



NORTH WILKESBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ANNUAL RETREAT AGENDA

March 2, 2021 @ Virtual

6:00 PM – Introduce facilitator (Wilson)

6:05 – Agenda review (Wilson)

6:10 – EXERCISE – Identifying Values (Dr. Street)

Dr. Street will initiate an exercise that asks commissioners to identify the values they believe should guide their work and the work of the town. The exercise will resume at the Friday retreat.

March 5, 2021 @ Stone Center

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Coffee, etc.

9:00 – Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance (Mayor Johnson)

9:05 – EXERCISE – Complete Identifying Values exercise (Dr. Street)

Dr. Street pick up Tuesday's exercise, and guide the Board through the process on coming to consensus on the values that should guide the town's work in the coming year.

10:00 – Discuss Board procedures (Dr. Street and Wilson)

A "time out" to consider Board of Commissioners procedures and whether they satisfy Commissioners' wishes, the needs of staff, and legal requirements. Commissioners will be asked to weigh in on meeting format, constituent involvement, and agenda setting, among other topics.

11:00 – Biology break

11:10 – Status of current year priorities. What does the Board want to accomplish next year, Round 1. (Dr. Street and Wilson)

Commissioners will be asked to share their initial thoughts on what the Town's priorities should be in the coming year.

12:00 – Biology break/pick up lunch

12:15 – Working lunch, Revenue projection and financial policy discussion (Wilson and Connie)

Staff will provide an update on the Town's financial picture heading into the new fiscal year. Staff will also test the Board's appetite for resuming capital spending, and under what conditions the town should save or invest.

1:00 – Begin presentations from Department Heads on priorities (Wilson)

Department Heads are asked to give brief presentations on their needs for the coming year, including capital and operating needs. They will also answer questions from the Board. The purpose of this session is to provide the Board with information to guide their decision making prior to the session where priority projects are identified.

2:00 – EXERCISE – Perspective Taking (Dr. Street)

2:30 – Knowing what you know now, what do you want to accomplish next year, Round 2. (Wilson and Dr. Street)

Based on information gathered over the course of the day, Commissioners are asked to reassess and again share their priority projects.

3:20 – Biology break

3:30 – Consensus building around priority projects (Dr. Street and Wilson)

The Board is asked to collectively identify budget priorities for the year, and 5-7 projects on which to focus time and financial resources.

4:30 – EXERCISE – Closing Reflections (Dr. Street)

Dr. Street will lead a wrap-up discussion and ask commissioners to share their reflections on the day.

5:00 - Adjourn