

**TOWN OF TRYON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JANUARY 14, 2019 6:00 P.M.  
TRYON TOWN HALL – MCCOWN ROOM  
WORK SESSION**

Present: Mayor J. Alan Peoples                      Mayor Pro Tem Bill Ingham  
Commissioners: Crys Armbrust, Bill Crowell, Chrelle Booker  
Staff Present: Town Manager Zach Ollis                      Town Clerk Susan Bell

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Peoples called the work session to order.

Items discussed were:

1. Open air gym at Harmon Field
  - a. Climbing wall inside the open air gym
  - b. Ollis & Jonathan Gerst are talking with Blue Ridge Adventure Guides about rock climbing & hiking trails on Hogback.
  - c. Looking at Statutes that protect municipalities
  - d. He is going to meet with the Fire Department about concerns if someone gets hurt
  - e. Mason Lassiter is coming to a future meeting to give us an update on his project in the open air gym
  - f. Harmon Field Board needs to be asked to come to the next work session
2. House demolition
  - a. Tim will give an update in the regular meeting. There is one house coming down soon, the Melrose Inn hearing was held at the Board of Planning & Adjustment meeting
  - b. He will also give an update on the house that is being worked on & the houses on Livingston – 2 house fires – Porter & Counts property
3. Road problems
  - a. Pacolet Street – at the driveway entrance to the First Baptist Parking lot needs to be patched, asphalt sitting in road
  - b. TFAC entrance - happening there also – will get someone to look at this
  - c. Hyde Avenue pothole needs to be fixed again
4. Signs in front of Huckleberry's – loading zone - we have signs and will put up as soon as possible
5. Camera status – we have the equipment, includes night vision – exploring places – going to speak with Foothills Realty and the Movie Theater – trying to get a good view of downtown – trying to find a place that is visionally appealing – name of donors will be used
6. Visioning session
  - a. Working with Withers & Ravenel on the Strategic Plan along with TDDA Jamie Carpenter
  - b. Different purposes for visioning – the Town of Tryon personnel and leadership require dedicated time and space to discuss the Town of Tryon
  - c. Different visioning sessions would be held
  - d. Views of both to be collaborated for long term

7. Discussion of whether or not to restart dialogue with other municipalities about a county-wide water authority
8. Harmon Field
  - a. Dallara Project completion date - Behind because of rain and snow
  - b. Complaints received about how the park looks - we have three projects going on
  - c. Pipe – taking dirt from river when we have enough it will be covered
9. Tiffany Tolbert would like to address the council on the Nina Simone Home Place Project at some time
10. Budget Dates Scheduled
11. TDDA request to use Morris at Harmon Field for a Horse Show as he was years ago
  - a. What is the possibility of taking him down the road this spring
  - b. Possibility that he will break if moved
  - c. Money for repairs to Morris in a fund – structural issues need to be repaired
  - d. Can be rolled onto a trailer to move him
  - e. \$25,000 was raised about five years ago for building a new Morris
  - f. Built with fiberglass – want withstand being moved
  - g. Chip O'Brien and Johnny Hipp made the new horse
  - h. He made Our State Magazine the last time he was used at Harmon Field
  - i. Who is going to protect him at Harmon Field – security – leave him out there for a day  
Jamie will take this to the Hunt Club – 3 day show – April 18-21
  - j. Step 1 find out if he can be moved
  - k. If he needs repaired he could be transferred to Harmon Field and then in to have repairs

Mayor Peoples closed the work session.

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J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

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Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk