

REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL

AGENDA

January 20, 2022

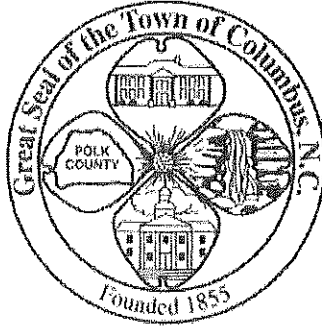
RULES FOR PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL

1. Each speaker will identify himself or herself by giving his or her **name and place of residence**.
2. Each speaker will be limited to speaking one time on any topic. When you are finished speaking, please step away from the podium and be seated.
3. Each speaker will be limited to **three (3) minutes** and each group's representative will be limited to a **maximum of ten (10) total minutes**. Each group is encouraged to designate a single spokesperson for their group.
4. Each speaker will confine himself or herself to the general question before the Council and avoid irrelevant comments.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

(6:00 PM)

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comments
4. Agenda Adoption
5. Consideration of the Conservation Easement for Acquisition of Lots at Chocolate Drop (5)
6. Consideration of the Request to take over the Roads at Chocolate Drop (6)
7. Consideration of a Policy on Spending ARP funds (7)
8. Reports
 - a) Council Members Report
 - b) Planning Board Minutes (8)
 - c) Managers Report (9)
 - d) Public Works Report (10)
 - e) Police, ABC, and Fire Department Reports (11)
 - f) Discover Columbus (12)
 - g) Fourth of July (13)
9. Adjourn



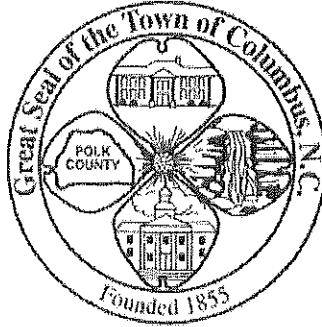
MEMORANDUM FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

To: Mayor & Town Council
From: Timothy J. Barth, Town Manager
Re: Consideration of a Conservation Easement for Acquisition of Lots at Chocolate Drop
Date: January 20, 2022

Background

The Town Attorney and I have discussed the conservation easement and need to check it with the Saluda Community Land Trust. The final version will be emailed to you on Tuesday or Wednesday. The biggest sticking point is the makeup of the Chocolate Drop Mountain Park Management Board.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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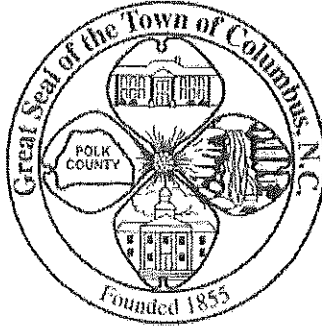
To: Mayor & Town Council
From: Timothy J. Barth, Town Manager
Re: Consideration of the Request to Take Over the Roads at Chocolate Drop
Date: December 16, 2021

Background

The Chocolate Drop Property Owners Association (POA) has requested at the November meeting that the Town take over the roads at Chocolate Drop. Previously the POA had concerns, however, I have told them that the Town cannot restrict public access. They have agreed to withdraw their concerns and want the Town to take over maintenance.

The way this is handled is the Town must adopt a resolution taking over maintenance. The Town attorney is working on this and it will be sent out on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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To: Mayor & Town Council
From: Timothy J. Barth, Town Manager
Re: Consideration of a Policy on Spending ARP Funds
Date: January 20, 2022

Background

Before ARP funds can be sent a policy must be approved by the Town Council. The policy has 10 different items that must be covered by the policy. I have been working on the policy and will try to have it done by next Wednesday and will send it out if I am done by then.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

January 20, 2022 Town Manager's Report
Prepared for Columbus Town Council
Friday January 14, 2022

- 1) **Town Staffing:** The Town has been ravaged by sickness. There are at least five people in the recent weeks who are sick or have been sick some of whom have Covid. This has made getting some things done difficult, however, we are doing the best we can.

- 2) **Town Hall Closing:** Town hall will be closed Monday January 17 for Martin Luther King Day.

- 3) **Town Council Agenda:** I know that the agenda is somewhat delayed. Several items will not be completed until a day or two before the meeting and minutes for the previous meeting were not able to be completed because of sickness. I apologize but the staffing issues addressed above are the cause.

- 4) **Fifth Annual Legislative Leader Gathering:** This event will be Taking place at the Tryon International Equestrian Center as it has for the past several years. It will take place on January 24 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am and brunch will be served. A letter regarding this event is in your box at Town Hall.

COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Department Head Report

January 20th, 2022 Council Meeting

Scott Hamby, Chief

- Statistical Data
- January 10-13 Chief Hamby attended the 2022 Police Chiefs Conference in Cherokee NC.
- The Columbus Police Department received at Digital-Ally in-car camera through the Governors Highway Safety Program. The cost of this camera was \$4,055.00. The GHSP sent the Town of Columbus a reimbursement check for that same amount.

Columbus Police Department

Monthly Activity Report

December 2021

Calls Answered

Wrecks	7
Alarm Calls	10
Domestic	2
Suspicious Vehicles	6
Suspicious Person	5
Assist Fire/EMS	2
Larceny	7
Stranded Motorists	2
Disturbance	6
Involuntary Commitments	5
Breaking & Entering	0
Suicide Threat	0
Hit and Run	0
Stolen Vehicle	2
Total Calls Answered:	742

Requested to Assist Sheriff's Office, City Police Departments & Other Agencies

Calls	17
Hours	10.20

Community Patrols – 543

Training Topics

K-9 Training
Mandatory In-service

Total Training Hours: 36

Premise Checks

Residence Checks	325
Business Checks	11,024
Church Checks	594
Total Checks	11,943

Charges

Speeding Citations	25
No Operators License	15
Driving While License Revoked	19
Drug Charges	15
Uninsured Motorists	14
Careless & Reckless Driving	5
Registration Violations	63
Open Container	5
Total Charges	259
(Traffic & Criminal)	

Arrests

Felony Arrests	10
Misdemeanor Arrests	21
DWI	7
Fugitives Arrested	6
Total Arrests	44