

Council Notes-June 19, 2013

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

- At its regular meeting on June 10, the Council heard an update by Barbara Womack, representing the Tree Board, on its “Save the Hemlocks” initiative to protect native hemlock trees on Walden’s Ridge; held a public hearing on the FY 2013-14 Budget; acting as the Beer Board, considered an amendment to the “Intoxicating Liquors” ordinance; passed resolutions honoring Arbor Day Poster Contest winners, Samantha Smith from Nolan and Nelson Hayslett from Signal Mtn. Christian; appointed Katherine Harrell to the Tree Board and Claire Griesinger, Corinne Giagnorio, Cheryl Carico, Eva Sander-Conwell, William Fronk, Ron Galante, Cliff Henry and Britt Reynolds to the Conservation Easement Working Group; and on first reading, passed an amendment to the “Intoxicating Liquors” ordinance, extending the hours for selling packaged beer and an amendment to the Sign Ordinance to correct contradictory language; and approved on first reading, the FY 2013-14 Budget and the FY 2012-13 Budget Amendment.
- In his Annual State of the Town Address, Mayor Bill Lusk reported FY 2011-12 began with a General Fund balance of \$4,366,000 and FY 2013-14 will begin with a fund balance of \$4,899,000. Including Fox Run and Windtree, the Town increased its population to 8,000. The Town also reduced the principle on the school debt to \$2.5 million, saving \$187,000 in interest. Capital improvements were facelifts to the Town Hall, the Police and Fire Hall, and the Town gym; water upgrades and new fire hydrants; and an emergency water connection to Walden’s Ridge Utility District.
- It’s not too late to register for MACC camps. Enjoy nature, puppets, disc golf and marbling on paper! Call 886-1959 to register.
- Drop off donations to “Save the Hemlocks” at the Town Hall.