

Council Notes-March 17, 2010

For questions or additional information, contact the Town Hall at 886-2177 or council members at signalmountaintn.gov.

- Vice Mayor Susan Robertson and Town Manager Honna Rogers attended the Tennessee Municipal League 2010 Legislative Conference held in Nashville March 8- 9. State officials addressed the effect of what TML Deputy Governor John Morgan called the current “Great Recession” on state and municipal budgets. The state of Tennessee is projecting a \$230 million loss of sales tax revenue due to reduced consumer spending. However, officials reminded the local government representatives present that although Tennessee is suffering the largest shortfall ever; overall, the state is in better financial condition than many others across the country. But the best news for Signal Mountain is that the state will continue to distribute its state-shared income to towns and cities. This income is necessary to help municipalities cover unfunded state mandates and meet expenses.
- Ms. Robertson and Ms. Rogers met with Representative Richard Floyd and Senator Bo Watson with representatives from Collegedale and Red Bank to discuss and weigh-in on specific state issues that could affect municipalities such as roads, storm water regulations and public safety.
- On March 11th, Ms. Rogers attended a Southeast Tennessee Management meeting for town managers to discuss the success and failure of various safety programs and policies in towns and share ideas on how to improve employee safety.
- The Hamilton County Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority (WWTA) is now working in the town to address deficiencies in private sewer lateral lines. WWTA plumbing contractors will contact residents before any work is performed. For questions or information, call the WWTA at 209-7842 or 209-7810.
- On Thursday, March 25th from 6-8pm at the Town Hall, planner Ann Coulter will lead a public input meeting to address future design standards in town commercial areas.