Council Member _____ made a motion to approve the following resolution. A vote of ___.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN STAFF TO PURSUE THE DESIGN FOR DECOMISSIONING THE LOWER WATERSHED DAM

RESOLUTION NO. R-27-XX

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Helene caused extensive damage to the Lower Watershed Dam; and

WHEREAS, FEMA Public Assistance has obligated $_____ for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Watershed Dam does not have an apparent value for the Town's water or stormwater infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, decommissioning the Lower Watershed Dam would decrease future financial liabilities for the Town to maintain the dam infrastructure and allow for a natural flow of the stream; and

WHEREAS, the Town and the engineers for the project have determined the Lower Watershed Dam is below the regulatory threshold volume for the US Army Corp of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, the engineers for the project have estimated the cost for decommissioning the dam would be lower than the obligated amount; and

WHEREAS, cost savings on FEMA PA small projects (under $1M) can be allocated to other FEMA PA small projects or improvements around the footprint of the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN:

1. That the Town of Black Mountain is authorized to direct engineers to initiate the design of the decommissioning of the Lower Watershed Dam.
2. That the Town Manager (or designee) is authorized to execute and file the task order and any other assurances and agreements required to authorize the design of the Lower Watershed Dam decommissioning, on behalf of the Town of Black Mountain.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Approved this the 13th day of July 2026.

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C. Michael Sobol, Mayor

Attest:

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Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk