

**TOWN OF MAGGIE VALLEY  
REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
MARCH 25, 2008  
MINUTES**

Members Present: Mayor Roger McElroy, Aldermen: Saralyn Price, Collin Edwards, Phil Aldridge, and Mark DeMeola  
Staff Present: Manager Tim Barth, Attorney Chuck Dickson, Chief Scott Sutton, Public Works Director Mike Mehaffey, and Town Clerk Vickie Best  
Others Present: Jamye Cooper, Lynn Collins, Victory Young, and John McHenry

**1. Meeting Called to Order.**

Mayor McElroy called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm in the Flossy White Room of Town Hall.

**2. Consent Agenda**

- a. Tax Releases and Refunds.
- b. Correction and Approval of Minutes for March 4, 2008.

**ALDERMAN PRICE MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT  
AGENDA AS PRESENTED.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. a. Public Hearing on Annexation of Woolmington-Smith Ventures, LLC, 1154 Jonathan Creek Road, Parcel #8607-34-5642, (21.8465 acres).**

**b. Consideration of Ordinance No. 622 to annex Woolmington-Smith Ventures, LLC, 1154 Jonathan Creek Road, Parcel #8607-34-5642, (21.8465 acres).**

Mayor McElroy opened and closed the public hearing at 5:39 pm without public comment.

Mr. Woolmington-Smith is trying to lower the grade in specific areas within Crestridge. The property owner is well aware that Maggie Valley will not be accepting the streets within the subdivision for maintenance due to road grade.

**ALDERMAN EDWARDS MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE  
NUMBER 622, ANNEXING PARCEL 8607-34-5642.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. Appearance of Victoria Young, Project Director of Haywood Community Connections, to give an update on the Haywood Community Connections Program.**

Victory Young representing Haywood Community Connections appeared before Council informing them of the progress that has been made, as well as reminding Council that \$1,444 is due as part of the match pledged when the \$750,000 grant was awarded from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

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Council reviewed a video showing how Haywood Community Connections has evolved.

**Excerpt from June 20, 2006**

**Appearance of Victoria Young from Haywood Community Connections (Formerly Join the Journey) to give an Update on the Strategic Plan to Develop an Aging Plan for Haywood County**

*Ms Young explained that out of 480 counties, eight were chosen to be awarded grant funding. Haywood County was one of the eight. A lot of agencies/organizations have since joined the cause i.e. Haywood County Health Department, The Enterprise Mountaineer, Haywood Regional Hospital, County Commissioners, Mountain Projects, Waynesville Parks & Recreation, and the Haywood County Extension Office, to name a few.*

*The goal of the program is to make Haywood County the place to age with respect.*

Council is committed to donate \$1,444 per year for five years. Council applauded Ms. Young's efforts and appreciated the update.

**5. Consideration of a reduced rate for a special FolkMoot performance at the Festival Grounds.**

Ms. Jamye Cooper representing Folkmoot addressed Council stating that she had previously gone before the Parks, Recreation, and Festival Advisory Committee and received a positive recommendation.

The year 2008 will mark the 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary for Folkmoot. The goal is to attract young families that may not have attended performances in the past. This venue will provide guests the opportunity to interact with the representatives from the different countries. Attendees may sit on blankets, in the grass, or bring lawn chairs. The Maggie Valley Chamber of Commerce will sell refreshments from the concession stand. The projected cost of tickets will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Numerous free tickets will be given out at the lead-in performance, taking place at the Haywood County Library.

The "Folkmoot Under the Stars" will be a premier event. The event held at the Stompin Grounds will continue as always. Folkmoot volunteers will pick up trash and park cars for the event. An officer will be needed to get people on and off Soco Road.

The Folkmoot organization is requesting relief on the rental fees. Maggie Valley would be recognized in the program as a co-sponsor. Ms. Cooper stated that Folkmoot would be seeking special appropriations from the Haywood County TDA.

Alderman Edwards asked if Folkmoot could pay for the use of electricity and lighting.

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After further discussion, Council decided since this was a premier event and would be a good activity for the entire community as well as introduces people to the Maggie Valley Festival Grounds the following motion was made:

**ALDERMAN ALDRIDGE MADE A MOTION TO WAIVE ALL FEES ON THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS FOR THE FOLKMOOT 2008 PREMIER EVENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**6. Consideration of a Resolution of Intent to annex certain property.**

Mr. John McHenry of Benchmark CMR, Inc. completed the study, prepared the property descriptions, and provided the annexation services plan. Mr. McHenry provided a map showing all the areas proposed. The majority of properties located within the areas are connected to municipal sewer.

Alderman Aldridge stated that he is against forced annexation. For a long-time now, the Town's policy has been if you receive municipal sewer you are required to petition for annexation. The proposed involuntary annexation will make that situation more equitable.

The North Carolina General Statues permits and dictates the formula used to calculate the areas that towns/cities are allowed to impose annexation (GS 160A-36).

Area A – covers Campbell Woods Subdivision. There are lots at the very top of the subdivision that could not qualify for this annexation. These lots will have to come into Town under a future annexation.

**ALDERMAN DEMEOLA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION OF INTENT NUMBER 08-12 FOR AREA A. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Area B – is the area near the intersection of Highway 19 and Highway 276. The bulk of the land proposed for annexation is on both sides of Highway 276 almost all the way out to the bridge that leads to Jonathan Valley Elementary School. Area B includes the Evergreen Heights Subdivision.

**ALDERMAN EDWARDS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION OF INTENT FOR AREA B (08-13). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Area C – This area is parts of Nottingham Drive and Reuben Branch Road. Both of those roads are branches off Springlake Road.

**ALDERMAN DEMEOLA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION OF INTENT FOR AREA C UNDER NUMBER 08-14. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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Area D – This is the lot where the Wheels Through Time Museum is located.

**ALDERMAN PRICE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 08-15 SHOWING THE INTENT TO ANNEX AREA D.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Area E – This is an area along the left side of Evans Cove Road right up to the bridge including one lot on the far side of the bridge. This area includes a campground.

**ALDERMAN EDWARDS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION OF INTENT NO. 08-16 FOR AREA E.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Area F – This is a number of lots along Timberline Drive and Twinbrook.

**ALDERMAN PRICE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 08-17 WITH THE INTENT TO ANNEX AREA F.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Area G – This area is up Riddle Cove Road, including a few lots along Country Club Drive, where a sewer line is about to be run.

**ALDERMAN ALDRIDGE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AREA G UNDER RESOLUTION NUMBER 08-18.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**7. Consideration of the Annexation Plan for Services.**

Each Councilmember received a bounded copy of the annexation service plan that included vicinity maps, annexation data, the statutory timeline and the statutory requirements. The plan also includes the plan for extension of services and a financial impact statement.

**ALDERMAN DEMEOLA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ANNEXATION SERVICE PLAN AS PRESENTED.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**8. Consideration of a donation to the Institute of Government for the NC Local Government Wing.**

When the School of Government building was renovated, a wing was added that was called the NC Local Government. To date over two hundred towns and counties have contributed toward the \$900,000 goal.

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The School of Government is asking that the Town contribute \$119.00, (the equivalent of the Town's annual dues), toward the goal. The School of Government has always been a valuable resource for the Town.

**ALDERMAN ALDRIDGE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9. Manager's Report.**

- Manager Barth distributed the Town Council Meeting Calendar and the Maggie Valley Calendar of events for April.
  
- The Haywood County Council of Government (COG) will be meeting on March 31, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the Waynesville Town Hall. All Council members were encouraged to attend.
  
- The Haywood County TDA will be meeting on March 26 at 3:30 pm.
  
- The monthly progress meeting for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Expansion will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday March 27, 2008.
  
- On March 27 at 2:00 pm a meeting will be held at the Haywood Electric Membership Cooperative to discuss running additional electric lines to Soco Mountain.
  
- The next regularly scheduled Board of Aldermen meeting will be April 1, 2008 at 3:30 pm.
  
- The asbestos issue has been taken care of and the contractor is right on track with the remodeling of the Town Hall.
  
- The price for the proposed addition off the back of Town Hall has not come back as of this meeting. The addition, if constructed will be approximately 1500 square feet. The quote from BB& T is for 3.4% financing.

Mayor McElroy felt that now would be the time to do the addition along with the renovations. It will be easier and less expensive to complete the job now as would be later. If the area were "under roof" then the area could be completed as time permits. The area will be used for storage and additional office space. The cafeteria and Flossy White room will remain for the community, which leaves no other area to expand. This expansion/renovation should be adequate for many years to come.

**10. Other Business.**

- The ticket booth being constructed on the festival grounds is coming along nicely. The booth will be ready by the beginning of the tourist season.

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- Alderman DeMeola discussed the possibility of getting some exercise equipment for the police department or something for the Senior Center. Alderman DeMeola provided the clerk with information.

**11. Public Comment.**

Maggie Valley Chamber Director Lynn Collins addressed Council stating that she has seen the draft report for Maggie Valley's 1% of the occupancy tax. The numbers exceed what was projected.

**12. Closed Session – G.S. 143-318.11(5) - Acquisition of Real Property.**

**ALDERMAN PRICE MADE A MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING LAND ACQUISITION AT 7:12 PM.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ALDERMAN EDWARDS MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION AT 7:40 PM.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**13. Meeting Adjourned.**

**ALDERMAN EDWARDS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:40 PM.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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Mayor Roger McElroy

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Vickie Best, CMC, Town Clerk