

**TOWN OF TRYON  
WORK SESSION  
August 18, 2020 7:00 P.M.  
MCCOWN ROOM - TOWN HALL**

Present: Mayor, J. Alan Peoples  
Mayor Pro Tem, Chrelle Booker

Commissioners: Crys Armbrust, Bill Ingham, Bill Crowell

Staff Present: Town Manager, Zach Ollis  
Town Clerk, Susan Bell  
Town Attorney, William Morgan

**CALL TO ORDER**

Tryon citizen Ms. Scatch discussed unit 12 egress issue at L'auberge. Town Manager, Ollis – All inspections are handled by the county. I will call the County Manager and I will email a copy of the information you gave us.

Mayor Pro Tem, Booker- Mountain climbing area? Town Manager, Ollis - Spoke with Bragg and Carolina's Climbers Coalition still carving the trail and I will get something to you from them. Guard rail at the bridge has been ordered. It takes three weeks for Bagwell Fencing to install.

Commissioner, Armbrust - Signage to be placed at all of Town of Tryon projects. Make one type of sign to move from project to project. Town Manager, Ollis – It was supposed to come in today.

Commissioner, Armbrust - We have had a series of discussions about placing stone pillars with lights behind the guard rails. Town Manager, Ollis – Not included in initial projects. Commissioner, Armbrust – Get a quote from Terry Hudson.

Mayor Pro Tem, Booker – Containers moved and now their taking trash to Ziglar Field by the gate. Commissioner, Ingham cleaning vegetation away from the bridge or putting a guard rail. Town Manager, Ollis – No one on staff has a permit to spray, so we will have to hand cut and let it die off. We will need to wash it and have a mason come out to check it.

Commissioner, Ingham – We need to unload the liability from the lake. Keep the damn and water. Pass the lake bottom, fish, and algae to another organization that's in Greenville County. We can say no jet ski, but can't enforce it. Need to start making conversations with HOA to let them know as of Jan 1, 2021 we are no longer going to enforce any rules, regulations, building codes, heights, widths, depths around the lake. Commissioner, Armbrust – We will get a better sense of our position from the company accessing the damn report. How much does it cost us to do the services for the lake? Town Manager, Ollis – Supposed to be covered by the permit fees. Mayor Pro Tem, Booker – Who is going to talk to the county or the state. Town Manager, Ollis – Emailed Greenville County and has not responded.

Commissioner, Armbrust – Nina Simone project contractual agreement has been concluded. Permanent easement and that will rest with NC Historic Preservation. Additionally, I'm working with Norfolk Southern to gift us a rail car as a downtown performance stage. Commissioner, Ingham - Where are you going to put it? Commissioner, Armbrust - Behind Nina Simone Plaza. Norfolk Southern gave easement and perpetuity to the Nina Simone Project for the entire downtown block. Commissioner, Crowell - Would we have to give up parking spaces. Commissioner, Armbrust – No, Zach and I identified deceased trees to cut down and add track. We have discussed Tryon and Landrum being given an easement from Tryon Depot to Landrum Depot. Working with Duke Energy on the Social Justice Grant.

Commissioner, Armbrust – It concerns me greatly, particularly as we deal with the pandemic that BOC does not have enough information to do its job. Which is to direct the work of the Town of Tryon. It is not the work of the Town Manager. The Town Manager's only job is to implement the work that is directed by this body. I would like to request more information. We loan the Town Clerk to the Town Manager. I would like to direct the Town Clerk to figure of where we are in our budget. The amount of funds that the town holds in reserve.

Town Manager, Ollis - County of Polk and Tryon in regard to Cares Act funding. Originally all money to go to counties and they changed to 25% to municipalities. The rules were crafted how counties work. We do not meet a lot of the criteria that they have laid out. Instead of buying a warehouse of PPE that may never get used. We are suggesting that we propose to spend the money on the salary of law enforcement because they are substantially dedicated to COVID relief. We will be able to keep track with our software in a reasonable manner and we can use every penny of the funding.

Commissioner, Armbrust – What is the schedule for paving Chestnut and Beaver? Town Manager, Ollis – We have roughly four left on the list. After that we will move to sidewalks. Jody is getting quotes now. Carolina Drive will be first and then Beaver. There were issues on Chestnut and we had to close the street. Chestnut is fine, it's the pipe. Th state is not taking responsibility either. The Town of Tryon did not put the pipe in. Three property owners share the pipe. Commissioner Crowell thinks it is the original pipe that was put in 40-80 years ago.

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Armbrust so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

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J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

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Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk