

MINUTES  
TOUR DUPONT COMMITTEE  
May 1, 1995

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Beech Mountain Tour DuPont Local Organizing Committee was called to order by Co-Chairman Fred Pfohl at 9:00 AM Monday, May 1, 1995 in the Council Chamber. Other members present were Shiela Fletcher, Tim Holland, Roger Cote, Judy Donaghy and Calder Smoot.

Mr. Pfohl went over the various items needed for the finish the following Friday:

Mr. Cote had submitted his menus for the dinner meal, breakfast meal and VIP tent.

Judy Donaghy indicated everything had been squared away on the VIP tent. Mr. Pfohl will be putting everything up on Thursday evening, May 4th

Mr. Pfohl said he would be responsible for the extra ice needed, and also the flowers for the tables. John Hoffman and Bill Watson will be taking care of the television sets and extension cords. Jan Elder has offered the use of her big coffee maker, and will provide the coffee, cream and sugar.

Medalist Sports will be erecting the fencing around the VIP area again this year. Joe Perry is set to pick up the bleachers

It was agreed that Mr. Pfohl and Mr. Holland would keep their eyes on the placement of Big Mo with an eye toward a good view for the VIP tent area

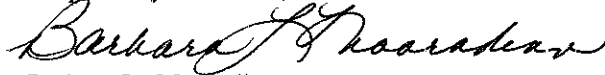
Mr. Pfohl asked Rick Owen to check with Jim Rickard regarding the wrist bands. He indicated Bill Barnes will head up the parking detail. The buses will run from 12:00 noon until 5:00 PM. He asked that volunteers park behind Jim Brooks' old office.

Everyone agreed that their areas of responsibility were on track for the Friday finish.

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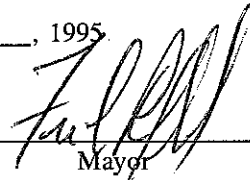
There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Barbara L. Mooradian  
Town Clerk

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Mayor

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Town Clerk

MINUTES  
BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL  
May 9, 1995

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fred Pfohl called the regular meeting of the Beech Mountain Town Council to order at 6:03 PM. Other Council Members present were Tim Holland, Shiela Fletcher, Kakii Handley and Ed Waligroski. Also present was Town Manager Seth Lawless, Public Works Director Joe Perry, Town Engineer Buddy Hale, Police Chief Jay Hefner and Town Attorney David Paletta. Present in the audience were a number of interested spectators.

1. *Adoption of Agenda.*

Tim Holland moved the agenda be approved as submitted. Ed Waligroski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. *Consent Agenda.*

Shiela Fletcher moved adoption of the Consent Agenda. Tim Holland seconded the motion, and the following items were adopted without change:

- a. Minutes, Regular Meeting of April 11, 1995
- b. Minutes, Tour DuPont Committee Meeting of April 24, 1995
- c. Minutes, Tour DuPont Committee Meeting of May 1, 1995

3. *Committee Reports.*

- a. *Region D* - Ed Waligroski reported that he had attended a two hour orientation course at Region D on March 20th. The April 10th meeting consisted of a review of the first draft of the 95/96 budget, which has been sent to the Town Manager. The budget is reduced by over \$500,000 due to decreases in State and Federal funding. It also proposes the elimination of two positions.
- b. *Waste Management* - Kakii Handley reported that the committee will not do very much during the summer months, activity will consist mostly of looking at landfill sites in different counties.

4. *Persons Wishing to Address the Council.*

- a. *Ed Lotz, Beautification.* Dr. Lotz submitted photographs of several areas of the Town which could use improvement, from leaning signs to piles of debris and hiking trail damage, much of which was attributable to the flooding in January. He urged that these areas, and any others which are similar, be spruced up so that the Town does not look as if it is running down at the heels. Mayor Pfohl indicated that, as far as the Pond Creek Trail was concerned, volunteers will begin restoration very shortly. Tamarack Road will be repaired (ditches, as well as a leveling course).

5. *New Business:*

- a. **Consider Offers to Purchase Lots BG-174 and AA-250.** Mr. Lawless indicated the Town had received an offer of \$750.00 for lot BG-174 and an offer of \$1,000 for lot AA-250, and that the Town had invested no money in obtaining the properties. Tim Holland moved that both offers be accepted subject to their being advertised for the statutory period of time without upset bids. Ed Waligroski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- b. **Consider Offer to Donate Lots, NationsBank.** Mr. Lawless pointed out that NationsBank has made it quite clear that they do not intend to pay the taxes due on their properties. Collection efforts would be quite expensive and result in the Town owning the lots, but at much greater expense. Mr. Paletta said that while the County cannot forgive the taxes, it is very doubtful they will pursue collection, since they would then be liable for the Town's past-due taxes. Shiela Fletcher moved that the lots be accepted. Ed Waligroski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- c. **Select Replacement for Jay Tischenkel, Economic Development Committee.** Kakii Handley asked that this matter be tabled until the June meeting so that Council Members might have a chance to consult individuals who might be considered.
- d. **Consider Offer to Donate PA-45 and TC-66.** Mr. Lawless stated that the Town had received an offer to donate PA-45 and TC-66 to the Town. The owner owes Watauga County \$119.70 and the Town \$87.96 in back taxes on PA-45; he owes Watauga County \$165.88 to Watauga County and \$121.96 to the Town in back taxes on TC-66. Tim Holland moved that the lots be accepted. Shiela Fletcher seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- e. **Consider Resolutions 95-05-01 and 95-05-02.** Mr. Lawless noted that sufficient petitions had been received from the owners abutting Galax Lane and Skiloft Road to consider paving of the roads, and that the petitions indicated the owners would be assessed 100% of the cost. The next step would be to adopt preliminary assessment resolutions, setting forth the date and time for a public hearing on the matter. It was decided that the public hearing should be the first order of business at 6:00 PM on June 13, 1995. Tim Holland moved that both resolutions be adopted, setting the hearing date and time as discussed. Kakii Handley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- f. **Lake Coffey Trail Plan.** Mr. Lawless went over a drawing prepared by Architect Joe Pavelchak for proposed continuation of the hiking trail around Lake Coffey, including the construction of three bridges, and paving of the pathway. He indicated that the biggest estimate for materials and paving was \$21,000 and the smallest was \$18,000. He said he had approached the Beech Mountain Club about sharing in the expense, and that they would consider it at their Board Meeting June 3rd. Kakii Handley said she would like to see other types of bridges investigated, to see if the work could be done more inexpensively, and that the Council should consider improving the trails already in existence before considering constructing another one. It was decided to discuss this project again at the June meeting, after the Club Board has made its decision. Fred Pfohl indicated that John Costin has given permission to continue the Pond Creek Trail along behind Santis Lake, so that should also be considered.
- g. **Establish Dates for Budget Workshops.** It was decided to have a special meeting to receive the proposed budget at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 23, 1995, after which dates for other meetings will be considered.

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### 6. *Staff/Consultant Reports:*

- a. *Town Engineer's Report.* Buddy Hale reported that The Summit water tank is finally in place. The ammonia feed system plans have been submitted for approval.
- b. *Public Works Director's Report.* Joe Perry had no report. Mayor Pfohl complimented Mr. Perry and his employees for their good work on getting the Town ready for the Tour DuPont.
- c. *Town Attorney's Report.* Mr. Paletta had no report.
- d. *Chief of Police's Report.* Chief Hefner had no report. Mayor Pfohl complimented the Police Department for all the work done for the Tour DuPont.
- e. *Town Manager's Report.* Mr. Lawless reported that the Town had received informal permission to proceed with the Bear Branch Project. It is hoped that more than one half of the work can be completed this summer, with the remainder to be finished next year.

Mr. Lawless reported that the Crown Victoria request for bids had resulted in only one bid, for \$525.55, so the property is being readvertised for bids.

Mr. Lawless reported that the Town has been working with Yadkin County to switch communications frequencies, and asked Chief Hefner to elaborate. Chief Hefner indicated that our assigned frequency impinges upon Yadkin County, and that we had offered to change frequencies if Yadkin County would bear all the expense, and if the new frequency did not cause Beech Mountain any problem. A frequency has been found, Yadkin County is bearing the expense for changing the Police, Fire Department and EMS radios, and the work is being done presently.

Mr. Lawless noted that the SOC application has been sent to Raleigh and reviewed. They will send it, in turn, to the regional office in Winston-Salem. It is hoped that we will complete negotiating our SOC in three to four months.

Representative Greg Thompson had introduced our two local bills, the status of which is unchanged. The prognosis for passage is good.

Mr. Lawless went over the changes which will take place at the Recycling Center. One of the big changes will be the ability to recycle #1 and #2 plastics. Frank Caputo suggested that a diagram of the new layout at the Center be published in the MountainEar.

Mr. Lawless reported that the Public Works crew has moved the sand pile to the newly-purchased property behind the Recycling Center. Trees from the Small Business Administration tree grant have been planted to help screen the pile when they grow a bit. He reported that, although our application was received favorably, we will not be getting another tree grant since the funding has been eliminated.

- f. *Financial Report, Tax Report and Building Inspections Report.* The reports were received without question or comment.

7 *Other Business.*

Kakii Handley spoke against the bills which have been introduced in the Legislature to either limit or do away with the Watershed Protection Act, and suggested the Council pass a resolution or resolutions regarding the subject. Tim Holland asked if it would be better to indicate continued support for what we had done in the past or objections to the bills, and Joe Perry suggested both would be in order. Mr. Lawless brought up another suggested bill which would provide for compensation of property owners by Towns when zoning regulations prohibit some real or imagined use for their property. It is feared that a number of cities and towns would simply abandon zoning.

Kakii Handley moved that the Town pass a resolution strongly opposing SB 518 and any other proposed bill which would weaken the Watershed Protection Act and strongly urging our legislators to continue support of the Watershed Protection Act as enacted. Tim Holland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kakii Handley moved that the Town pass a resolution strongly opposing the so-called Property Rights Bill. Shiela Fletcher seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

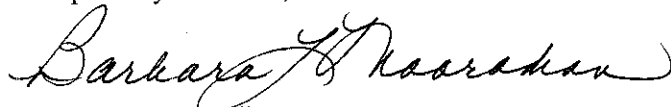
Mayor Pfohl thanked everyone who helped with the Tour DuPont. Bill Sposato thanked Mayor Pfohl and all the Local Organizing Committee for their fine work in bringing the Tour DuPont to Beech Mountain.

Ed Waligroski thanked Barbara Mooradian for the new design of the agenda packets.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Tim Holland moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:10 PM. Shiela Fletcher seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

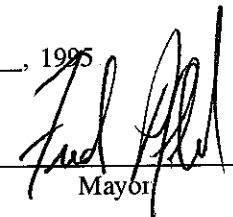
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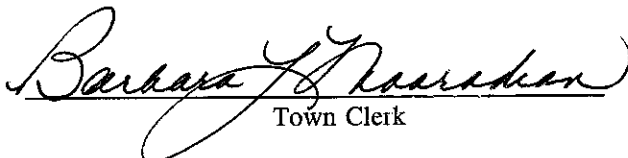
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MINUTES  
JOINT MEETING, BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL,  
PLANNING BOARD AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
May 17, 1995

CALL TO ORDER

A special joint meeting of the Beech Mountain Town Council, Planning Board and Economic Development Committee was called to order by Mayor Pfohl at 9:00 AM Wednesday, May 17, 1995 in the Council Chamber at Beech Mountain. Others present were Vice Mayor Tim Holland; Planning Board Chairman Roger Bullock, Planning Board Members John Hoffman, Ed Lotz and Bill Watson; Economic Development Committee Chairman Calder Smoot and Member Ricky Holcombe; Ski Beech General Manager John Costin; Beech Mountain Club General Manager Bill Sposato and Rachel Dunn and Jeannie Gunn; Chamber of Commerce President Rick Owen and Director Jim Rickard; and Town Manager Seth Lawless. Present in the audience were Ramona Bullock, Dan Plyler and Don Fulkerson.

Mayor Pfohl asked Roger Bullock to chair the meeting. Mr. Bullock briefly outlined the history of the committee, and indicated the agenda for that day's meeting was to look at the property that is already zoned that could be considered for recreation on the mountain; to review with the group the information that the Beech Mountain Club authorized him to divulge about the Beech Mountain Club survey; and to begin to develop questions to ask Beech Mountain property owners about the next five to ten years regarding their interest in public recreation facilities and a meeting facility. Another item we need to discuss is the process of accessing public input. Additionally, Seth Lawless is working on Town growth from 1986 to present, growth projections for the next ten or more years, as well as the pattern of lot donations/foreclosures from 1986 until the present. This material will be available for the next meeting. Informally Don Fulkerson and Mr. Bullock had anticipated an additional \$10 million in tax base and an additional 140 new homes by the year 2000 if the same rate of growth as from 1990-1994 prevails.

John Hoffman moved that the agenda be approved as outlined. Tim Holland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Bullock went over the survey results obtained from the 1993 Beech Mountain Club questionnaire (attached). Mr. Lawless asked what, in actual numbers, were the responding individuals and Mr. Bullock said he believed it had been 756 people. John Hoffman pointed out that, based on a handout given by Ed Lotz, there were 3,949 people who did not get the survey as they are not Club members. He said he understood that the Club did not wish to expand their membership.

Bill Sposato said that while there had been some talk about saturation points, and some day the Club will have to take steps to tighten the use of its facilities, that point has not yet been reached. Roger Bullock asked if it was fair to say that the Club keeps the level of its

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membership on its agenda all the time, and Mr. Sposato agreed that is always in the back of the Board's minds. Mr. Bullock further asked if, as a consequence of the Club's raising its reinstatement cost ceiling, it was more difficult for some people to activate their memberships, and Mr. Sposato agreed that could be so. Mr. Bullock pointed out that the Club can, as a means of controlling its use by renters, raise the rates for unaccompanied guests. Rachel Dunn said that the Club really hasn't made that much of a change in fees. That approach could be used, but it has not been used.

Mr. Bullock asked if the Club was not heading towards a point where it will have to start doing some limiting, and Mrs. Dunn indicated the Club has already had to do so with the day camp program. Mr. Bullock presumed that if the Club had 3,949 people lining up to be reinstated there would be a problem, which was agreed. He summed up the discussion by pointing out that there will be a time in the not too distant future that the Club will have a problem providing all of the recreational facilities owners and renters will need. Ed Lotz pointed out that when that time comes, it will be the renters who will be affected and therefore, the rental program in general will be affected.

Jim Rickard said, with regard to the increase in percentage of individuals who rent their homes, it was unsure *why* this was the case. Either there was an increased need of income or the owners just aren't coming to the mountain that much. If the facilities become unavailable, some might not be able to afford to own a home at Beech Mountain, which could further glut the sales market.

Seth Lawless said his reading of the annual audit of the Club did not indicate so many rounds of golf as to create overcrowding. Roger Bullock said it was starting times which were always a problem. Bill Sposato agreed that the course was not yet overcrowded, but it was wise to look five to ten years down the road. Fred Pfohl pointed out that it was not the intent of the committee to single out the Club or attempt to run it in any way, and Mr. Bullock agreed that the Club serves its members very well, and is very well run.

Ed Lotz asked if the conclusion that could be reached is that the present growth rate of dwellings is going to continue, and Mr. Bullock reiterated that based on the period from 1990 to 1994, if the same figures are projected, the number of new dwellings will be 140 by the year 2000.

Ed Lotz pointed out that the Club is constrained in its acceptance of non-member guests due to its tax-exempt status, and Mr. Sposato agreed that the Club cannot exceed 15% of its total revenue from non-member use. That use, at present, is between 11% and 13% annually.

Seth Lawless pointed out the various areas within the Town which have not yet been developed, and which could conceivably be used to create additional recreation facilities. He noted that,

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aside from the 25 acres at Buckeye Lake, which *must* be used for recreation, the Town does not own any of these properties. Rachel Dunn asked if there were plans for enlarging the childrens play area at Buckeye Lake, and also making it more easily accessible, and Mr. Lawless said there are no current plans for that. Jim Rickard said he wished the Town would use some of the lots that it receives either as gifts or through foreclosure, to make mini-parks within residential areas, since Buckeye Lake is rather distant. John Hoffman said such a place could be at the old water plant on Tamarack Road. It is at the head of Pond Creek Trail, and could be improved with picnic tables, etc., and the pump house converted to rest rooms. There are also a few more places along the Pond Creek Trail.

Ed Lotz said he did not feel that the Town should duplicate any of the facilities which the Club provides, but rather upgrade those things that the Town already provides, such as hiking and fishing, street dances, concerts, etc. Fred Pfohl said he agreed that would be the best route to take to eliminate duplication and also the expense involved. Rachel Dunn asked if the Town was going to finish the Lake Coffey Trail, and Mr. Lawless indicated the Council had asked the Club for some monetary assistance in the project, but that had not yet been discussed by the Club Board. Mrs. Dunn said she thought the project should be completed.

Tim Holland pointed out that duplication of Club facilities might not be wise at the present time, but that the Town needed to look further down the road. Ed Lotz said he thought the Town should examine what we have now and upgrade those facilities and activities. He said he believed there should be more concerts.

Seth Lawless asked if the committee had gotten nearer to answering the question which brought it together, i.e., is a meeting facility desirable and these recreational facilities must be available for those who come to use it. Bill Sposato asked if the meeting facility would contain dwelling rooms or if the attendees would be staying at already-existing homes/condominiums/hotels. If the latter, then they would have access to Club facilities if they are staying in a member unit.

Roger Bullock suggested that everyone present write down the two questions they felt most important to ask about future growth/facilities, and that a summary sheet could be provided to all present before the next meeting. Tim Holland agreed this was a good suggestion. John Hoffman suggested surveys be placed in rental homes.

It was the consensus of the committee that they would submit their questions, which would be distributed to all members. At the next meeting they will have the information requested of Mr. Lawless, and will then decide on a target group for the questions and means of access.

Before adjourning, Jim Rickard went over the meeting facilities which are already available on the mountain. They are attached hereto for information.



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DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

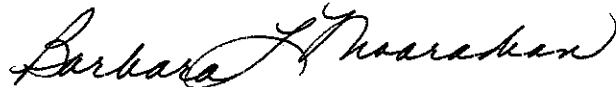
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It was decided that the next meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on Wednesday June 14, 1995.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara L. Mooradian  
Town Clerk

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Approved by Town Council on JUNE 13, 1995.

  
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MINUTES  
BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL  
Budget Workshop, May 23, 1995

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pfohl called a special meeting of the Beech Mountain Town Council to order at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 23, 1995, in the Council Chamber at Town Hall, following due advertisement in the Watauga Democrat issue of May 15, 1995. Other Council Members present were Tim Holland, Kakii Handley and Ed Waligroski. Also present were Town Manager Seth Lawless and Public Works Director Joe Perry.

Mr. Lawless distributed copies of the proposed budget for FY 1995/96, went over some notes on the budget and read through the budget message. The Town Council discussed the year end reserve calculations and the capital outlay recommendations.

It was decided to hold another budget workshop at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, June 14, 1995.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

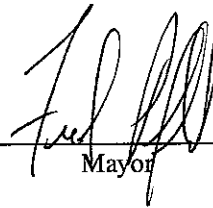
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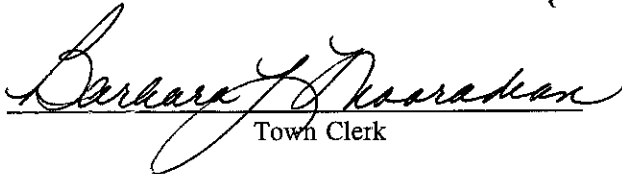
Seth Lawless  
Town Manager

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