

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

Tuesday, May 13, 2025@ 5:00pm
Lakeview Terrace at Rumbling Bald



Agenda

Roll Call:

Mayor, Carol C, Pritchett
Commissioner Dave DiOrio
Commissioner Patrick Bryant
Commissioner Scott Doster
Commissioner Jim Proctor
Town Manager, Olivia Stewman
William Morgan, Attorney
Laura Krejci, Communications Director
Kimberly Martin, Town Clerk

I. Call to Order

Mayor Pritchett called the meeting to order at 5:07pm.

II. Agenda Adoption

Commissioner Jim Proctor made motion to approve agenda as presented. Commissioner Scott Doster seconded the motion and all were in favor.

III. Mayor's Communication

Mayor Carol C. Pritchett began by thanking everyone for coming out this evening. Thanked Rumbling Bald for allowing the Town to continue to use there space for these meetings. Also, a thank you to Town Manager, Olivia Stewman and all town staff for all they do.

IV. Town Managers Communication

Town Manager Olivia Stewman gave an update on the projects the Town is currently working on.

Schnabl will begin updating Action Plan.

Drain Valve project has been completed.

A thank you to all Town staff and visitors that came out to the Arbor Day celebration.

Drilling and packer testing for the Dam replacement will begin.

A few upcoming events to be aware of.

Memorial Day event will be held on May 26, 2025 at 9:00am. We will also be having a Flag Day Ceremony on June 13, 2025 at 9:00am.

FY 25-26 Budget Message overview was provided to be reviewed on June 10th.

V. Council Liaison Reports and Comments

Commissioner Scott Doster began with the Zoning and planning board meeting on April 22, 2025. Several things were reviewed including a utility building that was approved unanimously. Also the proposed marina located on Memorial Hwy. This also passed with a 4-1 vote. ABC Board also met with discussion about advertising on social media. Hours are changing Memorial Day weekend to. Monday- Thursday 12:00pm to 7:00pm and Friday-Saturday 10:00am to 7:00pm.

Commissioner Dave DiOrio stated that LAB met and they continue to monitor the health of the lake and we are seeing the wildlife returning. Will be reviewing boat regulations with the new boats and changes that are being made. BOA is getting back to normal and seeing more work being done. BOA did vote on the 14 slip marina being proposed. This did pass through the BOA and will continue onto the permitting stage.

Commissioner Jim Proctor stated that Parks and Rec board recorded 247 volunteer hours with a ton of hours with the climbers coalition and other agency that are not recorded. Dana looked into using rubberized material for the playground instead of mulch. That cost is estimated from 50,000 to 80,000. Will continue to look at other options. 9 disc golf goals have been donated and has been recommended on them being temporarily placed on the green space.

Commission Patrick Bryant advised that the Short Term Rental is looking to fill one more spot on the board. This will be reviewed and voted on at the next work session meeting and hopeful to meet the following month.

VI. Consent Agenda

Commission Jim Proctor made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented with the approval of the April 2025 minutes and the approval of the ICF Task Order 2. Commissioner Dave DiOrio seconded the motion and all were in favor.

VII. Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business to discuss.

VIII. New Business

A. Resolution No. 25-05-13 Setting Public Hearing for June 10, 2025 to Receive Comments Regarding Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.

Commissioner Patrick Bryant made a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-05-13 Setting Public Hearing for June 10, 2025 to Receive Comments Regarding Proposed Fiscal year 2025-2026 Budget. Commissioner Dave DiOrio seconded the motion and all were in favor.

B. Budget Amendment #376

Town Manager Olivia Stewman spoke advising we are working to reconciling the fiscal year. Stephen Ford, Finance Director provided the information for closing out the year. Moving funds where needed and provide overages to the places that didn't use the funding provided. No questions from council but thanked Stephen for all his hard work.

Commissioner Jim Proctor made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment #376. Commissioner Dave DiOrio seconded the motion and all were in favor.

C. Consider Approval of LaBella Task 26 for Post-Helene Structural Inspections

Town Manager, Olivia Stewman is working to complete site inspections. Structural reports should also be provided. This gives information of the repairs needed and what is needed to repair. This report would cost \$6500.00.

Commissioner Patrick Bryant made a motion to approve LaBella Task 26 for Post-Helene Structural Inspections. Commissioner Scott Doster seconded the motion and all were in favor.

D. Consider Approval of Amendment to 2025 Meeting Schedule

Town Manager, Olivia Stewman advised that the Town Council Work Session and Action meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2025. Requesting to amend to May 29, 2025 at 8:30am as the previous date interferes with meetings that cannot be rescheduled.

Commissioner Jim Proctor made a motion to approve the Amendment to the 2025 Meeting schedule. Commissioner Patrick Bryant seconded the motion and all were in favor.

E. Storm Recovery

Olivia Stewman provided storm recovery updates.

*Army Corp is taking a break for a few days from the removal of sub surface debris due to weather. They will pick back up and continue their work.

*West End Sewer project is still moving on schedule. Expected to be completed by July 10, 2025.

*The Proctor Road project has begun this week and plans to have it completed in 5-6 weeks.

*FEMA has obligated 6 projects estimating 3.3 million. Town has received 1.7 Million as of today. We have several more projects that should be obligated soon.

*Site inspections are almost completed and will continue to work on them till there done.

*Roads: The town will continue to do repairs as they can. Dot will also be working to do repairs on roads. This will be an ongoing project for the town.

*To anyone that applied for the Mountain Biz Rebuild Grant: They are running behind but should be able to announce award by May 16, 2025.

IX. Public Comments

Bob Washburn: Washburn Rd: Spoke about the historical perspective of the lake and the Town. Advising of his disapproval of the marina that has been presented.

Richard Pressley: Differed his time to either Bob Washburn or Barbara Searcy as he was going to speak about the disapproval of the new marina being presented.

Mary Ann Silvey: Tryon Bay Circle: Came to Lake Lure in 1947 and is appalled by some of the things the town has allowed to happen here in Lake Lure. Read a letter that was sent to Michael Williams in Community Development and was also read at the Board of Adjustments meeting. This was in disapproval of the new marina that has been presented.

Mike and Jamie Wood: 172 Winding Creek Ct. wanted to thank the town for keeping the road up on Boys Camp. The town and Public Works department is doing a wonderful job.

Thomasina & Cory Coile: 2400 Memorial Hwy. Just purchased the old Train museum. Wanted to let the public know that they will be operating 3 new business here in Lake Lure. A Candy store, escape room, and axe throwing. Hoping for a fun, family oriented entertainment. Hopeful that the escape room could possibly be open by Memorial Day weekend or as soon July 1, 2025 for the candy store and axe throwing beginning in early fall.

Barbara Searcy: Havnaers Point: Spoke on her disapproval of the proposed marina. Would like a moratorium placed on private marina until public can be involved and compared to the comprehensive plan.

Commissioner Scott Doster clarified her questioning.

Tara Sheehan: 1104 Memorial Hwy. Concerns regarding the proposed marina that is directly across from her property. Worried with parking with there being 14 slips and already a high traffic area. Other concerns with Gas leaking, skiing, safety of renters while wadding in water, Boats backing up close to their property. How this will affect the fishing and views or the value of their home.

Commissioner Scott Doster spoke on behalf of the Town.

Mike Sheehan: 1104 Memorial Hwy. same concerns as his wife as this will affect his property and many ways.

Shae Marie: No address provided: Just wanted to know who would benefit from the new marina?

Mayor Carol C. Pritchett thanked everyone for their comments. Some discussion continued. Commissioner Dave DiOrio spoke advising that this had went through many steps for getting to this point all of which were made public. This is a permitted use project.

IX. Adjournment

Commissioner Scott Doster made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Jim Proctor seconded the motion and all were in favor. Meeting closed at 5:24pm.

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Kimberly Martin, Town Clerk



Carol C. Pritchett, Mayor

