Town of Montreat Board of Commissioners Public Forum Meeting Minutes June 13, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. Walkup Building

Board members present:

Mayor Tim Helms

Mayor Pro Tem Otto

Commissioner Kitty Fouche Commissioner Bill Gilliland Commissioner Alice Lentz

Board members absent:

Commissioner Tom Widmer

Town staff present:

Alex Carmichael, Town Administrator

Angie Murphy, Town Clerk

Adrienne Isenhower, Zoning Administrator

Thirty two members of the public were present. Mayor Helms called the meeting to order at 6:31p.m., and led the group in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

Agenda Approval

Commissioner Gilliland moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Otto seconded and the motion carried 4/0.

Public Forum

Ms. Sally Stansill of 141 Holston Lane stated she was profoundly disappointed in the truck noise and the speeds with which people drive around Town. Ms. Stansill utilizes her covered deck which overlooks the parking lot on Assembly Drive. She hears a lot of loud trucks "staging" and she documents the time and date of obstruction. Ms. Stansill suggested to Council to plan a landscaping project. Trees would clean and purify the air and muffle the noise. Ms. Stansill feels there is too much pedestrian traffic to have speeders in Town and it is a tragedy waiting to happen.

Mrs. Clare Frist of 98 Frist Road is thankful that Frist Road is now paved since she has grandchildren and strollers to push.

Mrs. Martha Campbell of 149 Maryland Place spoke on behalf of the Landcare Committee, who had been able to reprint educational materials on landscaping with native plants with the financial support of the Town. She also announced that the NC Zoo will loan a hellbender costume for a guest appearance at the July 4th parade.

Mrs. Clare Frist led a standing ovation for the Commission over the Town Hall groundbreaking ceremony.

Adjournment

Commissioner Gilliland moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Fouche seconded and the motion carried 4/0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Tim Helms, Mayor

Angie Murphy, Town Gerk