

Town of Maggie Valley
Regularly Scheduled Board of Aldermen Meeting
December 16, 2008
5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present: Mayor Roger McElroy, Aldermen: Colin Edwards, Saralyn Price, and Mark DeMeola
Members Absent: Alderman Phil Aldridge
Staff Present: Manager Tim Barth, Attorney Chuck Dickson, Planning Director Nathan Clark, Police Chief Scott Sutton, and Town Clerk Vickie Best
Others Present: Mountaineer Reporter Beth Pleming, Dan Massey, and Austin Pendley

1. Meeting Called to Order.

Mayor McElroy opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Boardroom.

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Tax Releases.
- b. Correction and Approval of Minutes for the November 18, 2008 meeting.

**ALDERMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Appearance of Dan Massie to speak about decorative lighting.

Two years ago, Mr. Massey was part of a decorative lighting committee that purchased several Christmas lights that were to be located on the festival grounds during the holidays. At that time, the Town matched up to \$1,000 in donations. Additional Christmas lighting was not purchased this year. Mr. Massey asked if Council would like for him to research getting additional lighting.

Mayor McElroy asked if Mr. Massey would come and address the Board in March, this would provide time for businesses to pay taxes and get a better feel for what the economy will be in the next business year.

Council thanked Mr. Massey for his dedication to the Town.

4. Consideration of a Sub-Contractor Affidavit before granting a General Contractor a permit.

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Recently, Haywood County started requiring that a Sub-Contractor Affidavit be completed before the General Contractor gets a building permit.

It appeared to be the consensus of the Board that during difficult economic times additional pressures should not be placed on the General Contractor.

Mayor McElroy asked that Manager Barth report why Haywood County is going to this extent in the building permit process, and what have the results been since implementation.

**MR. EDWARDS MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE ISSUE INDEFINITELY.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Consideration of a resolution in support of the Safe Routes to Schools sidewalk plan.

Resolution Number 08-43

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE
APPLICATION OF NORTH CAROLINA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Maggie Valley wishes to provide pedestrian safety improvements that will encourage children to walk to school; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to Schools program is a grant program to identify improvements that can help make bicycling and walking to and from school a safe and healthy transportation alternative; and

WHEREAS, the proposed sidewalk project along Highways 19 and 276 leading to Jonathan Valley Elementary School would improve access to the school for students; and

WHEREAS, upon submitting Safe Routes to School Grant applications, a resolution is required showing support and administration from the Town of Maggie Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Town will partner with the Jonathan Valley Elementary School to develop the School Safe Routes to School Grant application for the January 30, 2009 deadline for submission; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Maggie Valley will be the lead agency partnering with the Jonathan Valley Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the lead agency will staff, support and administer the Safe Routes to School Grant process; and

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WHEREAS, the Town of Maggie Valley does agree to accept liability and provide maintenance for any improvements made through this project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Maggie Valley that the Town Manager is authorized to complete and submit the Safe Routes to School Grant Application to the North Carolina Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School.

The Town is proposing to install sidewalks from Teague's Grocery to Jonathan Valley Elementary School.

**ALDERMAN PRICE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION
NUMBER 08-43
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. Consideration of a legislative agenda to send to our state level elected officials.
The General Assembly will convene on Wednesday January 28, 2009.

Manager Barth asked that Council consider any issues that need the attention of the district legislators.

Manager Barth provided the following examples:

▶ Ask General Assembly to pass legislation to allow towns and counties to buy salt from NCDOT.

▶ Ask the General Assembly to reconsider Haywood County being a Tier 2 County rather than a Tier 3 County.

▶ Ask the General Assembly not to force the maintenance of state roads inside municipalities.

Mayor McElroy would like to see funding for a Visitor's Center next to Festival Grounds.

The Town is seeking funding to help install sidewalks and guttering along Moody Farm Road.

Alderman Price reported that the Haywood County Chamber of Commerce would be sponsoring an elected official meeting in the near future. This may provide an opportunity for Council to talk with the representatives.

Council was encouraged to give this some thought and get back with Manager Barth with ideas and times that would meet everyone's schedule.

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7. Consideration of certain marketing improvements for Festival Grounds.

The Festival Ground's website is in need of updating/revising. The Town has not requested any TDA Funding for the website improvements.

Alderman Edwards asked that the Town request bids for updating the website. Council took no official action.

8. Discussion regarding the status of hiring a Festival Promoter.

As a member of the Maggie Valley Chamber, Alderman Price asked that a joint meeting be held with the Chamber Directors before hiring a Festival Promoter. Alderman Price felt that Council did not have a true understanding of what the Chamber does and does not do; especially in light of the current Chamber Director applying for the Tourist Development Authority Director's job.

Several members felt that "time is of the essence". It will take one-year or more to bring events to Maggie Valley. Mayor McElroy felt that it is unfair to hotel/motel owners to hold TDA Funding without producing results. Alderman DeMeola agreed, adding that it is the Town's responsibility to make every effort to bring festivals to Maggie Valley.

The goal is to bring in events that do not need labor from the Town or the Chamber of Commerce.

Council asked that Alderman Price meet with Manager Barth and let the remaining Council members know if a joint meeting is needed.

The item will be placed on the January 20, 2009 Aldermen Agenda.

9. Manager's Report.

- Manager Barth distributed the Commission's Agenda and the Chamber's Calendar of events.
- Staff has been meeting with McGill Associates discussing the upcoming PARTF Granting cycle. The Town will be applying for funding for Parham Park. A public hearing will be held January 13, 2009 as part of the grant application requirements.
- Staff continues to work on getting sidewalks and guardrails along Moody Farm Road.
- Staff will be applying for Rural Center Grant funding to eliminate the lift station and extend gravity sewer to Ole Steel Road. In completing this task, two creek-crossings must be installed.
- Staff is preparing for the time when the State declares Maggie Valley a phase 2 destination for storm water run-off. The results for their findings will be reported at the January 20, 2009 meeting.

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10. Other Business.

ABC Board Chairman Austin Pendley updated Council on the construction of the new Maggie Valley ABC Store located on Dellwood Road. Due to the economy, weather, paving, and the length of time to stock the store, the grand opening is anticipated for mid to late April 2009.

11. Public Comment.

No comments were presented.

12. Meeting Adjourned.

**ON MOTION OF ALDERMAN EDWARDS WITH ALL IN FAVOR, THE
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:14 P.M.**

Mayor Roger McElroy

Vickie Best, CMC, Town Clerk

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