

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**AGENDA WORKSHOP**  
**September 13, 2010**

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**THE BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN** held its regularly scheduled agenda workshop on Monday, September 13, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1 of Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC. The purpose of the meeting was to review the agenda for the regular monthly meeting scheduled for September 13, 2010.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bartlett called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Carl R. Bartlett, Mayor  
Joan Brown, Mayor pro tem  
Ruth D. Brandon, Alderman  
Tim Rayburn, Alderman  
Carlos Showers, Alderman  
C. Michael Sobol, Alderman

The following staff members were present:

Marcy Onieal, Town Manager  
Ron Sneed, Town Attorney  
Casey Conner, Interim Recreation and Parks Director  
Kevin Pressley, Police Chief  
Steve Jones, Fire Chief  
Elizabeth Teague, Planning and Development Services Director  
Rick Shreve, Finance and Information Services Director  
Mark Combs, Public Services Director  
Mark White, Public Services Manager  
Darlene Whisenant, Town Clerk

The following members of the public were also present:

John DeWitt, Recreation Commission Chairman  
Elaine Loutzenheiser

The Board reviewed the items that were proposed for the September regular session meeting and made the following changes:

- **Item 2A**, Proclamation for honoring Ann Blankenship will not be read publicly during the BoA meeting; however, will be entered into the minutes as being presented at Swannanoa First Baptist Church on August 22, 2010.

Mayor Bartlett commented that as the result of researching with the Institute of Government a Mayor proclamation does not have to have board approval if the Board of Aldermen name is left off. Vice Mayor Joan Brown still requested that the Town Clerk would notify the Aldermen if and when a proclamation was created and presented.

- **Item 4D**, SAFER Grant Application was requested by Alderman Mike Sobol to be pulled off Consent Agenda and moved to Item 6D under New Business.
- **Item 6B**, Discussion of Ordinance to adopt a Code of Ethics for the BoA will be moved from the agenda. Town Manager, Marcy Onieal will research and provide more input from other towns with additional examples to the BoA. Vice Mayor Brown recommended scheduling an additional meeting to develop the Code of Ethics. This code of ethics needs to be adopted before January 1, 2011.

Ms. Onieal informed the BoA that Richard Hudson had send out a post card to certain selected golf members to come to the BoA meeting and express their praises or concerns regarding the Black Mountain Golf Course.

Ms. Onieal also let the Board know that Alderman Michael Sobol was interviewed at Town Hall last week by WLOS-TV in regards to the increasing concern over the bear nuisance issue. Since the interview was televised, some additional inquiries as to what the town plans to do about the problem has been generated.

During the BoA meeting the Town Attorney Ron Sneed will comment on behalf of The Settings with an update.

Ms. Onieal provided a list of options as to the appointment error of Dawn Wilson to fill Doug Brock until June 2011 on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Alternate seniority when a vacancy occurs is not clearly defined in the current policy of the Boards and Commissions manual. This will be addressed and corrected.

Ms. Onieal will contact local U.S. Forestry staff and invite them to come to the next BoA meeting to provide helpful information and resources for the local community in regards to the bear concerns. Alderman Sobol would like for the Board make a recommendation to the Wildlife Commission to increase hunting season one week on each side to help with the growing bear population. Alderman Ruth Brandon stated she will not support any added government regulations regarding laws involving bears.

Mayor Bartlett reported that he had been invited to participate in a Mayors and County Commissioner meeting to discuss the possibility of combining efforts regarding consolidating the sanitation issue. Monthly meeting will be held 7:30 at the Cornerstone Restaurant in Asheville. Mayor Bartlett asked if any of the Board would like to volunteer to provide input.

Alderman Sobol requested for the board to go into a closed session after the regular session regarding a personnel issue. Alderman Brandon challenged the request due to the fact that the Town Manager had not been informed regarding the request before hand.

## II. ADJOURNMENT

*Alderman Showers moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 pm, and the motion was unanimously approved.*

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Carl R. Bartlett, Mayor

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Marcia D. Onieal, Town Manager

Prepared by:

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Darlene Whisenant, Town Clerk