

**TOWN OF LAKE LURE
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION
AND ACTION MEETING**

Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.
Lake Lure Inn



Attendees:

Mayor, Carol C, Pritchett
Commissioner, Scott Doster
Commissioner, Jim Proctor
Commissioner, Patrick Bryant
Mayor Pro Tem, Dave DiOrio
William Morgan, Town Attorney

Town Staff:

Town Manager, Olivia Stewman
Finance Director, Steve Ford
Fire Chief, Dustin Waycaster
Assistant Fire Chief, Chris Melton
Police Chief, Sean Humphries
P&R Director, Dana Bradley
Public Works Director, Dean Lindsey
Communications Director, Laura Krejci

Absent:

I. Call to Order

Mayor called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

II. Agenda Adoption

Council adopted the agenda as presented.

III. Mayors Communications

All Mayors communications were discussed under storm updates.

IV. Town Managers Communications

All Town managers communications were discussed under storm updates.

V. Request to Appeal Notice of Violation (NOV-2024032)

Richard Carpenter provided an overview of the request to appeal NOV and Council discussed. Council voted to approve the request to appeal NOV 2024032.

VI. Storm Updates

The Army Corp of Engineers will need to conduct a Bathymetric Survey for the purpose of lake sedimentation removal.

It was noted that Chapel Point could possibly be used as an alternative location for lake debris and sedimentation removal.

The Town is still working to remove the no flush order fully and will provide notification as soon as that is doable.

Repairs are being evaluated on the Proctor Road landslide and staff will reach out to Proctor Ridge POA.

The replacement access road repairs are done for the time being and more will need to be made in the future.

It was confirmed that Morgan Corporation has insurance for the damages sustained related to the reservoir drain valve project.

The Town is proceeding with right abutment repairs at the dam.

The Town is having a surveyor work with a land attorney to determine the Hunt v. Moore property line near the dam property.

VII. Public Comment

Pat Buede, Memorial Highway, asked that the Town identify where the donated funding is going. It was discussed that the Finance Department is tracking donations and will identify how they are being utilized. It was also noted that donators may specify if they would like their donations to be allocated for a specific reason.

Mike Wood, Winding Creek Court, asked if the Town is doing a written report for water samples. It was noted that the Town is working with EPA and DEQ. Mr. Wood suggested that the Town conducted their own samples in the interim and provide the public with a PSA for handling cleanup, hazmat, etc. It was discussed that the Town is still working on obtaining all water testing samples. It was noted that volunteers are assisting with collection of the samples and staff has reached out to various sample testing sites nearby. As soon as results are available, they will be provided to the public. Another attended suggested these issues need to be kept in mind as boats are being removed and stated that he has conducted water testing himself and says it is getting worse. An attended stated that another lake is using a chemical compound to treat the lake water, similar to WWTP, and suggested that the Town might do this as well.

Tom Flog, Chapel Point, noted that their gate is covered in sand and asked if it is possible to get that watered down or cleaned off.

Don King, Bills Mountain, asked about the Lake Drawdown schedule. Commissioner DiOrio explained why we are currently keeping the lake at its current level for dam repairs and lake cleanup, but the Town is aware that the lake level will eventually need to increase to remove boats before it can decrease again for an official lake drawdown. It was noted that there are many unknowns at this time and the schedule is still being evaluated.

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Patrick Bryant made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Jim Proctor seconded and all were in favor. The motion carried 4-0, the meeting ended at 9:45 am.

ATTEST :

Elba Willette, Town Clerk



Carol C. Pritchett, Mayor