

**MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AGENDA WORKSHOP**  
**VILLAGE HALL ASSEMBLY ROOM**  
**110 VILLAGE CENTER DRIVE**  
**AUGUST 2, 2021**  
**9:30 A.M.**

Mayor Weedman presided over the August 2, 2021, agenda meeting at 9:30 a.m. Those present in addition to Mayor Weedman were Vice Mayor Coletta, Council Members Carpenter, Dethero, Gooch, Gregory, and Tiles, Village Clerk Parker, and Village Administrator Christie.

**MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Weedman led the group in a moment of silent meditation. He then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda**

A draft agenda for the August 12, 2021, council meeting was presented. Under *Consent Agenda* – June 1, 2021, Agenda Workshop Minutes, June 10, 2021, Council Meeting Minutes, 2020 Tax Settlement, and 2021 Tax Charge. Under *New Business*, Item #7 – Park Workshop, Item #8 – Board Appointments Policy, Item #9 – West Blue Ridge Scenic Byway, and Item #10 – ARP Workshop. With no further changes, the agenda was set.

**Discussions:**

Vice Mayor Coletta explained Tourism Development Authority is an organization under the County that decides how to spend occupancy tax. The requirements to serve on the board are: 1) be a Henderson County resident who is registered to vote, and 2) own a business that pays occupancy tax. Virginia Spigener has agreed to fill Flat Rock's vacant seat. Vice Mayor Coletta made a motion to appoint Virginia Spigener as the Flat Rock representative to the Tourism Development Authority, seconded by Council Member Gooch. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Council Member Dethero has agreed to be the Council Member liaison.

Mayor Weedman mentioned the Blue Ridge Fire Department station adjacent to the village hall may be completed in approximately eight weeks. There has been communication with Will Sheehan, Fire Chief, for the village council to participate in a joint grand opening.

Mayor Weedman mentioned we have not received any new information regarding the American Rescue Plan funding. A meeting of county and municipal representatives to discuss use of ARP funds is scheduled for August 16, 2021. This will be the group's first meeting.

Mayor Weedman stated that for the Dye Creek Restoration project to get a Nationwide 27 permit issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, an engineering study has to be prepared. It was recommended to hire Andrew Bick to prepare the study, and Council agreed. Mayor Weedman mentioned the funds have already been budgeted in the capital project fund.

Council Member Gregory has agreed to work on the Village Record newsletter in Martha Orr's absence.

Council Member Gooch gave the following Foundation update:

- 3 new board members – Maurean Adams will serve as President/Chair
- Foundation is tentatively working on a Friends of The Park focused event in early fall.
- Foundation encourages all council members (that are not already on the automatic monthly schedule) to renew their Friends of the Park membership.
- There are approximately 160 Friends members, 40 of these memberships are automatic, monthly donors.
- Friends information is listed on the Foundation website.

Maurean Adams mentioned the Foundation is working on an event with Hubba Hubba to show appreciation for donors.

Council Member Gregory stated the deadline for articles for the newsletter is in two weeks. Shred Day & Henderson County Pill Drop-off Day is scheduled for October 16, 2021.

The Planning Board will be reviewing the first draft of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan at tomorrow's meeting. Council Member Gregory reported Michael Thompson will no longer serve on the Planning Board, but he will be serving on the Board of Adjustment. Council Member Gregory made a motion to appoint Ron Redmon to the Planning Board to fulfill Michael Thompson's term, seconded by Council Member Carpenter. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Carpenter mentioned that two weeks ago, Michael Dages, Bay Chamberlain, Matt Toner and he met with Hunter Marks to get guidance on how to alleviate constant trail washouts. They informed Mr. Marks the Park Commission is not in favor of installing any more asphalt or concrete. Mr. Marks will prepare a report of recommendations and Council Member Carpenter will bring that to Council for review.

Vice Mayor Coletta reported she will send the announce of the August 12, 2021, Town Hall meeting to the Times News and Hendersonville Lightning. The Flat Rock Traffic Advisory Committee had their first meeting, and she will give report on that at the August council meeting.

She has prepared a mailing list of homeowners for Staton Woods, Highland Golf Villas, and Highland Lake Village to send updates of the Highland Lake Road project.

Council Member Tiles reported she, Mayor Weedman, and Village Administrator Christie met with Mr. Carl Shaw, Auditor, to ask if he is qualified to prepare a yellow book audit and a single audit, which are both needed when the Village Council spends American Rescue Plan monies.

Council Member Tiles forwarded information to council members from Kim Hinkelman at the Flat Rock Playhouse about the arts and how arts programs can legitimately be funded by local governments through the recovery ARP funds.

Council Member Dethero reported kudzu spraying is complete for this year, costing \$4,500.00. He attended the City of Hendersonville Sewer meeting and reported that the Halfway Tree Mobile Home Park project is on hold as they are having problems finding a subcontractor. The Historic Landmarks Commission application for Saluda Cottages has been completed. The office in Raleigh asked for a summary which Victoria Flanagan prepared. Once Saluda Cottages has been approved in Raleigh, there will need to be a joint public hearing with Village Council and the Historic Landmarks Commission for final designation.

Village Administrator Christie mentioned the office will be getting a new copier with Ricoh. The Planning Board meeting tomorrow will be reviewing a Modification of a Special Use application for Pinecrest Presbyterian Church.

Park Ranger Michael Dages mentioned volunteers have been working hard on the Pollinator Garden, and a portion of the Ed Lastein trail is closed.

Mayor Weedman mentioned the election filing period closes at 12 noon on August 13, 2021. Flat Rock candidates running are Matt Toner – District 1, Susan Gregory and Jim Hart – District 2, and Barbara Jeter – District 3.

Mayor Weedman suggested to keep paying the monthly cost of \$14.99/monthly for Zoom due to the rise in the Delta Variant, and the possibility of starting Zoom meetings again.

Mayor Weedman mentioned Mr. Jake Johnson, who is running for NC House of Representatives, expressed an interest in speaking before Village council members at the September 9, 2021, council meeting. Mayor Weedman will contact Mr. Johnson to see if he is available.

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The Village of Flat Rock will be hosting the LGCCA meeting in October 2021. Mayor Weedman will have Paul de Chalain prepare a financial report ending the fiscal year 06-30-21. Mayor Weedman has also asked Attorney Sharon Alexander to start foreclosure proceedings. A foreclosure notice was sent registered receipt but was not accepted by the homeowner.

With no further discussions, Council Member Carpenter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice Mayor Coletta. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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Michelle Parker, CMC  
Village Clerk

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Nick Weedman, Mayor