



**TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE**

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**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WORK SESSION**

Tuesday, April 4, 2023  
6:00 PM  
The Anchor

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Chase Moore, Sam Pearson, Carl Randall, Sid Nelson,  
Bobby Rhodes

**ABSENT:** Ramzi Malek

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Tim Moore–Building Inspector, Alex Smith–Attorney,  
Mary Ann Allen–Town Clerk

Mayor Chase Moore called meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

**1. Status on Pontoon Repair**

No change

**2. Status on Ordinance HL 14-05 verbiage on bladder boats**

The Ordinance Committee has started discussing what needs to be included. They feel it needs to probably address more about the wakes and not the bladder.

**3. Discuss and potential vote on amendment to HL 16-01**

Attorney Alex Smith is going to research

**4. Alexander Anderson request to build a dock**

The past due fees have been paid.

**5. Josh Beck request to build a boat house on neighbor's property**

It is being worked out through a possible lease with the neighbor.

**6. Request by John Dampman to build a boat house.**

Tim Moore, building inspector, has talked with Tradesman Docks, and they feel that they can meet the requirements without any problems. Tim hasn't physically looked at the property but the Dampmans presented surveys they had to answer questions the council had.

- 7. Discuss whether or not to continue Resolution HL 22-20 (Non-Resident Lake Use Permit for Kayak/Canoe)**  
It was discussed that there were not any problems with this during the past year.
- 8. Discuss moving alternate to the Zoning Board**  
Steve Hammett is the alternate for the Zoning Board.
- 9. Discuss finding an alternate for the Zoning Board**  
Sid Nelson recommended Sonny Ferguson as a good candidate for an alternate.
- 10. Discuss moving May meeting back a week**  
Mayor Moore will be at a conference the week of the regular meeting. It was discussed moving it to Tuesday, May 9, 2023. Changing the time to 7:00 PM was also discussed to allow Attorney Alex Smith to be able to attend.
- 11. Discuss Movie in the Park May 27, 2023, showing Jurassic World**  
The movie would be shown at 7:00 PM. John Cotton, board member for the Community Arts Council of Blount County, was present to talk about the event and answer any questions.
- 12. Discuss having Ashley Allen, local teacher and paleontologist, give a Fossil presentation before the movie May 27, 2023, at 6:00 PM**  
Ashley Allen was present to talk about the event and answer any questions. He explained that he would have fossils to show and talk about and also have them where people could handle them and ask questions about the fossils and fossil hunting.
- 13. Discuss using PayWerx for the Town's payroll**  
PayWerx was recommended by the Finance Committee to handle the payroll for Highland Lake. A handout was presented and discussed that broke down the estimated cost for the year to \$1,153.
- 14. Discuss adjustments to the Town's budget**  
Bobby Rhodes presented a handout and went over and explained the changes that needed to be made to the re-vamped budget and the reasons for the changes.
- 15. Discuss the auditor proposal**  
The last auditor decided that they would not be able to complete the 2021 and 2022 audits, so it was proposed to consider Hollon Accounting Services, Inc., to handle those audits and possibly the 2023 audit. Gregg Hollon, CPA, was in attendance to present the proposal and answer any questions. For a one-year audit of September 30, 2021, would cost \$6,900. A three-year audit for September 30, 2021, September 30, 2022, and September 30, 2023, would cost \$6,000 per audit year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Ann Allen – Town Clerk

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Chase Moore – Mayor