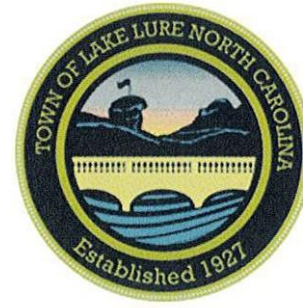


**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF LAKE LURE
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 @5:00 pm
Town Hall at The Landings



Agenda

Roll Call:

Mayor, Carol C, Pritchett
Commissioner Patrick Bryant
Commissioner Scott Doster
Commissioner Jim Proctor
Commissioner Dave DiOrio

Town Manager, Olivia Stewman
William Morgan, Attorney
Kimberly Martin, Town Clerk

I. Call to Order

Mayor Pritchett called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

A. Pledge of allegiance and Invocation

Mayor Pritchett led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance and Commissioner Bryant led the invocation.

II. Agenda Adoption

Commissioner Patrick Bryant made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Jim Proctor seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

III. Mayor's Communication

Mayor Carol C. Pritchett presented a proclamation to Officer Willett who has demonstrated courage, professionalism and compassion. His decisive actions, leadership, and commitment to preserving life exemplify the highest standards of public service upon himself, the Lake Lure Police Department, and the entire community. Mayor Carol C. Pritchett thanked him generously and a standing ovation preceded.

IV. Town Managers Communication

A. Monthly Report

Town Manager, Olivia Stewman provides a report to council and the community.

The cell tower is in progress, and the tentative date of completion is December 8, 2025. Station 2 will soon see some upgrades with additional funds being received in the amount of \$185,000.

The playground in Morse Park is in progress, and a ribbon cutting is scheduled for Wednesday at 2:30pm.

Dam replacement design is almost completed. It has been delayed.

The design for the seal replacements on the Tainter gates is complete and will be going out for bid.

The Town received a regional dam safety award from the Association of State Dam Safety.

The NCDEQ has approved the revised ER/EID and will continue to move onto the next phase.

One lane of Buffalo Shoals Rd. will be closed tomorrow for concrete to be poured.

The Comprehensive plan is moving forward with 2 public input sessions scheduled for in person on November 5, 2025, from 4:00pm-7:00pm. A virtual session is scheduled for October 28, 2025, from 4:00pm-6:00pm.

A few events are coming up. The first Arts and Crafts festival since Helene is scheduled for this weekend. A haunted trail presented by Lake Lure Classical Academy will be October 31, 2025 and November 1, 2025 and a Veterans Day special on November 11, 2025 in Town Center.

V. Council Liaison Reports and Comments

Commission Scott Doster advised the Zoning and Planning Board met and continue working on the sign ordinance. This review is ongoing.

ABC Board met and things continue to go well with the store. \$65,000 was paid to the Town from the ABC Store. Commends the hard work of the staff and the work of the board.

Commission Dave DiOrio advised that the Board of Adjustments met and with all the construction going on there is a steady review of setbacks and meeting ordinance and this will continue as boathouses are rebuilt, and repairs continue.

The Lake Advisory Board is working to have all things in place once the Lake comes back up for use.

Commissioner Jim Proctor advised that Parks and Recreation met. Had about 88 Volunteer hours. This does not include hours with the flowering bridge. We have about 100 volunteers for the playground build. Trail repairs continue with weed patch and buffalo creek trails close to completion.

The Flowering Bridge received a donation of \$1000.00 from sales of mugs by Lake Lure Pottery and they plan to plant around 25 gardens. A portion of the rainbow bridge was

recovered recently, and a new bear will be seen on the property as they won the auction for a pair from Main Street in Hendersonville. Southern living donated plants and will continue to be following where the Flowering Bridge goes. Discussion regarding the connection between Lake Lure and Chimney Rock continues.

Commissioner Patrick Bryant advised the short-term rental board met and things continue to move forward and steadily making resolve. Working to make changes to the application process and review signage. Also reviewing inspection opportunities.

VI. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Jim Proctor made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Dave DiOrio seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

VII. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

VIII. New Business

A. Consider Amendment to Land use Fee Schedule to Add Encroachment Agreement Fee

Town Manager, Olivia Stewman, presented to council an amendment to the fee schedule to add a fee for encroachment agreements. This fee would be \$200.00 and still requires board approval, which will be decided prior to paying the fee.

Commissioner Jim Proctor made a motion to approve Amendment to Land Use Fee Schedule to Add Encroachment Agreement Fee. Commissioner Dave DiOrio seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

B. Consider Amendment to 2025 Town Council Meeting Schedule to Change the November Regular Meeting Date to November 4, 2025

Town Manager, Olivia Stewman presented to council to change the next Regular Town Council Meeting to November 4, 2025 as it originally was scheduled for November 11, 2025 which falls on Veterans Day.

Commissioner Jim Proctor made a motion to Approve Amendment to the 2025 Town Council Meeting Schedule to Change the November Regular Meeting Date to November 4, 2025. Commissioner Dave DiOrio seconded the motion and all were in favor.

C. Recommendation for Short Term Rental Board Appointment

Commissioner Patrick Bryant advised to council that a member of the board has missed 4 consecutive meetings and is unable to commit to the remainder of the term. The board has recommended appointing Pat Beude to the board as the new member.

Commissioner Scott Doster made a motion to approve Pat Beude to be appointed to the short-term rental board for the remainder of the term. Commissioner Dave DiOrio seconded the motion and all were in favor.

IX. Storm Recovery Updates

Town Manager, Olivia Stewman, wanted to thank all those who attended the 1-year ceremony held at the Roosevelt Hall at Lake Lure Inn. A special thank you to Laura for all the work put in to make it happen.

We currently have 13 public assistance projects obligated. The 2.5 million obligations for the Flowering Bridge have covered the demolition and will cover the seawall.

The RFP for the marina is out for bid and will provide to council at the November Meeting.

The West End Sewer project will soon wrap up. We should have the new 828 and hair salon connected by early next week.

Proctor road has wrapped up and just waiting on paving and will place barriers for safety.

We have received 9 denials for boathouse removal. We expect to have denials for the remaining as well. We are continuing to appeal and will update once more information is available.

Sedimentation has slowed down currently. We have not received any additional information at this time; however, we know they are re-evaluating the remaining scope of work and cost and will update the public once that information becomes available.

X. Public Comment

Dr. Haynes/ Sarah

I am retired from the army and currently working with Skybell. We provide stickers for handicaps and pets that are placed on windows. This creates identification markers for fire and rescue to locate those who may be in homes during an emergency. (Attachment upon request).

John Squires (227 Garner Dr)

It has been over a year since I was able to attend a meeting. This is mostly an inquiry regarding the coves. Some coves still have debris. Will it be cleaned.

Dave DiOrio advised that as water comes up, we will be addressing the remaining debris in coves. Uncertain of a timeline, however, the town will work to be sure these are addressed.

Chuck Stokes (280 Mark Twain)

Has the timeline changed from the end of October with the slowdown? Or do we know?

Currently there is no exact answer. The project is being assessed and once the information becomes available the town will release that information to the public.

Mike Wood (Lake Lure Village Resort)

Will the lake dropping continue once sedimentation and clean up is complete.

The town plans to continue repairs on major infrastructure, however we do not plan to lower the lake this low. The public will be notified of when the town plans to lower the lake and what those levels will be.

John (275 Willow top Lane)

We have lived here for 20 years and love boating. Will the marina be the same as before and will the gas pump be replaced.

There will be the same amount of boat slips and yes, the gas pump is being replaced as part of a separate project.

No other Public Comments were made. Mayor Carol C. Pritchett thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

XI. Closed Session

Commission Patrick Bryant made a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Dave DiOrio seconded the motion and all were in favor.

XI. Adjournment

Once back in open session, Commissioner Scott Doster made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Dave DiOrio seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting ended at 6:03 pm.

ATTEST:


Kimberly Martin, Town Clerk


Carol C. Pritchett, Mayor

