

TOWN OF WEBSTER
MINUTES
APRIL 6, 2010

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 Alan Grant, and Commissioner Mark Jamison.

Members Absent: none

Others Present: Attorney Kim Lay and Louise Stephens

Agenda-Mayor Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with a call for additional Agenda items. Budget was added to new business and the Jackson County Flood Damage Ordinance was added under old business. Commissioner Jamison called for approval of the amended Agenda while Commissioner Grant provided the second.

Minutes-A call for approval of the Minutes yielded a motion from Commissioner Fulton and a second from Commissioner Jamison. The motion carried.

Financial Report-Commissioner Bryson presented the financial report noting that total checking balanced at \$162,557.78 with expenditures totaling \$3888.04. Powell Bill funds showed a balance of \$53,098.75. There being no discussion Commissioner Fulton made a motion for approval as presented while Commissioner Davenport provided the second. The motion carried.

GUEST Speaker: Brad Moses, Webster's representative on TWSA Board, was not present.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Board of Adjustment-Commissioner Jamison reported that Jackson County Commissioners were holding a public hearing to make appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2010 at 6:00pm and Commissioner Jamison encouraged anyone interested in this position to be present at the meeting. According to NC Law, if someone is present at the public hearing and requests appointment to this Board, the Commissioners are required to make their selection from those candidates within a 45 day period.
2. Flood Damage Ordinance-Commissioner Jamison made a motion for adoption of this ordinance with Commissioner Grant providing a second. The motion carried and two true copies were prepared.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. The Greenway Committee-Commissioner Grant reported that he walked the proposed Mill Creek area and it looked quite promising. It would provide an easy walkway with a beautiful knoll and makes for a feasible project "maybe five years out". A one million dollar per mile is the normal price tag for Greenway development, per Commissioner Grant.

2. The Planning Board-Commissioner Davenport reported that the work was progressing well and that Ginny Faust was providing excellent guidance and research.
3. The Traffic and Safety Committee-Mayor Phillips reported that the email that had been forwarded to each Commissioner as to the cost of police protection compared to the net gained showed that three commissioners responded. Two commissioners liked the idea of suspending the service while one commissioner liked the fact that patrol was occurring. Commissioner Jamison requested a time listing of hours served in patrolling. Commissioner Davenport favored the enforcement citing that some visibility and protection was a positive with warning tickets serving to deter speeding. No decision was made as the Town is still under contract with the sheriff's department through June 30, 2010.

Mayor Phillips met with the Highway Patrol and they will try to help Webster as much as possible by patrolling. He further reported that Ryan Sherby and DOT were quite busy at work on the total Highway Plan and were not available for discussion regarding the problems of Webster at the time he called. Mayor Phillips also reported to the Board that Webster Baptist Church would be hauling dirt through Town toward the proposed dental clinic at SCC. Commissioner Jamison requested that Mayor Phillips call attention to DOT that their vehicles are some of the worst offenders regarding speeding through Webster.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Budget-Commissioner Grant, serving as chair of the budget committee, reported that he was impressed with NC league of Municipalities and their response to his request for assistance. He further reported that growth is at a lower level than prior to the recession and that all revenue will either just maintain growth or lose growth.
2. Fire Protection-general discussion for fire protection revealed the following comments:
 - Commissioner Jamison noted that Sylva Fire and Rescue are very close now with new building although response time is gauged on how quickly the firemen can get to equipment and then to a fire.
 - Attorney Lay noted that the contract agreement between Webster and Sylva did not include a termination date.
 - Attorney Lay has reviewed case law regarding fire protection contract agreements and there are no guidelines-it's an agreement between two parties.
 - Commissioner Jamison stated that Cullowhee Fire Protection may be an option in the future as they are working toward a 6 rating.
 - Attorney Lay was asked to contact Sylva so as to gain further information regarding the fire protection agreement
 - A potential meeting with the Advisory Council was discussed

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.



Larry Phillips, Mayor



Jean W Davenport, Clerk