

MINUTES
BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
January 8, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rick Owen called the regular meeting of the Beech Mountain Town Council to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers. Other Council Members present were Gil Adams, Pete Chamberlin, Randy Corn and Alan Holcombe. Also present were Town Manager Michael Boaz, Town Attorney David Paletta, Public Works Director Riley Hatch, Town Engineer Ed Powell and Interim Planning Director Bobby Dziewulski. There were a number of interested parties in the audience.

II. Invocation – Charlie Burlison opened the meeting with a prayer.

III. Pledge of Allegiance – All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

IV. Adoption of Agenda – The Agenda was accepted with the addition of **VII. item f**, Wild Daisy Court and **item g**. Set Public Hearing, **VIII. item h**, builders, **item i**. Park Master Plan **item o**. Tax Releases.

V. Approval of the Minutes of November 13, 2007 Regular Meeting – Mr. Chamberlin moved to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2007 meeting as amended. Mr. Adams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VI. Public Comment – There were no comments from the public.

VII. Old Business –

a. Appointment of Planning Board Members – Mr. Chamberlin moved to reappoint Paul O’Connell and Bill Watson to the Planning Board. Mr. Holcombe seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mayor Owen noted that the terms were for a 3 year period.

b. Appointment of Board of Adjustment Alternatives – Mayor Owen noted that the Council was still considering the 3rd alternate appointment and would make a recommendation at the February 12, 2008 meeting.

c. Amendment to the Parks Ordinance – Mr. Holcombe moved to amend the Parks Ordinance to allow appointments for the members to the Park Committee to one year terms for the 1st year and indicated that the Committee was to advise the Recreation Director. The Council would assist the Recreation Director. Items#3 and #9 would be deleted. Mr. Corn moved to approve the Parks Ordinance as amended. Mr. Chamberlin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

d. Appointment of Recreation Committee Members –Mr. Chamberlin moved to appoint Reub Mooradian as Chairperson, Gil Adams, Jim Brooks, Fred Pfohl, Barbara Piquet, Tracy Sims and Calder Smoot to the Parks Committee. Mr. Holcombe seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mayor Owen noted that all terms would expire in one year.

e. Amendment to the Subdivision Ordinance – Mr. Boaz indicated that the Council had requested revision to the proposed Subdivision Ordinance amendment presented at the December Council meeting. Mr. Corn moved to approve the Subdivision Ordinance as presented. Mr. Chamberlin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

f. Wild Daisy Court – Mayor Owen reported that the Council had previously looked at the issue of Wild Daisy Court with regards to the issue of a private driveway being turned over to the Town as a road. Mr. Michael Harris, 126 Wild Daisy Lane, addressed the Council requesting that the road be repaired to the condition that it had been prior to new home construction. Mr. Harris also expressed his desire for the road to remain private. After a lengthy discussion the matter was tabled until the February 12, 2008 meeting.

g. Set Public Hearing – Mr. Corn moved to set a Public Hearing on February 12, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers on allowing lot sizes to be smaller than 15,000 square feet and builders of modular homes to be required to replant any trees that they would have not been allowed to removed if the house were site built. Mr. Holcombe seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VIII. New Business –

a. Noise Ordinance Amendment – Mr. Boaz reported that the amendment to Title VI Chapter 67 would add language that regulated large trucks and jake brakes. Mr. Holcombe moved to approve the revision to the Noise Ordinance. Mr. Corn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

b. PARTF Grand Application – Mr. Boaz reported that the N.C. Parks and Recreation Trust Fund grant would be for the Buckeye Lake Playground Project. The grant would require a match of 50%. Mr. Boaz noted that the Town would be asking for \$100,000, matching funds would be \$50,000. Mr. Corn moved to approve the PARTF Grant Application. Mayor Owen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

c. Modular Home Ordinance Amendment – Mr. Boaz explained that the Planning Board had recommended that the Modular Home Ordinance be amendment to require builders to replant trees that they would not have been allowed to remove if the house was site built. After a brief discussion, Mr. Chamberlin moved to set a Public Hearing for February 12, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers. Mr. Holcombe seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

d. Amendment to Position Classification Plan – Mr. Boaz reported that the classification change was for the Recreation Center employees. After a brief discussion,

Mr. Adams moved to approve the Amendment to the Position Classification Plan. Mr. Chamberlin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

e. Strategic Planning Committee – Mr. Holcombe moved to table the Strategic Planning Committee discussion until the February 12, 2008 meeting. Mr. Adams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

f. Finance Reports – The financial reports were accepted as presented.

g. Tax Releases – Mr. Adams moved to approve the Releases as presented. Mr. Holcombe seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

h. Park Master Plan – Mr. Boaz presented the Council with a Master Park Plan and after a brief discussion, Mr. Corn moved to approve the Plan as amended. Mr. Chamberlin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

i. Contractor Issues – Mr. Corn expressed his desire to have the Inspection Department to enforce the Town Ordinances firmly, noting parking areas, trash and building debris left on job sites. The Council asked that Mr. Boaz deal with the issue.

IX. Town Manager's Report – Michael Boaz – Mr. Boaz reported; 1) Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates will send out plans next week for the new waterline, PSR and generator for bid. 2) The Tani Hills developers were scheduled to meet with the Council on January 15th at 10:00 a.m. 3) Mr. Boaz indicated that he would be attending the Town Managers Conference from January 30th through February 1st in Chapel Hill.

X. Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (c) 6 – On a motion by Mr. Holcombe, seconded by Mr. Chamberlin, the Council voted to go into closed session at 4:05 p.m. to discuss matters related to Personnel. Mr. Chamberlin moved to come out of closed session at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Corn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. No action was taken.

XI. Other Business – There was no other business to come before the Council.

XII. Adjourned – Mr. Corn moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m. Mr. Adams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Minutes approved by Town Council on _____, 2008

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk