



the hill. All the handicap people will be able to use them. Has he ever given us a price. Ollis replied he gave all the information to Mr. Varner and he sent it to Mr. Stinzell, the one doing the work here and he hasn't heard anything back. He will call him again and he can find a general contractor to build across the street. Crowell just doesn't like to build public bathrooms on private property unless we have a hundred-year lease. Ollis and Ingham responded most cities don't have public bathrooms close by. Crowell just feels that is too steep of a hill.

Crowell can't find the damage on the wall on Chestnut. He has driven it a dozen times and can't find it. Ingham agreed. Ollis can see it, because he has been called about it a hundred times. Crowell said he doesn't feel that it is our wall.

Commissioner Ingham asked about the building at Harmon Field. Can we get out of the contract? Ollis responded in 2025. On the building, it has to be used for programming for 25 years. When the town decided to get into the building you paid \$250,000 and received a matching PARTF grant. When signed on with them you agree that land is forever Parks & Rec. The building is supposed to be for programming, defined as you are providing Parks & Rec services at a cost that a local government would charge, not an independent person. You can do all kinds of things with it, but it's got to fall under their description that they have lined out. The building is in disrepair and has been for five or six years. The roof is caving in and the damage the kids done. Ingham said he is hearing from people to get it taken care of. Get an attorney. Ollis has heard that also. He has told the Arts & Crafts School and the Little Theater that is not necessarily how it works, because we agreed to it. If we were to come out and say here's your \$250,000 back, we could do whatever we wanted or wait until 2025.

Ollis reported there are multiple grants that go with this purchase. Crowell asked if we couldn't give the lease to the Little Theater for \$1.00? Ingham responded the Arts & Crafts School has talked about doing something like Penland or John C. Campbell schools. Ollis responded that could work, but it has to be what a local government would charge. He has many conversations about what it would cost to upgrade that building. He will get more information and get back with you.

Crowell asked who owns the gravel parking lot in the field beside the building. Ollis responded the Town of Tryon, Harmon Field. We also on the front parking lot and about half of the back parking lot. When he first started working here, they were using the building for random uses. That's why we ended up kicking people out, because we were violating the PARTF agreement. Mayor Peoples responded one of them were making a lot of money and not paying us. He will work on that and see if he can get more information. Mayor Peoples asked if the building was condemned could we tear it down and just leave it. Crowell replied 2025 is only two years away.

Mayor Peoples was approached by someone interested in purchasing the car wash. He would love to see something happen there.

Town Manager Ollis reported on the agenda, we need to scratch number seven and number eight and we need to talk about number three in the work session. Wanda May is here to talk about the Fitzgerald marker. She is hopeful the Town and tourism budget could help pay for that. The total is \$2600. It's not too hard to install. The last meeting of Thomas Wolfe and Scott Fitzgerald's last conversation at Oak Hall. She is thinking about putting it on Chestnut Street on the Library side. They needed to find out about the funding first. She asked if the funding for the Museum came out of the Town or Tourism budget. Ollis responded Town. Ms. May asked if there were any questions. Ingham

asked what type of signage would it be. Ms. May responded it would be like the other historical markers around.

Town Manager Ollis reported that Wanda May had requested to paint the back door blue. The board has no problem with it. Ms. May is purchasing the paint.

Ollis needs to add the resolution to apply for funding on the agenda, can we make it 9a.?

**ADJOURN**

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

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J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

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Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk