

TOWN OF LAKE LURE
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL BREEFING MEETING

Wednesday, October 25, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Lake Lure Inn



Agenda

Roll Call:

Commissioner David DiOrio
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
James Ledgerwood, State Park
Mark Spencer, Director of the Landings Assisted Living

Absent:

Mayor Carol C. Pritchett
Commissioner Patrick Bryant
Jennifer Duncan, Human Resources

I. Call to Order

Commissioner David DiOrio opened the meeting at 10:08 am

II. Town Managers reports:

Ms. Stewman recommended working with a consulting firm on FEMA recovery efforts. Commissioners expressed some concerns. Steve Ford agreed that it would be very beneficial and that it can be reimbursable, Ms. Stewman added that they can also help with mitigation and any appeals process.

Ms. Stewman is moving forward with the Town's purchase of the Hunt Property.

III. Fire Department Updates:

Chimney Rock has a Meeting today with DOT, AT&T and Duke Energy at 2:00pm.

Army Corp is working on various scopes of work.

Attempting to get EPA assistance with environmental testing.

IV. Parks and Rec Updates:

Someone from Ashbritt will be contacting Mr. Lindsey today to discuss the lake level needed for their work.

Lake Lure Dock and Lake Lure Marine are still removing danger boats for us. The Town will must reach out people if their kayaks or canoes are found.

Corbie Bradley has been contacting marina slip owners prior to their boats being removed so they can plan on how they would like for it to be hauled off.

Donation containers need to be moved to another locations ASAP.

V. Public Works Updates:

The paving of Buffalo Shoals is being worked on now. Duke Energy and Emergency personnel still can access the area.

Still working on getting the sewer system operational and the public will be notified as soon as the no flush order is lifted.

It was discussed that the replacement bridge for Boys Camp must be DOT certified in order for the DOT to continue assisting the town with annual inspections of the bridge moving forward.

VI. Community Development:

Michelle Morton continues to express concern with granting an easement for the Boys Camp temporary bridge.

Michael Williams will provide the council with a list of the boat houses that need to be condemned, and the council will make a motion to approve the condemnations. Lake structures must meet the engineer plans to be rebuilt.

VII. Communications Updates:

In my updates I have made a list of the people that do not have power. There has been a lot of concerns about the debris removal and the contamination from the debris.

VIII. Finance Department Updates:

Before making the selection of the vendor for FEMA consulting, the recommended firm can address the council and their concerns. The recommended firm is ICF. This will relieve staff from getting overwhelmed with the complicated FEMA paperwork and ensure that no errors are made.

IX. Commissioners:

Chimney Rock Village council meeting is next Thursday at 4pm at the chimney rock Baptist church.

There is a meeting with FEMA on Nov. 13.

X. State Parks:

Chimney Rock State Park needs a new master plan. Ingress and egress are the main issue at this time. The state parks director requested \$6 million from the state for assistance restoring ingress and egress.

XI. The Landings Assisted Living Facility:

Mark Spencer director wanted a time frame of when it is safe to move them back. They have state and Medicaid requirements they must meet. Residents may return when the no flush order is lifted.

XII. Rumbling Bald:

I need to get Ashbritt's hours from Dana after the meeting to let the residents know when they will be working. Mr. Geisler asked if lake is going to be shut down next season and the answer is uncertain at this time.


XIII. Police Department:


There is an ongoing conflict with a con-man who is current in Town. The department has spoken with the other agencies who are assisting with the issue. It was recommended that the next person who is allowed to take donations in a disaster needs a background check. The individual is also spreading dangerous misinformation and trying to bait the law enforcement to overstep so they can sue the Town.

XIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Scott Doster made a motion to recess the meeting until Monday October 28, 2024, at 10:00am Commissioner Jim Proctor Seconded and 4-0 voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 12:44.

Attest:


Kimberly Martin, Town Clerk


Cary A. Proctor