

City of Boiling Spring Lakes Board of Commissioners Citizens' Forum Minutes June 29, 2023 at 6:00 pm City Hall

1. Call to Order - Mayor Jeff Winecoff

Mayor Winecoff called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Attendance:

Mayor Jeff Winecoff
Commissioner Tom Guzulaitis
Commissioner Teagan Hall
Commissioner Kim Sherwood
City Manager Gordon Hargrove
Finance Director Suzanne Tungate
City Clerk Nancy Sims
Absent:
Commissioner David Mammay – excused

Motion to excuse Commissioner Mammay from attendance at this meeting.

Moved by: Commissioner Guzulaitis
Seconded by: Commissioner Sherwood

Motion Carried 4-0

3. Citizens' Forum Comments and Questions

9 people were in the audience.

Fred Gebauer, 980 Holly Point Road. He is still not happy with 30 months for the dams. Have proper adjustments been made for the height or the length? Commissioner Sherwood replied all lakes will be the same height except for Upper Lake, which will be five feet higher. Mr. Gebauer said the sections of the lake cleared have been growing back faster than expected. A Forest mulcher would have been a better option to use. Or, it should have been sprayed. Mr. Hargrove replied we are looking into spraying. It has to be environmentally friendly.

Parker Knight, 1950 Albemarle Road. Brought up NCDOT's plan for 5 lanes on Highway 87. He would strongly encourage that feeder lanes become a requirement for businesses. He didn't know if that was being considered, but just wanted to bring it up. Mayor Winecoff replied we had some discussions about that and Commissioner Guzulaitis brought up that we have a lot of

rear ends there. **Commissioner Guzulaitis** added we need some turn lanes. We are gathering feedback and will send it to NCDOT.

He also mentioned that people are not tending to their dogs and they all bark and feed off each other. It is constant, we can't even sit on our back deck. Commissioner Hall asked if they are tethered. Mr. Knight replied they are in their yards but barking. They bark incessantly. He didn't know what the solution is but just wanted to say something. Commissioner Hall asked if they are inside at night. Mr. Knight replied yes. But if they bark inside there are so many of them you can hear. Is there some sort of guidance? Commissioner Guzulaitis said we have a noise ordinance. Commissioner Hall said to call the police and tell them it is not an emergency.

Dave Tagliaferro, 300 Pine Lake Road. He is having the same problem. He talked to Mike in Code Enforcement who said he refers everything to the police department. The dogs start in the morning and don't shut up all day. Commissioner Sherwood said something may need to be added to the noise ordinance for barking. It may take a few times going to their house before getting citations. Commissioner Guzulaitis said you need to go through the police department animal control. Commissioner Sherwood added you need to call so it can be documented.

Fred Gebauer, 980 Holly Point Road. Is it a sure thing that Highway 87 is going to be widened? **Commissioner Sherwood** replied the 5 year NCDOT plan is 3 lanes with a turning lane. The crashes at 50 lakes are mostly rear ends. DOT agrees with us that we need a turning lane.

Shannon Van Deren, 320 Pine Lake Road. In the contract with the engineering firm for the dams the Mayor mentioned the material amounts would decrease. Do we truly know that? Mayor Winecoff replied the contract is set up now because of inflation. If inflation goes down we may see a decrease. Ms. Van Deren wondered if that is written in the contact and is there any incentive to work quicker. Mr. Hargrove replied there is no incentive for early delivery, but punishment for late delivery. The bid is on unit pricing. We have got to be careful to monitor the unit pricing. They bid it at the current economic climate. If it goes over it is on them. If the cost of the product goes up it is on them. Mayor Winecoff added they will hold meetings weekly to keep on top of that. Mr. Hargrove wanted to make everyone aware that when we entered into the value engineering process we saved money by reducing 36 months to 30 but late delivery does not kick in until 36 months. Commissioner Guzulaitis added if we have a storm and it sets them back, that is not in their control.

Richard Busse, 1066 Fillmore Road. Were we able to get additional funding for the dams from the state. **Mayor Winecoff** said \$8 million is in their budget and we are waiting for it to get passed.

Shannon Van Deren, 320 Pine Lake Road. She asked about rerouting traffic for the dams' project. Commissioner Sherwood replied East Boiling Spring Road will be closed. Commissioner Guzulaitis said we need to be vocal on speeding. Mr. Hargrove added if you see speeding on any road you need to call the police. We will start implementing traffic control next week so you will see signs pop up.

Fred Gebauer, 980 Holly Point Road. He wanted to know how long rebuilding the culverts will take. **Mr. Hargrove** replied we don't have that information tonight. **Mr. Gebauer** said the last time they were never there and I finally called Representative Iler and Senator Rabon.

Nancy Tagliaferro, 300 Pine Lake Road. If someone is driving down Pine Lake and they go into the ditch and damage it, who pays. Commissioner Hall replied it would be their insurance company.

Audience Question. You said you were spraying the lakebed. What about the MowerMax. **Mr. Hargrove** replied that is for the mowing mostly but we can use it on portions of the lake. We have been in conversations about regrowth as sinkholes are slowing us down. We are looking at aerial spraying with a helicopter.

Nancy Tagliaferro, 300 Pine Lake Road. We never had problems with rats. I heard that rats are a problem because of the lakebed being dry. Commissioner Sherwood replied once the water rises you are going to have all kinds of things coming out the lake. People that live on the lake have to realize that. Commissioner Hall added I'm not on the lake but we have had that issue.

Donna Knight, 1950 Albemarle Road. How are you going to fill the lakes? **Commissioner Guzulaitis** replied rainwater and also it is fed by a spring. Please note that once the dams are rebuilt they still have to be approved by Dam Safety of the State.

Shannon Van Deren, 320 Pine Lake Road. Do you see any business influx here, like in Southport? Commissioner Guzulaitis replied yes. We are growing just like everyone else. Commissioner Sherwood said in the next few months we are going to start talking about sewer. That is coming. We wanted to get the dams going first. Commissioner Hall added we talked about it a few years ago and the fee was \$16,000 to \$20,000 per lot. It was astronomical. We have the Grants Committee now. Mr. Hargrove said our comprehensive land plan identifies 9,500 lots once we get sewer. Once we get the dams going, our next thing is to start a steering committee so we can strategically plan for sewer. We want to work with the County on that.

Nancy Tagliaferro, 300 Pine Lake Road. Is there any idea if we will have a grocery store in BSL? Commissioner Guzulaitis replied you will see one eventually. Commissioner Sherwood added it is all about rooftops and we don't have enough right now. Once the sewer comes you will see this place grow.

All thanked the mayor and BOC for getting things done.

4. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Moved by: Commissioner Kim Seconded by: Commissioner Tom

Motion Carried 4-0

Jeff Winecoff, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nancy Sims, City Clerk





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