

**TOWN OF LAKE LURE  
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL BREEFING MEETING**

Monday, October 21, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.  
Lake Lure Inn



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**Agenda**

Roll Call:

Mayor Carol C. Pritchett  
Mayor Pro Tem David DiOrio  
Commissioner Patrick Bryant  
Commissioner Scott Doster  
Commissioner Jim Proctor  
Town Manager Olivia Stewman

Dean Lindsey, Public Works Director  
Dustin Waycaster, Fire Chief  
Chris Melton, Assistant Fire Chief  
Mike Williams, Community Development Director  
Steve Ford, Finance Director (via Phone)  
Dana Bradley, Parks and Rec Director  
Laura Krejci, Communications Director  
Jeff Geisler, Rambling Bald  
Sgt Carl Umphlett, Police Department  
Jennifer Duncan, Human Resources

Absent:

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Carol C. Pritchett opened the meeting at 10:00 am.

**II. Storm Recovery**

Council and staff discussed that Ms. Stewman is working on the FEMA damage inventory list and items for addition were reviewed. The different types of FEMA categories were discussed. The Town will be assigned a program delivery manager (PDMG) who will assist throughout the FEMA funding process. The PDMG should be scheduling an initial meeting soon and the next step will be to schedule a recovery scoping meeting (RSM). It was noted that there will be 60 days to submit all damages after the RSM is held.

Chief Waycaster is working on obtaining construction debris dumpsters for the Green Space and Public Works. It was noted that the County is finalizing their plans for debris pickup this

week. Jeff Brooks with the Army Corp of Engineers explained that they are working on a process for debris cleanup as well.

The Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) needs to get eligibility approval from FEMA to do any dredging operations or lake sedimentation removal. The Town has request4ed assistance from USAE to remove waterway debris from the lake and to remove existing debris and sediment to allow for emergency route clearance. USACE is working on a scope and the Town is assisting them with finding access points to remove the debris. USACE plans to use about five acres of the Lake Lure Green Space to temporarily place lake debris. USACE will handle any permitting.

It was discussed that the Town will need to determine which boathouses are serviceable and which are not and the Town would like to request direct federal assistance with demolitions for boathouses that are not serviceable.

Boat removals continue and any cost incurred will hopefully be reimbursed by FEMA.

Road repairs on Buffalo Shoals Road are going well. LaBella Associates is assisting with the road repairs, because Schnabel does not work with roads. A fence will need to be installed when road repairs are completed. Barriers will be in place with emergency access only until the repairs are made.

Morgan Corporation is proceeding with right abutment repairs for the dam and they are assisting with completion of a deep water access to support emergency boat removal.

It was discussed that FEMA will begin offering assistance and buy-outs to destroyed property owners and that those spaces must remain green spaces after any demolitions.

The wastewater treatment plant is being energized today and staff is conducting checks for preparations for receivables. Motors have been ordered for redundancy and site remediation is beginning. The Town has a goal for the pump system to install a temporary bypass which is dependent upon materials, but we hope to have this completed by Wednesday. After this is completed, the no flush order may be lifted. It was noted that there still may be issues with infill during a storm event. The wet well is being pumped out, the main line is being jetted and the permanent pump replacements are supposed to be here today and will be installed. Having bypass in place gives a buffer for permanent repairs.

The access road to the lift stations repairs are completed and are being reinforced. The road will be repositioned as much as possible.

Dam debris removal is still underway. The Town is waiting for the Schnabel design for access road to the hydro plant. The automation engineer has been on site and removed all features that can be salvageable and will be starting design for when the plant is restored.

Director Lindsey is still waiting to hear from David Snoke with the DOT about running a replacement sewer line on the Memorial Highway Bridge. The Town is going to design the west end sewer system replacement to allow for Chimney Rock Village to hook up to it, but the line will be capped if they decide that they are not going to hook up to it. Mayor Pritchett will communicate with Mayor O'Leary to confirm Chimney Rock's plans and projected timelines.

Thrasher Group has been in contact with Michelle Morton regarding the design of the temporary replacement for the Boys Camp Bridge and she still expressed reservations regarding granting an easement for the project. Staff is working to find an alternative to a temporary easement agreement if Ms. Morton will not provide one. If built as currently planned, residents will be able to access Boys Camp temporary bridge but large commercial vehicles will still need to use the riverbed access. The permanent bridge replacement will depend on DOT access. The Town is inquiring about USACE help with rebuilding the permanent replacement bridge as well.

A moratorium on lake structure permits that require lake access was discussed.

The Lake Lure Classical Academy is close to fixing their sewer pump.

We have received 3D scan of Town facilities from ServPro.

FEMA is in supporting a creating a code for the FEMA funding portal where we will upload requests and policies.

The FEMA joint field office is currently located in Hickory, NC.

The Town's phone company is sending new landlines this week free of charge.

### **III. Adjournment**

It was noted that the regular work session will be held this Wednesday. Commissioner Proctor made a motion to recess this meeting until Friday, October 25, 2024, until 10:00am. Commissioner Doster Seconded and 4-0 voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 12:00.

Attest:

*Kimberly Martin*  
Kimberly Martin, Town Clerk

*Carol A. Pritchett*  
Mayor