

SPECIAL MEETING – HOMETOWN STRONG

September 14, 2021

In Attendance:

Members Present: Mayor Janet Winkler, **Commissioners:** Rick Shew and Ann Smith

Others Present: Town Manager, Jonathan Greer, Chief of Police, Richard Blevins, and Finance Officer, Michelle Coffey

Hometown Strong Action Team – Virtual Meeting

Meeting Agenda:

- 2:00-2:15 – Welcome from Hometown Strong and agency staff introductions
- 2:15 Town of Hudson Virtual Engagement
- Transportation
 - Natural and Cultural
 - Storm Water
 - Economic Development
- 2:40 Discussion on pandemic response
- Plans for ARPA funds
- 2:50 Community resiliency, equity, and inclusion
- 3: 15 pm Wrap up and determination of action items

In advance of meeting, here are items to help familiarize yourself with the Town of Hudson

- Town of Hudson website <https://www.townofhudsonnc.com/>
- The Town of Hudson, incorporated in 1905, is within Caldwell County and is nestled in the scenic Appalachian foothills of Western North Carolina. Hudson is located along N.C. Hwy 321 in the southern part of Caldwell County approximately 15 miles north of I-40. Hudson is approximately 70 miles NW of Charlotte, 85 miles SW of Winston-Salem and 90 miles northeast of Asheville.
- Hudson and Caldwell County are members of the [Western Piedmont Council of Governments.](#)
- Caldwell county is listed as [a Tier one county, in the Northwestern Prosperity zone](#)

Hometown Strong Priorities:

- DOT –
 - A sign for the Town of Hudson off of 321.
 - More pedestrian friendly ways to cross the tracks in the middle of Town.
 - Intersection at Hudson Middle School – potentially a roundabout.
 - Potential ways that the State can help continue forward with items on the bike and pedestrian plan.
- DNCR –
 - Hudson Uptown and the HUB Station needs.
 - Historic Building across the street the Throneburg store – potential renovation help.

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-Optimist Park funding help and potential help with the other 40 acres of public parks.

- DEQ –

-Help with costly stormwater infrastructure.

- DHHS

-Telehealth equipment and help.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned.

Tamra T. Swanson, Town Clerk