

Town of Lansing

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Dylan Lightfoot, Mayor

Marcy B. Little, Town Clerk

Town of Lansing, Board of Aldermen Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes November 14, 2017

1. The regular meeting of the Town of Lansing Board of Aldermen was held in the meeting room of the Lansing Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2017.

Present – Mayor: Dylan Lightfoot; Aldermen: Matt Cordell, Michelle Slaton, Jack Brown, Jim Blevins

Also present: Marcy Little, Clerk; Larry Blevins, Town Maintenance Technician; Beth Johnson, Finance Officer; Collin Tate, Ashe Mountain Times; Jim Parsons, STEP Committee; John Blevins; Phil Trew, HCCOG Sr. Planner; Michelle Ball, Planner

2. **Call to Order and welcome**

Mayor Lightfoot called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

3. **STEP Committee report**

Jim Parsons, STEP Committee Core member and Community Loan Fund Credit Committee Member took the floor to present a report from the STEP for Small Business Grant program. The committee has been able to secure \$45,000 in loans with the NC Rural Center, leaving \$55,000 left in funds. The committee is preparing a manual for starting a small business in Lansing postal district 28643. The committee will be visiting the new businesses at the first of the new year to let them know what resources are available through the program.

4. **Public Comment**

Mr. Larry Blevins wanted to let all in attendance the upcoming events being sponsored by the GLAD (Greater Lansing Area Development) group; Bingo and pictures with Santa at the Lansing Fire Department on Thursday, November 30th at 6:30 p.m. and Community Tree Lighting Celebration on Friday, December 1st at 5:30 p.m. with Tuckerdale.

5. **Timbering pine trees**

Maintenance Technician, Larry Blevins presented to the board his findings from a meeting with DW Logging earlier in month. The company wants the Town of Lansing to provide the access road and will do the timbering for a 70/30 split. All in attendance were not in favor of the agreement and asked Larry to keep looking for a suitable candidate for the project.



*Board of Alderman: Jack Brown, Mauvine Shepherd, Michelle Slaton, Jim Blevins and
Matthew Cordell ~ Financial Advisor, Elizabeth Johnson*

6. HCCOG assistance with PARTF Grant

Phil Trew, High Country Council of Government's Sr. Planner was given the floor to present to the board the process with them helping us write another PARTF Grant. Not much has changed since our last application in 2013. Grant requestor must have control of the property; application is due May 1st; a public meeting will need to be held; town attorney must certify control of the land; HCCOG will charge a 3% fee of grant amount funded, not to exceed \$2,500; this grant is very competitive on a scoring system for awarding, but not always awarded on points alone; the town will need to supply good, firm cost estimates; a site map will be needed, along with project plans. Mr. Trew suggested we also look at a Recreational Trails Program for grant funds, also.

7. Tax Report

Clerk Little present the most recent tax collection report, with \$14,809.35 in 2017 property taxes still to be collected. Clerk Little also informed the board that the prior years' property tax collection is declining with payments coming in each week from additional collection letters that were sent out.

8. Ashe County Guide Advertising

Clerk Little presented the board with the annual Ashe County Chamber of Commerce's Ashe County Guide advertising magazine price sheet. The new year's magazine will be bigger in size but the advertising prices did not increase. Alderman Cordell motioned to do the same half-page advertisement as last year. Alderman Slaton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Aldermen comment:

Alderman Brown stated that E Street was really damaged by the last flooding of Old Field Creek and needs repair badly before a car goes off the side and into the creek. It was requested that Rex Darnell be contacted to give an estimate to fill the bank with large stones to stop the erosion and fill in with some dirt. It was suggested that Tom Davis be contacted to see if permitting is necessary to make these repairs since it is near a creek that feeds a NC Wildlife Mountain Heritage Trout Waters. For safety, Maintenance Technician Larry Blevins will block off E Street until the repairs can be completed.

Alderman Jim Blevins would like to do an official proclamation for a Lansing Town Historian and would like to ask Mauvine Shepherd to take the inaugural title. All were in favor.

10. Adjournment

With no further items to discuss, Alderman Slaton made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Jim Blevins seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

