

TOWN OF MEGGETT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 27, 2015 Time: 7:00PM Location: SCPA Building 4770 Highway 165

Call to order by:	Mayor Buster Herrington
Type of Meeting:	Council Meeting
Facilitator:	Mayor Buster Herrington
Notes:	Ellie Brabham

Roll Call:	Mayor Herrington	P	Angela Watts	P
A = Absent	Tommy Butler	P	Andy Gowder	P
P = Present	Tom Hutto	A	Ellie Brabham	P
	Keith McCarty	A		

Prayer given by: Mayor Buster Herrington

Pledge led by: Mayor Buster Herrington

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting held on: June 22, 2015 Council Meeting.

Mayor Herrington stated there was an error on the last page of the minutes. The resident that spoke in Public Comments was Ed Obrien not Jim Obrien.

Motion made by: Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler with the change

Seconded by: Council Member Angela Watts with the change

In Favor:

Mayor Buster Herrington

Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler

Council Member Angela Watts

Opposed:

Conclusion: *Minutes approved with the change.*

Meggett Park:

Mayor Herrington stated that they had changed the format on how the tiles would be laid in the park, due to this change the town will have to order a few more tiles.

Roxbury Park:

There are some improvements that need to be done to the cabin at Roxbury. The downstairs bathroom needs a lot of work, including handicap accessibility. A humidifier is needed as well as new lighting around the cabin. Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler added that the wiring on the front porch also should be looked at. Mayor Herrington stated that he will be meeting with a contractor to look at that. He is putting together a scope of work for the downstairs bathroom and will get

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it out for bid as soon as possible. The Mayor stated that the town would be responsible for 100% of upgrades to the cabin since it is not included in the grant.

Caretaker/Naturalist Ken Carmen asked the Mayor about gates to cottage being locked on weekends when the cottage is rented. The Mayor said the second gate leading to the cottage should be locked if the cabin has been rented out. Ken also asked about the cars driving up to the cabin when rented. Mayor Herrington commented that we have to limit the number of cars going through the second gate even when it is rented out.

Council Member Angela Watts asked if there was another access to the cottage. Mayor Herrington said that there is through the hay field but the town does not use it because that entrance is on private property. Since Council Member Watts has the responsibility of promotions etc. with Roxbury Park, she suggested that her name be added to the contact information. The Mayor agreed that should be done. The question was asked if we should allow boaters and kayakers to come to the landing at the cottage and visit the property when it is rented. The Mayor said that in his opinion, we should not.

Council Member Watts stated that she attended the Lowcountry Water Jam and now has some great ideas for events to possibly be held at Roxbury. She added that they had helicopter rides; \$20 for adult, and \$10 for children, and a water roll that the kids loved.

Council and Staff salaries:

Mayor Herrington stated that the Caretaker at Roxbury's current salary is \$12.00 an hour. While council approved increasing his hours in the new budget to 25 a week, he would also like to propose an hourly increase to \$15.00. The Mayor stated that Ken is working on other projects for Roxbury when the park is not open without being compensated. Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler made a motion to increase the hourly rate for the Caretaker at Roxbury by \$3.00. The motion was second by Council Member Angela Watts. All approved, increase will take effect in August.

Council Member Reports:

Building and grounds given by: Mayor Buster Herrington

Mayor Herrington stated that the water leak at Town Hall has been resolved. The alarm on the sewage pump station went off a few weeks ago and the pump had to be taken out and repaired. There also have been some issues with the alarm system in the buildings which resulted in batteries being replaced. The rear door of the SCPA Bldg needs the lock repaired. It is not connecting correctly and is hard to shut and lock.

The Mayor said that there is a pine tree by the front gate at Roxbury Park that needs to be removed. BG Landscaping will take it out in the next week or so.

Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler asked about the leak at the pump station that they could not find. The Mayor stated that Kin Hill of CWS had sent a crew out. He further added the aeration system is up and running and doing great.

Financial report given by: Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler

Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Butler reported that the Town of Meggett's bank balance went up \$31,021.72 from June 30, 2014. On June 30, 2014 the bank balance was \$421,285.76 with this June 30th at \$452,307.48. The Wastewater account was

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\$76,425.49 on June 30th 2014 and due to the purchase of 46 taps from the bank, the balance this June 30th was down to \$19,280.75. CD #4 matured and was used to purchase the Blue House across the street from Town Hall. We have made \$53.60 in interest on CD #5 since last June. The Mayor Pro Tem stated that after talking with the banks, only \$250,000 is federally insured. He feels that dollars over that amount should be moved to another bank. Once the Wastewater CD renews that needs to be moved as well. He said that when renewal comes up for that CD, he will shop around for prices.

Roxbury given by: Council Member Angela Watts

Council Member Watts stated that since we do have issues with parking at Roxbury Park, is it possible to put parking spaces down the drive along both sides of the front entrance. The Mayor stated that was too far back from the cottage and in the future they are considering putting a boat landing in and using that space then. Council Member Watts said that she would like to have a pumpkin patch at Roxbury next year. She feels it will bring a lot of families out and will be a lot of fun as well as revenue for the park. She added that she has a lot of ideas for promotions.

Public Comments:

Resident Readie Hopkins asked if the \$3.00 an hour increase for the Caretaker at Roxbury was in the budget. The Mayor stated that the town has money in the budget that can be moved from another item if necessary. Mr. Hopkins also stated that he had received an email in reference to the raffle for the cabin at Roxbury and wondered how this would be handled. The Mayor explained that once 200 tickets are sold, a drawing will take place for a week at Roxbury. Mr. Hopkins asked what happens if 250 are sold. Mayor Herrington answered that the additional tickets would apply to the second 200 that are sold. We are raffling off 26 weeks so it will be continuous.

Student Regan Corbin addressed council and asked the community to help in an upcoming event to raise money for school supplies for children in the St Paul's area. He said they are hoping to fill 200 bags of school supplies for the upcoming school year. The school supplies will be given away on Saturday, August 8th at Schroder Community Center. His Mother, Megan Corbin added that this is the Back to School Base and Basketball Showcase to raise funds for basketball supplies. This program was put together by Mrs. Corbin and Stephanie Smith in memory of Genesis Holmes, the student that drowned last year. She added that along with the free school supplies there would be a jump castle, face painting and fire trucks for the attendees to enjoy. Council Member Angela Watts asked if there was a list of what is needed. Mrs. Corbin stated that they actually need funding for the bags.

Resident Gail Smith said that her landscape company maintains the grounds for the Corporate Learning Center. The center is relocating to a new building and will not have room for several large playground structures. She stated that they are very high end pieces and she is sure the town could get them at a great price. They also have playground tiles that will need to be sold. She added that she could meet with the owner on Thursday and find out what they are asking for the pieces if the town is interested.

Resident Bobby Shealy said that he is not sure if this property is in the Town of Meggett, but along the Toogoodoo Creek there are several large pine trees on the King property that are about to fall into the creek. He is concerned that when they fall someone will get hurt. Mayor Herrington asked Ellie to look into this, maybe call DNR and Bonnie and Rhett King.

With no further comments, the Mayor closed the council meeting.