

**MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK COUNCIL MEETING  
ASSEMBLY ROOM  
JANUARY 8, 2015  
9:30 AM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Staton presided over the council meeting of January 8, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in the Assembly Room of the Village Hall. Those present in addition to Mayor Staton were Vice Mayor Weedman and Council Members Chandler, Coletta, Farr, Gooch, and Jamerson, Village Clerk Parker and Village Administrator Boleman. Maureen Adams, Terry Hicks, and Rebekah Robinson, of Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy, were also present.

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

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

**AGENDA APPROVAL / CHANGES**

Council Member Chandler made a motion to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Council Member Coletta. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Council Member Chandler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following;

- December 1, 2014 – Agenda Workshop Minutes
- December 1, 2014 – Park Workshop Minutes
- December 11, 2014 – Council Meeting Minutes
- Tax Release for re-valuation of PID #9959880

The motion was seconded by Council Member Gooch and carried on a unanimous vote.

**Special Reports**

2. Administration – Village Administrator Boleman

Ms. Boleman reviewed the December 2014 zoning report dated January 6, 2015, and Village Administrator report dated January 8, 2015 (see attached reports).

Ms. Boleman presented a spreadsheet showing the usage of the Assembly Room and Highlander Room by community groups in 2014, and a spreadsheet of Village of Flat Rock Volunteer Hours in 2014 (see attached).

3. Tax Report – Vice Mayor Weedman

Vice Mayor Weedman reported that, as of January 7, 2015, the current fiscal year tax collections are at 95.6%, with \$650,931.63 total collected (see attached report dated January 7, 2015).

Vice Mayor Weedman presented a Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2014, and an Income Statement for the period July 2014 – December 2014 for the Flat Rock Park and Recreation Foundation. He will give a financial update to Council on a quarterly basis.

4. Park Update – Council Member Chandler

Council Member Chandler reported on the following;

**Welcome Center** – When specifications for the prewiring of the fire alarm and security system are included in the contract, it will be ready for signatures, which is expected to occur next week.

**Deck** – The contractor that submitted a bid to demolish the existing deck and rebuild, for health reasons withdrew his bid. New bids will be solicited. There were discussions about funds pledged to the foundation for construction of the deck, as well as other receipts and pledges, and when such funds would be available to the village to apply to the cost of improvements. Council feels the Foundation should keep the funds until the project is in place, then use the funds that are appropriated for that particular project. Maureen Adams was asked to prepare a report of restricted and unrestricted monies received by or pledged to the Foundation.

**Creek erosion** – Trace and Company will start work in two weeks on the creek between the trail and Highland Golf Villas.

Ed Lastein is reviewing the situation of the wet area on the perimeter trail.

**Reforestation** – Work will start at the end of February or the first part of March.

Vice Mayor Weedman mentioned the final payment to former owner, Course Doctors, Inc., will be made January 15, 2015.

5. Foundation Update – Council Member Gooch

The PARTF grant application for \$250,000.00 for a playground and pavilion has been completed and is ready for submission. The total cost of the two projects is estimated to be \$720,000.00. Council

Member Gooch made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the application and that it be submitted to PARTF. The motion was seconded by Council Member Farr and carried on a unanimous vote.

The Foundation has engaged Ms. Myra Grant as a part time grant writer. She has written a letter of intent to the Community Foundation for an invitation to submit a request for a \$45,000.00 grant from the Perry Rudnick Fund.

The Foundation is in the process of opening a brokerage account with Edward Jones for the purpose of accepting donations of shares of stock. Vice Mayor Weedman made a motion that Edward Jones be approved as a depository of Village funds, seconded by Council Member Gooch. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Sandy Salvaggio Walker has agreed to join the Foundation board in July.

A fundraising event, to be chaired by Jeff Egolf and Georgia Bonesteel, will be held at the Park on October 17, 2015, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Council Member Gooch made a motion that Rebekah Robinson be thanked for her hard work in the preparation of the PARTF grant application, seconded by Council Member Chandler. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**Old Business – None**

**New Business**

6. Revised Fee Schedule – Council Member Jamerson

Council Member Jamerson presented a revised fee schedule effective January 2015 with the change being: Minor Subdivision – Level 1 (2-3 lots) \$300.00 + \$25.00/lot; Level 2 (4 -10 lots) \$1,500.00 + \$25.00/lot.

Vice Mayor Weedman made a motion to approve the revised fee schedule effective January 2015, seconded by Council Member Farr. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**Other Business**

7. Mayor – Council Reports

Council Member Farr mentioned ways to extend the scope of kudzu control within the Village by including relative information on the website and in the periodical newsletter. He stated kudzu committee volunteers are working with Top Gun Application Services from Spartanburg to treat Chinese Sumac and hemlock infestation. Mr. Farr discussed ways of ridding kudzu crowns. He

recommended contacting FitzSimons to investigate ridding of the crowns to reduce cost of spraying kudzu.

Council Member Farr reported NCDOT will hold a public meeting January 29, 2015, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m., at the Village Hall, to discuss the design of a round-about at the intersection of Shepherd Street, Greenville Highway, and Erkwood Drive.

Council Member Chandler reported the Planning Board met Monday to review the 2015 revised bylaws and the implementation of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Council Member Chandler mentioned Duke Power has been trimming trees and leaving tree trunks and branches where they fall, for which the Village has received complaints.

Council Member Farr mentioned Victoria Flanagan has rescinded her resignation as a member of the Board of Adjustment and will remain as a member of the board, of which she serves as chairman.

Ms. Boleman reported the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15 at Kenmure Country Club.

**Public Comments - None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:00 a.m., with no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned.

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Michelle Parker, CMC  
Village Clerk

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Robert V. Staton  
Mayor