



TOWN OF BETWEEN GEORGIA

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Town Of Between Council Minutes

November 11, 2025

Call to Order

- Mayor Robert Post called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

- Mayor Robert Post, Council member Debra Artz, Council member Steven Koehlke, and Council member Bill Boswell were present for meeting. Vice Mayor Wanda Satterwhite was absent due to a prior engagement.

Mayor and Council Agenda

Approval of Minutes – October 14, 2025 Meeting

- Council member Bill Boswell made the Motion to Approve the October 14, 2025 Minutes and Council member Steven Koehlke Seconded the Motion and the Minutes were unanimously Approved and recorded.

Approval of Treasurer's Reports – November 2025

- Council member Debra Artz made the Motion to Approve the November 2025 Treasurer's report and Council member Bill Boswell Seconded the Motion and the November 2025 was unanimously Approved and recorded.

New Business

Veterans Day Recognition

- The Town of Between wishes to recognize and thank all veterans for their service to this country. Bill Sullivan and Bill Boswell are two of those veterans. Town resident Marvin Costello who came to the meeting was also recognized. Thank you to all who have served and who are still serving.

FY 2026 Operating / Revenue Budget

- The FY 2026 Operating / Revenue Budget proposal has been prepared and copies are in your package for your review and comments. The final budget package will be presented at the December 9th council meeting. The proposed Operating Budget is set at \$62,025.00 and the anticipated Revenue Budget is \$125,265.00. The proposed budget can be reviewed on the town web site.

Walton Municipal Association Meeting

- The WMA holiday meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2025 at 7PM. The meeting is hosted by the City of Loganville at the Rock Gym, 135 Main Street. I need to make reservations for those attending no later than November 12th. Mayor Post, Vice Mayor Satterwhite, Council member Artz, and Council member Koehlke will be attending.

Comprehensive Plan Committee

- The Northeast Georgia Regional Commission held a planning meeting on October 28, 2025 from 10:30 am until 1:00 pm regarding the Comprehensive Plan update. The meeting was held at the Walton County Historic Court House. Each jurisdiction will have a 3-member committee to work on the update to the plan. The work will begin in May 2026 and end in July 2027. We need to identify 3 persons to serve on the committee and forward that information to the NEGRC by December 31, 2025. Mayor Robert Post, Vice Mayor Wanda Satterwhite, and Council member Debra Artz will serve on this committee.

Newly Elected Officials Institute

- We were fortunate to be able to get Council member Steve Koehlke registered for the February 2026 session in Athens Georgia.

FY 2026 Business Licenses

- The FY 2026 Business Licenses were mailed on November 11, 2025 with a return date of December 11, 2025. Twenty-two business license applications and one each malt beverage/wine applications were sent out. This equates to \$2,400.00 in annual revenue.

Vegetational Buffer Variance Request

- Council received a request from Mr. Marvin Costello, for a vegetational buffer variance from 75 feet to 25 feet on the property located at 2661 Ho Hum Hollow Road adjacent to Bakers Branch Creek which is located on the Eastern boundary of this property. Mr. Marvin Costello was present at the meeting and answered question the council had.

Council member Bill Boswell made the Motion to Approve the request and Council member Debra Artz Seconded the Motion and it was unanimously Approved by the council and recorded. A confirmation letter will be sent to Mr. Costello.

Updates

House Bill 244 – Audits

- House Bill 244 was passed by the House during the 2025 Legislative Session only to be tabled by the Senate. It will be brought back up in the January 2026 Legislative Session. This bill will reduce the annual audit requirements for jurisdictions in Georgia receiving less than \$2 million in revenue. The passage of this bill will save smaller jurisdictions thousands of dollars in auditor fees. I encourage you to contact your state representatives and senators and ask them to support this bill.

New Community Building Project

- The mayor contacted a couple building contractors regarding what a 30'x50' structure would cost to build. He was given estimates of \$300,000 to \$350,000. He then contacted the Georgia Municipal Association regarding their "Brick and Mortar" financing program. They advised that they only considered projects of \$500,000 and above because of the cost of fees. Several local lending institutions were contacted and they each stated that, if possible, to wait until the interest rates come down next year. With this in mind, Mayor Post proposed that we hold off on this project until next year. Council agreed.

New Hope Church Road Right Turn Lane Expansion

- The Walton County Public Works Department completed the right turn lane project in less than a week. There is still some landscaping and hydro seeding to be completed.

Between Business Center Project

- The developer is still waiting on documents from GDOT before they can begin the project.

Legacy Electric Project

- This project is still on schedule for a November opening. The company is still waiting on Internet to be connected. There have been evergreen trees planted along New Hope Church Road and graded and seeded the lot to the left of the new building. A great addition to the Town of Between.

Package Store

- The project engineer was contacted by the mayor to determine the status of the project. All documents have been submitted to GDOT and the Department of Health as required. Hopefully work can begin before the end of 2025. Survey crews were on the property last week.

Fresh Market

- I spoke to the owner and she advised that they still plan on opening the business next year. The market will have fresh locally grown produce and eventually a fresh meat market.

Shirts

- Mayor Post received information regarding the Council members shirts that we discussed last meeting. Sizes and colors were confirmed and will be ordered this week.

Town Hall Rental Update

- Council member Bill Boswell gave an update on rentals of Town Hall. As of November 1, 2025 the new Town hall has been rented 34 times and has two more functions this weekend and two more for the weekend of November 22, 2025. There are 11 more rentals until the end of 2025 already scheduled.

Public Comment(s)

- Residents are grateful for the Town Hall and happy to see the new Right turn lane on to Hwy 78 is completed to help with traffic backup on New Hope Church Road.
- A resident asked about an article in the paper regarding a 2022 annexation and the current Board of Commissioners. Mayor Post discussed the situation and stated that the information was not accurate.

Adjournment

- Council member Bill Boswell made the Motion to adjourn the meeting and Council member Debra Artz Seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

Please join us for the next Between Town Hall Council meeting December 9, 2025 at 6:00pm. We want to wish all our residents of Between a very Happy Thanksgiving.

