

TOWN OF LAKE LURE
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL BRIEFING

Monday, November 04, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.
Lake Lure Inn



Agenda

Roll Call:

Mayor Carol C. Pritchett Commissioner
David DiOrio Commissioner Scott
Doster Commissioner Jim Proctor
Commissioner Patrick Bryant (Absent)

Town Manager Olivia Stewman
Jennifer Duncan, Human Resources
Dean Lindsey, Public Works Director (Via Phone) Dustin
Waycaster, Fire Chief
Mike Williams, Community Development Director Steve
Ford, Finance Director
Diane Daneau-Duval, Finance Department Dana
Bradley, Parks and Rec Director Laura
Krejci, Communications Director Sgt. Carl
Umphlett, Police Department

Liz Geary, Rambling Bald
Yaz Cisco, FEMA Division Supervisor
John Metcalf, Lobbyist for the General Assembly Steve
Metcalf, Lobbyist for the General Assembly Justin Gibson,
Army Corp
Bethany, Army Corp

I. Call to Order

Mayor Carol Pritchett opened the meeting at 10:02 am

II. Town Managers reports:

Sent the updated spreadsheet for the damage inventory. There will be a meeting with FEMA tomorrow.

We are having issues with Serve Pro and the Town Hall remediation. We are getting quotes from other companies at this time.

III. John Metcalf:

Mr. Metcalf is here to help and figure out what funds we can get from the general assembly and what funds FEMA is helping with. There will be several representatives from congress in the area on Wednesday. The General Assembly will not have an adopted budget until July 2025. The November 19 session will be a good time to start preparing for the 2025 fiscal year and we will ask about the money that is available now. It may be that the state will help fund what FEMA will not.

IV. Steve Metcalf:

Expressed the understanding of serious needs in the community.

V. Fire Department Updates:

Provided an update on the County debris removal contract.

VI. Parks and Rec Updates:

Still working on getting more boats out of the Marina. Ashbritt is eager to begin working. Some of the boats in the Marina have been found in good shape with very small repairs needed.

It was discussed that only contractors in the commercial model can work on the lake.

VII. Public Works Updates:

The dam access road is open. We are moving forward on our wet well and replacement pumping station. Public Works's crew will come by every other day to pick up right of way debris.

The Town will be asking for easements related to the sewer repairs. Less than 30 properties will remain without sewer until the project is completed. Mr. Lindsey is scheduling a meeting with DEQ to provide them with updates.

NCDOT will not allow the Town to bore the replacement waterline across the Memorial Highway bridge. Engineers are working on an alternative design plan.

The arcade building bank space renovation will start today.

A light will be installed near the Boys Camp bridge area.

The Town received an engineering report regarding the flowering bridge (Attachment A).

The education center near the bridge is intact.

VIII. Community Development:

The cell tower location will need to be altered slightly based on the impacts of the storm to the land.

IX. Communications Updates:

No Updates.

X. Finance Department:

No Updates.

XI. Commissioners:

It was discussed that the Town may need funding assistance for items not covered by FEMA. The Town asked if The Policy Group could assist with this. Ms. Stewman will provide the Metcalfs with the Town's most recent funding needs.

XII. Human Resources:

No Updates

XIII. Rumbling Bald:

No Updates.

XIV. FEMA:

Each project will have a project work sheet which differ by type of project. Project eligibility depends on certain factors.

The disaster center will be closed tomorrow and Wednesday.

FEMA is working on setting up a business recovery center.

XV. Police Department:

No Updates.

XVI. Army Corp Engineers:

Justin and Bethany will be here so if there are any questions go to them.

Debris pickup began today.


There will be updated data that will go to FEMA and the Town when available.

XVII. Adjournment:

Commissioner Jim Proctor made a motion to recess the meeting until Wednesday November 6, 2024, at 2:00pm Commissioner Scott Doster Seconded and 3-0 voted in favor. The meeting ended at 11:43am.

Attest:

Elba A. Willette, Town Clerk



Carol C. Pritchett, Mayor

Richard Carpenter, Development and Environmental Review Specialist/Deputy Town Clerk
Kimberly Martin, Administrative Support Specialist

PPROVAL OF AGENDA

Melvin Owensby made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Neil Gurney seconded and they all voted in favor.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 25, 2024 MEETING

Kimberly Sayles made a motion to approve the minutes as presented Greg Gardner seconded and all voted in favor

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

V. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business to Discuss

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Variance: ZV2024018 – Anthony Steffel is seeking a variance to construct a garage within the street front & side setbacks. The property is addressed as 320 Holmstead Dr., Lake Lure, NC (Parcel #1640767) and is in the Residential 1D (R-1D) Zoning District.

Town staff presented the variance case and provided testimony regarding the review of the applicant's application, the ordinance and state criteria.

After answering questions posed by the board, staff concluded their presentation.

The applicant/owner provided a verbal presentation to state his case for needing the variance. The applicant answered questions posed by the board. Upon completion of the applicant's presentation, the board closed the open session to deliberate.

After completing their deliberation, a motion was made by Greg Gardner to approve the variance as requested with the condition that the structure is not to

October 31, 2024

Mr. Dean Lindsey
Public Services Director
Town of Lake Lure
2948 Memorial Highway
Lake Lure, NC 28746

Re: Lake Lure Flowering Bridge – Visual Inspection

Dear Mr. Lindsey:

On October 30, 2024 Michael Tyler, PE from The Thrasher Group North Carolina completed a visual inspection of the Flowering Bridge located in Lake Lure, NC. Based on the visual inspection, it was determined that flooding has scoured under at least one of the piers. The pier has settled causing additional structural damage to the arch. Extent of the scour is unknown. However, due to the visual sagging and damage to the primary structural members the condition of the bridge is determined to be severe. Thrasher has determined that the bridge is unsafe for use and should be closed immediately.

Sincerely,



Michael Tyler, PE
Regional Manager

