2013.

NOTE: The ordinance establishing the Historic Preservation Commission calls for nine members. As noted, there are presently two vacancies on this Commission. One of the recommendations from the consultant reviewing the land development standards will be that the Commission's membership be reduced from 9 to 7. If the Town Board is in agreement, it might be best to leave the two slots vacant until such time as the revised Land Development Standards are approved by the Town Board.

ITEM 7. JULIE GRASTY, PURCHASING SUPERVISOR
UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS

As purchasing supervisor, Julie Grasty is generally in charge or responsible for the public works facility and grounds. This includes the underground storage tanks located on site where we have tanks for both gasoline and diesel fuel. In recent months, she has been dealing with the State in their assessment of our fuel tanks, and studies are now underway to determine if we are in violation of our permits.

Ms. Grasty will be at the meeting on Tuesday evening to explain the situation and try to get some direction from the Board on how you feel we should proceed. She has prepared a brief report to bring you up to date and that is attached.