

**TOWN OF MAGGIE VALLEY
REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 2008
MINUTES**

Members Present: Mayor Roger McElroy, Aldermen: Colin Edwards and Mark DeMeola
Members Absent: Aldermen: Saralyn Price and Phil Aldridge
Staff Present: Manager Tim Barth, Attorney Chuck Dickson, Planning Director Nathan Clark, Public Works Director Mike Mehaffey, Building Inspector Ron Mercier, and Town Clerk Vickie Best
Others Present: Three people

1. **Meeting Called to Order.**

Mayor McElroy called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Boardroom.

2. **Consent Agenda**

a. Resolution 08-36 approving the Police Chief to apply for a grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Program.

b. Petition for Annexation: Jerry Lee Hatley, 11 Swanger Lane, Parcel #8606-49-8794, (0.3 acres), Resolution No. 08-37, Directing Clerk to investigate an annexation petition.

c. Correction and Approval of Minutes for the August 19, 2008 meeting.

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

3. **Appearance of Ernestine Upchurch.**

Ms. UpChurch was to address Council reporting on the bicentennial celebration in Maggie Valley.

- Ms. UpChurch wanted to know where the trashcans along the greenways trail were to discard dog waste bags.
- Ms. UpChurch created the driving book/map for visitors to see the history of Haywood County.
- The Town moved the bicentennial celebration to Town Hall due to a motorcycle rally taking place at the festival grounds. The bikes were noisy and the signs were offensive to families. The re-enactment took place, but the rally was a distraction. There was a lot of cost and time in moving the cannon to Town Hall, not to be able to fully appreciate the performance.
- Grant money was awarded from the American Heritage Society and the Haywood County TDA.
- A national champion Plott Hound was given an award and named the Plott Hound of Maggie Valley. His name is Waylon.

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- The Maggie Valley High Country Quilters made an honorary quilt for the celebration that was given to the Town. The quilt now hangs inside the front office. The quilt was meant to hang in the auditorium where people could appreciate it.
- Ms. UpChurch thanked all of the people from the bicentennial committee.
- Ms. UpChurch submitted invoices to the Town for her costs, but has yet to be refunded.
- Mr. Sam McCrary brought five scrapbooks that belonged to Ross Caldwell to provide information on the development of Maggie Valley since 1953. Maggie Valley must maintain a high standard but remain the real “Valley” that was rich in cultural and proud of their heritage.
- The Masonic Marker was included on the visitor’s trail of historical places. The marker was constructed in 1935 and consisted of 687 stones from around the world. Ms. UpChurch, as a child, was shown pictured with her baby doll standing at the marker.

4. **Consideration of a proposal that only licensed insured contractors be allowed to get permits for mobile homes and modular homes.**

Mr. Ron Mercier, the Town’s Building Inspector, felt that it is important to adopt an ordinance that only allows licensed contractors to set up mobile homes and modular homes. The sales people are arranging for subcontractors to do the setup and then telling the new homeowners that they must pull their own building permit. This creates a hardship on the homeowner and the town due to inept people trying to do the work that is needed to pass State inspection.

Council felt that the proposed revision was needed but asked that Manager Barth place the item on the next agenda so that the entire board is present.

5. **Consideration of adopting the new Haywood County Animal Control Ordinance.**

See Attachment 1

If adopted, Haywood County will do the enforcement.

This item was placed on the next agenda so that a full board could consider the ordinance.

6. **Consideration of naming a recommendation to fill a vacancy for the Haywood County Recreation Advisory Board.**

Mike Sorrells has been serving on the board for this end of the county, but due to Maggie Valley’s interest because of the pending purchase of the land on US-276, it would be more advantageous to appoint a Maggie Valley representative.

**ALDERMAN DEMEOLA MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT ALDERMAN
 COLIN EDWARDS TO THE BOARD.**

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Consideration of a request to change the meeting date for the September 16 meeting.

ALDERMAN EDWARDS MADE A MOTION TO MOVE THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ONE WEEK AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER 23, 2008 AT 5:30 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Manager's Report

- Manager Barth distributed September Calendar of events/meetings.
- A copy of the September 3rd Planning Board agenda was distributed to each Council member. The Planning Board has broken down into subcommittees to work on each element of the land use plan. The N.C. Community Service suggested this method.
- A joint meeting will be held September 8th with the Parks, Recreation, and Festival Advisory Committee to discuss plans for the festival grounds.
- Maggie Valley will be hosting the next Council of Government meeting on September 29th at 6:30 p.m. in the pavilion.
- Manager Barth and Inspector Mercier met with the executive board of the Maggie Valley Civic Association on Friday to discuss winterizing the pavilion so that the use can be extended into the colder months. The Civic Association will be donating to the pavilion project as well as the Parham Park project.

Staff as well as Council were thrilled with the donations and are very appreciative of the Civic Association's dedication to the Maggie Valley Community.

- The Town received a surprise inspection from OSHA. Maggie Valley fared better than most municipalities. Manager Barth stated that the staff impressed him. There were no big problems found. The Town may need to implement more training courses and begin lead testing on the police officers coming off the firing range.

9. Other Business.

Ms. Shirley Smith addressed Council explaining that in honor of Haywood County's bicentennial, Teresa Pennington, a renowned artist will be painting a picture that will include 50 highlights of Haywood County. The Towns of Canton and Clyde have already purchased cameos to be included. There is only one cameo left to purchase but there are several medium and large spots left to buy. Five to eight prints will be included with all purchases. The cost to the town for additional prints will be \$3.75. The project will be complete by Christmas. Prints will be sold throughout Haywood County but not at the same cost.

After further discussion among the council members, the following motion was made.

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**ALDERMAN EDWARDS MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE A CAMEO AND A MEDIUM SIZE DRAWING FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$925.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The cameo will be of Town Hall and the medium size drawing will be of the festival grounds.

10. Closed Session- Economic Development.

**ALDERMAN EDWARDS MADE A MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION AT 4:30 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ALDERMAN EDWARDS MADE A MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 4:58 P.M.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. Meeting Adjourned.

**ALDERMAN DEMEOLA MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 4:58 P.M.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Roger McElroy

Vickie Best, CMC, Town Clerk

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