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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STAFF TO PROCEED WITH DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION TO REALIGN THE FLAT CREEK GREENWAY TO HIGHER GROUND WEST OF THE EXISTING ALIGNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. R-25-XX

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Helene caused major damage to the Flat Creek Greenway, including erosion, channel displacement, and loss of trail integrity, making portions of the existing alignment unsafe for reconstruction within the floodway; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Black Mountain is committed to rebuilding public infrastructure in a manner that promotes life safety, resilience, and environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, Town Council has reviewed alternatives and determined that realigning the trail to the west, onto higher ground, will remove public assets from the repetitive loss area, improve long-term resilience, and align with FEMA and NFIP standards for risk reduction; and

WHEREAS, the new alignment may require a property easement or parcel acquisition from the adjacent landowner, and design modifications to accommodate topography, drainage, and accessibility;

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

1. Town staff are authorized to proceed with surveying, engineering design, and permitting necessary to realign the Flat Creek Greenway to higher ground west of the current alignment.
2. Town staff are further authorized to negotiate for and, if feasible, secure the necessary easement or parcel for the new alignment, subject to final Council approval.
3. All work shall comply with FEMA Public Assistance eligibility requirements, NFIP regulations, and applicable environmental permitting standards.
4. Final design, budget, and acquisition terms shall be presented to Council for approval prior to bid advertisement or contract execution.

Adopted this 1st day of November, 2025.

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C. Michael Sobol, Mayor

Attest:

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Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk