

TOWN OF WEBSTER

MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2014 BOARD MEETING

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Webster met for its regularly scheduled meeting at 1411 Webster Road. Mayor Nick Breedlove called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Nick Breedlove, Commissioner Janice Blanton, Commissioner Billie Bryson, Commissioner Allan Grant, Commissioner Danell Moses, and Vice Mayor Tracy Rodes

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Tanner Hall of *The Sylva Herald*

GENERAL MEETING

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Breedlove amended agenda to strike item c) lighting update. Commissioner Blanton requested to add a new item c) Webster cemetery signage. Commissioner Moses motioned to approve agenda as amended; Vice Mayor Rodes seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Vice Mayor Rodes motioned to approve the October minutes without change; Commissioner Blanton seconded. Motion carried.

Informal Comments by Public

No public comments were recorded.

Consent Agenda

Financial Report

Danell Moses presented the financial report:

Beginning town finance balance per October minutes:	\$132,812.42
Deposits	2,599.84
Cleared expenditures totaled	12,270.30
Checking balance	60,812.08
CD 0001 balance	25,547.66
CD 1681 balance	36,797.34
Ending town finance balance	\$123,157.08

Mayor Breedlove mentioned that the \$8,000.00 expenditure for concreting the parking lot was part out of this month's expenditures. He also asked that Moses begin providing a monthly budget report. Vice Mayor Rodes provided a motion for approval of the financial report with Commissioner Blanton providing a second. The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor's Report

* Mayor Breedlove indicated that substantial work has begun on the Duke Energy site near the Baptist Church and encouraged board members to check it out.

* He attended a meeting with the members of the RPO board and NCDOT to discuss the comprehensive plan and the comprehensive transportation plan. He asked the board to think what transportation issues we would like to add to the county's list and bring the issues to next month's meeting.

- Commissioner Blanton asked if we could get a caution light at the crosswalk. Mayor Breedlove said he would ask again about the sign.
- Moses indicated that residents had asked about putting a guardrail at the intersection of 116 and North River Road.

Moses will followup with letter to NCDOT asking about

1. Placing a guardrail in that area
2. Placing Watch for Pedestrians signs around Buchanan Loop
3. Blinking crosswalk sign

* Mayor Breedlove said he'd left a message with Duke Energy to find out when they will put in the new light poles but had not heard back from Melonie yet.

Council Member's Reports

Moses indicated the board had been invited to "save the date" of December 5 for the WCU "It's A Wrap" parade and party.

NEW BUSINESS

New Business:

A. "Kudzu Patch" discussion

- a. A.J. Rowell wrote a letter to the board with the suggestion that the town purchase the eight acres of land called "Kudzu Patch" for \$200,000 for a place to build a picnic shelter, playground, etc. Discussion ensued regarding clearing of the kudzu, the grading and work that would need to be done, and the responsibility of owning land.

The idea was tabled until a time in future if interest again arises.

B. Student Research Team

- a. Mayor Breedlove spoke to Tommy Dennison from the WCU Small Business Center and secured a WCU student research team that will assist the town in the spring with conducting research in the form of finding grant opportunities, conducting resident surveys, etc.

C. Webster Cemetery

- a. Commissioner Blanton indicated a sign should be erected to let people know that overnight parking is not allowed at the cemetery.
- b. The board decided to consult the Webster Cemetery Board and offer to buy "No Overnight Parking" signs for \$20.

Commissioner Moses asked to amend the agenda to add Webster Historical Society location as item D. Vice Mayor Rodes motioned and Commissioner Blanton seconded. Amendment was approved.

D. Webster Historical Society

- a. Moses asked why the Webster Historical Society was located in Sylva instead of Webster.
- b. Commissioner Bryson explained that the Jackson Historical Society and Webster Historical Society shared a space in the library and pay rent.
- c. Commissioner Blanton said she thought we should investigate investing in the old jail building property to renovate as a usable space for town hall and museum. Blanton will gather information and bring to a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Nick Breedlove, Mayor

Danell Moses, Town Clerk