

TOWN OF WEBSTER
MINUTES
MARCH 1, 2011

The board of Commissioners for the Town of Webster met for its regularly scheduled meeting at 1411 Webster Road.

Members Present: Mayor Larry Phillips, Commissioner Billie Bryson, Commissioner Jean Davenport, Commissioner Rick Fulton, Commissioner Allan Grant, and Commissioner Mark Jamison.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Kim Lay, Attorney; Nick Breedlove with The Sylva Herald; Louise Stephens; and Trudy West

Agenda-Mayor Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with a call for additional Agenda items. Ms Louise Stephens representing the Webster Cemetery was added under Old Business while the Town's post office box was added to New Business. Commissioner Grant made a motion for approval of the Agenda while Commissioner Jamison provided the second. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes-Mayor Phillips called for approval of the Minutes which yielded a motion from Commissioner Fulton with a second from Commissioner Jamison. The motion carried.

Approval of Financial Report-Commissioner Bryson presented the Financial Report noting that \$10,149.85 in deposits was made while Expenditures totaled \$17,560.61. The largest item in expenditures was fire protection in the amount of \$15,920.00. Checking balanced at \$80,626.89 with the checking CD showing a balance of \$62,024.83. Powell Bill funds displayed a balance of \$59,981.43. Check number 1810 for fire protection showed a date of 2/16/2010 which should have read 2/16/11. Following that correction a motion for approval of the report with corrections was made by Commissioner Grant with a second from Commissioner Fulton. A discussion on fire protection led by Commissioner Jamison yielded the following points:

- Bidding out for fire protection must be completed by June 30 if this option is to be considered
- Fire protection is figured on the value of property in Webster at a value of .03
- Should Cullowhee obtain a 6 rating Webster may be able to contract with that fire department
- Webster is in a split 6/9 district now with residents within a 1000 ft range of a fire hydrant being able to obtain the 6 rating for insurance purposes.

Ms Susan Reveille, Planning Board Chair-no report was given

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Webster Cemetery-Louise Stephens spoke to the Board regarding the Webster Cemetery with the following points being made:
 - Request for the previously budgeted \$1000 toward up keep of the cemetery
 - Request for funds for the 2011-2012 budget year in the amount of \$1000
 - Noted that the first Congressman from Jackson County, David Hall, was buried in the cemetery
 - Noted that the first sheriff from Jackson County was buried there
 - Veterans from WWI and WWII are buried there
 - Noted that the cemetery is a historic part of Webster being established in 1851
2. Town of Webster Goals-Commissioner Davenport distributed a list of goals established by the Board and asked that members review these in terms of which, if any, goals they would like to pursue. A discussion centered on SCC and the annexed areas at the entrance of Webster with the Board voting to have the Attorney investigate the procedures for withdrawing that annexed area. This decision was accomplished with a motion from Commissioner Jamison and a second from Commissioner Grant. The split vote favored the motion with Commissioners Jamison, Grant, and Fulton voting "aye" and Commissioners Davenport and Bryson voting "nay".
3. Posting 2010 Minutes on Website-Commissioner Davenport informed the Board that Minutes for January 2011 had been forwarded to Scott Baker who would post these on the Town's Website. Commissioner Davenport asked the Board if they wanted the 2010 Minutes posted as well. There was agreement that this should be accomplished.

Zoning Administrator's Report -none was given

Committee Reports:

1. The Greenway Committee-Commissioner Grant reported that the Greenway Committee had met in February and reviewed future Greenway projects :
 - A Public Hearing was to be held on 03-15-11 regarding the walking trail to be constructed around the Jackson County Senior Center.
 - A 5K walk will be held to raise funds for the Greenway projects during Greening up the Mountains Festival.
 - The corridor along the Tuck to Dillsboro is a top priority for the committee
2. The Traffic and Safety Committee-Mayor Phillips presented a letter that he had received from the NCDOT regarding Webster's request for assistance with traffic control. The letter address the following points:
 - The existing speed limits in front of Buchanan Building and the Armory could be raised to 35mph based on the 85th percentile speed currently being traveled.

- Median refuge islands at the Buchanan Building and the intersection of NC 116 with Buchanan Loop Road would require major expenses to be used for purchase of right of way, road widening, and funding studies.
- The crash history shows a benefit of zero for the inclusion of a pedestrian refuge island on the two lanes of HWY 116 through Webster.
- The request for an official municipal limits map of Webster was made so that the NCDOT might review their existing speed limit ordinances to see if they are accurately written.

Generally the letter lacked favorable information but a desire to retain open communications between the NCDOT and the Town of Webster was made.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Post Office Box-Commissioner Jamison who also serves as postmaster in Webster informed the Board that post office box 1 was open and that he thought that having the Town with the first post office box listing would be unique. The box rate would be lower than the current post office box as well. Commissioner Grant made a motion to move the Town of Webster's post office box to number 1 while a second was supplied by Commissioner Fulton. The motion carried unanimous support.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Larry Phillips, Mayor

Jean W Davenport, Clerk

AGENDA
TOWN OF WEBSTER
APRIL 5, 2011

1. Call to Order/Call for Agenda items/Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Approval of Financial Report
4. Old Business:
 - Attorney's report from motion regarding annexation properties including SCC and others
 - Other
5. Zoning Administrator's Report
6. Committee Reports:
 - The Greenway Committee
 - The Planning Board
 - The Traffic and Safety Committee
 - TWSA
7. New Business:
 - Paw Paw Home Owners Association
 - Leak in basement
 - Plantings near entrance signs
 - Painting office of Town Hall
 - Other
8. Adjournment

