

MINUTES
BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
Special Meeting, January 2, 1992

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Miller reconvened the special meeting continued from December 30, 1991, at 7:17 P.M. on Thursday, January 2, 1992 in the Council Chambers at Town Hall. Other Council members present were Reub Mooradian and Kakii Handley. Also present was Town Manager Al Greene.

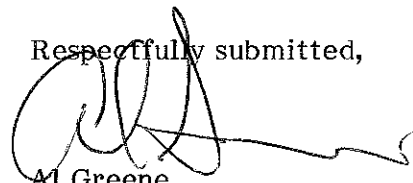
Kakii Handley moved to go into executive session under the provisions of N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (c) (1) to discuss the possible acquisition of real estate. Reub Mooradian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Council went into executive session at 7:10 P.M.

The Council came out of executive session at 7:30 P.M.

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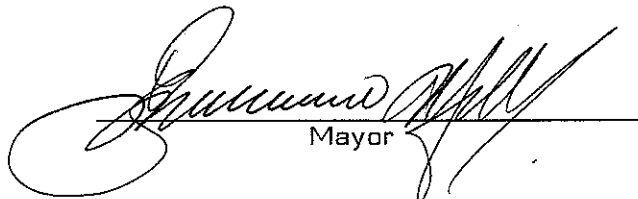
Reub Mooradian moved that the meeting be adjourned. Kakii Handley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Al Greene
Town Manager

Minutes approved by Town Council on January 14, 1992.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Barbara J. Mooradian
Town Clerk

MINUTES
BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
Special Meeting January 9, 1992

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Miller called a special meeting of the Beech Mountain Town Council to order at 6:00 PM on Thursday, January 9, 1992, in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. Other Council Members present were Tim Holland, Greg Brown, Kakii Handley and Reub Mooradian. Also present was Al Greene, Town Manager.

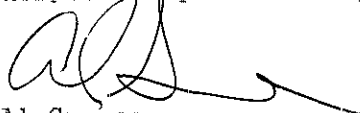
Reub Mooradian moved that the Council go into Executive Session under the provisions of N.C.G.S. 143-138.11(a)(1) to discuss the possible acquisition of real estate by the Town. Kakii Handley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Council went into Executive Session at 6:04 PM.

The Council came out of Executive Session at 6:25 PM.

ADJOURN

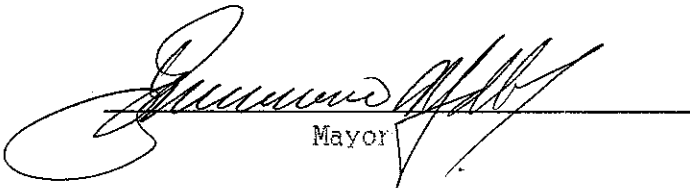
There being no further business to come before the Council, Kakii Handley moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Greg Brown and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Al Greene
Town Manager

Minutes approved by Town Council on January 14, 1992.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Town Clerk

MINUTES
BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
January 14, 1992

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Miller called the regular meeting of the Beech Mountain Town Council to order at 6:05 PM on Tuesday, January 14, 1992, in the Council Chamber at Beech Mountain. Other Council Members present were Tim Holland, Greg Brown, Kakii Handley and Reub Mooradian. Also present were Town Manager Al Greene, Town Attorney David Paletta, Town Engineer Ed Powell and Public Works Director Joe Perry. Present in the audience were Leslie and John Hoffman, Norma and Phil Buchanan, and Jamie Perrin of G.D.S.

Al Greene asked that two items be added to the proposed Executive Session: consultation with the Town Attorney and discussion of a personnel matter. Without objection, it was so ordered.

1. Consent Agenda

Reub Mooradian moved the Consent Agenda be approved. Tim Holland seconded the motion and without objection the following items were approved:

- a. Approval of the minutes of the December 10, 1991 meeting
- b. Approval of the minutes of the December 30, 1991 and January 2, 1992 special meeting.
- c. Approval of the minutes of the January 8, 1992 special meeting.

2. Committee Reports

There were no reports.

3. Persons Wishing to Address the Council

Phil Buchanan stated that the garbage collection schedule of once per week was not sufficient to take care of the refuse generated by the winter visitors. He stated that, although the real estate agents generally pick up trash at their rental units, there were not sufficient dumpsters into which to deposit the trash, especially during the holidays. Jamie Perrin asked what specific locations were involved, and Mr. Buchanan replied that it was all over the mountain during the holidays, but the Skiways, Grassy Gap and Mariah North areas were most affected the rest of the time.

Mr. Perrin indicated he would come up with a letter addressed to every commercial customer, citing the numbers to call if extra pickups are needed. The trucks are radio-equipped, so can respond while they are on the mountain to any special requests.

Mr. Buchanan also stated that the sanitation workers do not check every can every time, especially on Grassy Gap Loop. He said his office had called the Town and the Town had sent its own employees to rectify the situation a number of times. Mr. Perrin stated that G.D.S. was getting paid to check every can every week, and he would try and rectify the problem. Mr. Perrin did admit that during the holiday period a problem existed due to Christmas and New Years Day falling on a pickup day (Wednesday) so an extra day went by before the trucks came up.

Reub Mooradian asked if it was possible to have some specific orders issued that crews empty the cans, put them back into the container right side up, put the cover on and then put their signal rocks on. Kakii Handley indicated her concern was that when the cans are turned up or in sideways and remain that way for several weeks, it is quite obvious that there has not been anyone at the residence and makes the home a tempting target for a breakin. She also asked if another dumpster could be installed at the recycling center during the busiest period of the year. Rick Miller asked what this would do to the contract with G.D.S., and Joe Perry indicated it would cost the Town more. Jamie Perrin indicated they were picking up at the center twice a week, and that they could increase service to three times per week or add dumpsters, whichever Mr. Perry wished.

Rick Miller asked, before a decision was made, if the Council could be advised of the various cost options. Reub Mooradian said he felt that during the holidays G.D.S. should check the dumpsters every time they were here, and Al Greene replied that they had done so, but during the holidays they could have picked up every day and the dumpsters would have been immediately refilled. Norma Buchanan stated that if the ski season is good, we will be creating more garbage throughout the season. Mr. Perrin indicated, again, that if they would call him when there is a problem, he will schedule extra pickups, but the owners must be charged, since the contract executed called for only one pickup per week.

Mrs. Buchanan said there was a problem at Grouse Ridge Racquet Club wherein the sanitation workers were leaving the doors to the enclosure built around the dumpster open, creating an unsightly situation. Mr. Perrin said he would look into it, but that the doors could have been left open by an owner, as well. He also indicated that this first year was a learning process, and that perhaps another roll-off would be advisable next ski season. Tim Holland indicated that one problem on Skiway Circle was that they were picking up garbage before sunrise, and so they can't see when trash is dropped out of the bag or falls out of the truck. Mr. Perrin said they should not be up before 7:00 and he would check on that. Mr. Holland also asked Mr. Perry to be sure the cardboard dumpster was replaced closer to the identifying sign so that people would realize it was only for cardboard.

Greg Brown asked about the big recycling dumpster which Sugar Mountain has, and wondered if it were something that Beech Mountain could look into. Al Greene indicated the Town already has the figures on it, and

said it would be more expensive but might be more attractive than what we have now. He said this was something that should be thought about during the next budget process.

Mr. Greene admitted that the transition with G.D.S. has been a little rougher than we might have liked, but that G.D.S. has been most anxious to correct any problems. He said Mr. Perrin and his group had bent over backwards when they have been made aware of problems. Rick Miller added that Mr. Perry's people have also gone out and helped G.D.S. and that was appreciated.

4. Unfinished Business

a. Award Bid on Surplus Ford F-150 Pickup Truck

Al Greene stated that the Town received three bids for the surplus pickup truck as follows:

Fred Hoilman: \$525.00
 Terry Turbyfill: \$550.00
 William Anderson: \$100.00

Tim Holland moved that the Council accept the high bid of Mr. Turbyfill. Reub Mooradian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. New Business

a. Consider Replacement for Ed Samuel on Planning Board

Kakii Handley nominated John Hilley to serve out Mr. Samuel's term on the Planning Board (term expires December 1992). Reub Mooradian seconded the nomination. Reub Mooradian moved that nominations be closed, and Greg Brown seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The vote was taken and Mr. Hilley was unanimously selected to the Planning Board position.

b. Approval of Computer Agreements

Al Greene referred to a memorandum from Missy Norwood-Forbes setting forth the proposals received for the new hardware and software. He indicated David Paletta had been reviewing draft contracts, and Mr. Paletta indicated all documents looked okay. Reub Mooradian moved that a contract for the software be awarded to Southern Software, Inc., and for the hardware to New Tech Systems. Tim Holland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

c. Budget Amendment

Mr. Greene recommended this item be considered after the planned Executive Session, if necessary.

d. Tax Releases

Al Greene went over the request of William Kennedy to release the late-listing penalty, indicating that the County had no record of receiving the listing in the proper time period. Mr. Kennedy maintains that he did list the property. Mr. Greene said he felt it would be setting a dangerous precedent to release the penalty simply on Mr. Kennedy's say so. Kakii Handley moved that Council deny Mr. Kennedy's request for relief from the \$81.50 penalty. Greg Brown seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Kakii Handley moved that the remainder of the releases (attached) be approved. Reub Mooradian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. Staff/Consultant Reports

a. Town Engineer's Report

Ed Powell stated that the offering of a State revolving loan to the Town for the Bear Branch project is now only a formality which should come to pass in March. Reub Mooradian asked the amount of the loan, and Mr. Powell said it would be \$225,000 at whatever the interest rate is at that time. The present interest rate is 3%.

Mr. Powell then indicated that the regional office of the Environmental Management Commission in Winston-Salem had notified the Town that it had had five violations in the flow rate at the Grassy Gap Sewage Treatment Plant, and it had, therefore, placed a moratorium on additional hookups into that facility. He stated that that particular plant does pick up an excessive amount of groundwater during rainy periods.

Mr. Powell stated that immediately upon receipt of the moratorium notification Mr. Perry's crews initiated a search for inflow and infiltration points into the ten miles of pipe leading to that plant, and did find four significant entry points, which were repaired.

In addition, Mr. Powell had recalled that the plant had been issued a permit in 1982 for 40,000 gallons per day, and the alleged flow violations had been based upon a 30,000 gallon per day capacity. He has pointed this out to the Commission and provided them with copies of the prior permits for 40,000. He feels certain that the moratorium will be lifted quickly due to this error.

Rick Miller stated that Council was going to have to consider relocation of the Grassy Gap plant in the near future, and Mr. Powell indicated that was in the capital improvement plan, but that the Pond Creek plant might prove to be in need of improvement before Grassy Gap. He stated that the ultraviolet system there would have to be replaced with another kind. Due to planned expansion, the new disinfectant system would

be designed to accommodate 800,000 gallons. The long term solution will be to relocate the Grassy Gap plant on Buckeye Creek near the dam, but this would be expensive. A stop gap measure of increasing Grassy Gap by 10,000 gallons per day plus installing a small 20,000 gallon plant near Westerly Hills could be considered, but it would be only a stop gap measure. Reub Mooradian indicated he felt this would require a bond issue, and Al Greene said he hoped the Town could plan for both expansion measures at the same time. Mr. Greene also commended Joe Perry and his crews for doing an excellent job in searching out the inflow and infiltration points.

Mr. Greene also said he would immediately notify the real estate community when the moratorium is lifted.

b. Public Works Director's Report.

Mr. Perry had no report. Kakii Handley did mention that a conversation with a contractor had revealed his opinion that the Town of Beech Mountain was one of the easiest towns he had ever worked with.

c. Town Attorney's Report

Mr. Paletta had no report

d. Chief of Police's Report

Chief Hefner had no report. Reub Mooradian asked if the third member of the group responsible for the breakins last fall had been located, and Chief Hefner indicated there were reports of his being in Mexico, and also in Burke County, but investigation of the latter had not turned anything up. Kakii Handley asked about the false alarms, and Chief Hefner indicated that a form had been created and he is monitoring the situation, but there have been very few false alarms lately. In one instance Creekside Electronics came up and worked on an alarm and before they left the mountain it went off three times. The owner was written and he indicated he would replace the entire system. Reub Mooradian asked if notification about keys had been sent out and Chief Hefner indicated it had and some had been received. Tim Holland asked about the radios, and Chief Hefner replied that he was still being stalled.

e. Town Manager's Report

Al Greene stated that the E 9-1-1 project was on schedule. All the contracts have been signed, and the data information forms are at the printer, due to be mailed to property owners the following week together with a stamped, self-addressed envelope for their response. Rick Miller encouraged all Council Members

and those in the audience to encourage everyone they knew to be prompt about filling out the forms and returning them.

Mr. Greene announced that the agreements and letter of credit from Emerald Mountain concerning the tank have all been submitted and everything is on "go" for the project.

Mr. Greene indicated the Town had received notice of two conventions: the Governor's Summit February 23 through 25 and the National League of Cities in Washington, DC March 7 through 10. He said he would give each Council Member copies of the notices, but pointed out that the travel budget is very tight this year.

He stated that Region D had again requested the Town reemphasize its opposition to H.B. 146, which is due to be re-introduced in the short session of the Legislature. He pointed out that the Council had adopted a resolution on July 9th opposing this bill, and that any pressure which could be brought to bear on Legislators would be appreciated.

Mr. Greene noted that the Environmental Health Department had notified the Town of the availability of a grant for recycling. The funds for the entire state total \$150,000, each grant would be a maximum of \$15,000 and 20% of the grant would have to be matched by the recipients -- 10% in cash and 10% in in-kind services. The deadline for applications is February 8, and if it is Council's wish, he and Mr. Perry will work up an application for the Town. Reub Mooradian moved that Council direct the Town Manager to make application for a recycling grant. Tim Holland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

f Financial Report

The monthly financial report was distributed to Council for their information.

7. Executive Session

Tim Holland moved that Council go into Executive Session under the provisions of N.C.G.S. 143-138.11(a)(1), (4) and (8), to discuss the possible acquisition of real estate by the Town; to consult with the Town Attorney; and to discuss a personnel matter. Kakii Handley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Council went into Executive Session at 7:30 PM. The Council came out of Executive Session at 7:59 PM.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Tim Holland moved the meeting be adjourned. Reub Mooradian seconded the motion and it passed.

unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Mooradian

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Town Clerk

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Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk