



Town of Blowing Rock

Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Location: 1036 Main Street, Blowing Rock, NC 28605

Agenda

<i>Item</i>		<i>Present & Participants</i>
I.	CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE	Mayor Charles Sellers
II.	PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Mayor Charles Sellers
III.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES – By Roll Call 1. December 13, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes	Mayor & Council
IV.	OATH OF OFFICE 1. Newly Elected Council Member Pete Gherini	Town Clerk Hilari Hubner
V.	REGULAR AGENDA ADOPTION	Mayor and Council
VI.	CONSENT AGENDA: 1. Oasis Shriners Parade 2. Tax Release/Refund 3. High Country Council of Government Resolution 4. Budget Amendment - #2022-02	Mayor and Council
VII.	PUBLIC COMMENTS..... <i>comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes</i>	
VIII.	PRESENTATION: 1. North Carolina League of Municipalities Police Risk Assessment Presentation	Matthew Selves, NCLM
IX.	PUBLIC HEARING: 1. Conditional Rezoning – Lucrum 7, LLC Hotel	Kevin Rothrock, Planning Director

<p>X.</p>	<p>REGULAR AGENDA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TDA Board – Council Appointment 2. Park and Rec Committee Update and PARTF 3. Ransom Street Stop sign 4. Mayview/Broyhill Lake Fountain 	<p>Shane Fox, Town Manager</p> <p>David Harwood, Council Member</p> <p>Shane Fox, Town Manager</p> <p>Shane Fox, Town Manager</p>
<p>XI.</p>	<p>OFFICIALS REPORTS & COMMENTS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mayor 2. Council Members 3. Town Attorney 4. Town Manager 	
<p>XII.</p>	<p>CLOSED SESSION – NCGS 143-318.11. (a)(6) – to consider the qualifications, competence, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.</p>	
<p>XIII.</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT/RECESS...Mayor Charles Sellers entertains a motion and second to adjourn or recess the meeting.</p>	

Town Council Meeting - Monday, December 13th, 2021

The Town of Blowing Rock Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting took place at Town Hall located at 1036 Main Street Blowing Rock, NC. Present were Mayor Charlie Sellers, Mayor Pro-Tem Sue Sweeting and Council Members Albert Yount, David Harwood, Doug Matheson, Town Manager Shane Fox, Town Attorney Allen Moseley, Town Engineer Doug Chapman, Fire Chief Kent Graham, Parks and Recreation Director Jennifer Brown, Police Chief Aaron Miller, Planning Director Kevin Rothrock and Public Works Director Matt Blackburn, Finance Officer Nicole Norman and Town Clerk Hilari Hubner who recorded the minutes.

SUMMARY KEYWORDS

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SPEAKERS

Tyler Bryson, David Harwood, Albert Yount, Mark Murphy, Sue Sweeting, Melinda LaVecchia Daniels, Doug Matheson, Melissa Pickett, Shane Fox, Evenlight Eagles, Charlie Sellers

Charlie Sellers 04:19

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome this Town Council meeting on December 13, 2021. Thanks for coming out on this beautiful day in Blowing Rock. If you would, we're going to call for attendance

Albert Yount 04:34

Here

David Harwood 04:36

Here

Sue Sweeting 04:37

Here

Doug Matheson 04:38

Here

Charlie Sellers 04:40

Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance Okay, approval of minutes November 9, 2021. Do I have a motion?

Sue Sweeting 05:17

So moved.

Charlie Sellers 05:18

Do I have a second?

Doug Matheson 05:19

Second?

Charlie Sellers 05:20

Any discussion? All in favor

Albert Yount 05:23

Yes

David Harwood 05:26

Yes

Sue Sweeting 05:29

Yes

Doug Matheson 05:29

Yes

Charlie Sellers 05:29

Okay. approval of minutes November 17, 2021.

Sue Sweeting 05:38

Motion to approve as presented.

Charlie Sellers 05:41

Second. Any discussion?

David Harwood 05:41

Second

Albert Yount 05:47

Yes

David Harwood 05:48

Yes

Sue Sweeting 05:48

Yes

Doug Matheson 05:49

Yes

Charlie Sellers 05:49

And approval of minutes November 23, 2021. Do I have a motion?

Doug Matheson 05:55

So moved.

Sue Sweeting 05:56

Second.

Charlie Sellers 05:57

Any discussion?

Albert Yount 06:01

Yes

David Harwood 06:02

Yes

Sue Sweeting 06:03

Yes

Doug Matheson 06:04

Yes

Charlie Sellers 06:04

Recognized outgoing Mayor Pro-Tem Sue Sweeting for her 8 years of service on Town Council and presented her with a plaque.

Hilari Hubner 06:08

Administered the Oath of Office to incumbent Mayor Sellers and Council Member Matheson; as well as newly elected Council Member Pickett.

David Harwood 13:46

Selection of Mayor Pro-Tem. Mr. Mayor, I'd like to make a nomination please. I just have a couple of comments. I'd like to nominate Doug Matheson for Mayor Pro Tem. Doug is one of the most honorable, honest people I've ever encountered in my life. He has been a faithful servant to the town for the last 12 years on Council. He has a true son of Blowing Rock. The former fire chief and represents us very well

with the League of Municipalities and the High Country Council of Government. I cannot think of a better person to nominate, and I hope everyone else on this Council would support me in that nomination.

Albert Yount 14:40

Second

David Harwood 14:53

Yes

Melissa Pickett 14:54

Yes

Doug Matheson 14:56

Yes

Charlie Sellers 15:01

Congratulations Alright now, do I have a motion to adopt the regular agenda as presented?

David Harwood 15:22

So moved

Charlie Sellers 15:23

Do I have a second?

Melissa Pickett 15:25

Second

Charlie Sellers 15:26

Any discussion? All in favor

Albert Yount 15:31

Yes

David Harwood 15:32

Yes

Melissa Pickett 15:34

Yes

Doug Matheson 15:35

Yes

Charlie Sellers 15:35

All right. Under the Consent Agenda we have Winterfest. Do I have a motion to approve?

David Harwood 15:44

So moved.

Charlie Sellers 15:45

Do I have a

Albert Yount 15:45

Second

Charlie Sellers 15:47

All in favor

Albert Yount 15:51

Yes

David Harwood 15:52

Yes

Melissa Pickett 15:53

Yes

Doug Matheson 15:55

Yes

Charlie Sellers 15:55

Winterfest Consent Agenda is approved. Public comments. Ladies and gentlemen, if you would like to come up to speak for your three minutes, please get with Hilari over here. And fill out a card so we know where you're coming from. And we will be more than happy to hear your thoughts. Thanks. Mark Murphy would you step up to the podium please. IF you would state your name and address

Mark Murphy 16:42

My name is Mark Murphy with 171 China Creek, which is just this side of Westglow. I'm sure a lot of ya'll have seen my face around town, I all in town all the time. And wanted to give you what I hope is a little unusual insight on the COVID stuff. I am a retired pharmaceutical chemist I invented the way Ibuprofen is made. It turn out that was very famous invention, I speak at scientific conferences. I won't tell that story. After I did that I became a patten attorney and practice paten law in Atlanta for about 20 years. A patent lawyer is the guy you call when your scientists have found something special that they think is worthwhile. And the lawyer reads about it understands it, turns it into a legal document, and then argues with the patent attorneys about the science and the law. I did that job for 20 years. Okay, a lot of experience. I since the COVID thing has come up. Every morning, I take a couple of hours. And I read news stories from all over the world. I have databases and follow all over the world. And I read a lot of the original scientific studies and clinical studies. And I know enough to know most of that, and I

can look up but I don't know, I really do know this stuff very well. I wanted to give you some opinions, some information tonight, I will tell you without telling the story that the new variants are inevitable, it's part of the way the virus functions, they're going to keep coming, we're going to have to learn how to deal with it. Health wise, we got to deal with the health issues. We've got to learn to deal with it economically. And we've got to learn to deal with it legally, because it's a long term thing. It's going to be around. So I thought I'd give you some thoughts about how we should try to deal with it. I don't think if you look at the next slide, please. I don't think masks work very well. I know they don't actually and the biggest single issue is just people don't wear them well. They just don't wear them. You see them down over people's nose. It's all that sort of thing. The worst example of that, of course, is a lot of people don't wear them at all, even in Boone where they have a mask mandate. When I go around Boone, I see 30% to 40% of the people just ignoring it and not wearing them. These things are surgical mask. They are good to be like a handkerchief over your nose. When you sneeze or cough. If you've got COVID they'll do something to catch some of that stuff. But they do not have the ability to filter the aerosols and small particle aerosols that spread COVID around this room, I could do a demo, but they just don't filter the small ones. They protect other people when you sneeze or cough a little bit. But that's about all they do. They don't protect you at all when breath in the air. N- 95 mask like this one are available now you can get these and they're about less than \$1 apiece. They do have the ability to filter The air that you breathe in, if you wear it well, the trick is wearing it well and most of us don't, I can't keep them up very well. So most masks, in my opinion really do very little good. I can show you. I've got scientific studies I can discuss with you.

Charlie Sellers 20:18

You only have about 30 seconds left.

Mark Murphy 20:21

Okay. I want to say there is no expert at CDC telling us what to do about this. As a matter of fact, there's a computer, it makes alerts. And the CDC website itself says spread should be determined locally, not by CDC, they don't have any legal jurisdiction, it's a local matter. How should we react, and I've got some data at the back, I guess I won't have time to go over. Look at the numbers closely use common sense. Consider local factors. We all know Boone and Blowing Rock and a bunch of these other cities are all very different, and they need to be treated differently. I want to give you an alternative way of looking at it. Don't just panic, when you see that red light. When you've got a car that go off on your car dashboard all the time, some of them are important, some of them might be the tires low. Some of them may need a little action mate, you may need some maintenance. Some of them you may need call a mechanic about. And if the oil pressure is bad, you need to stop the car and call wrecker. We're all used to dealing with that. And I'm saying you should do it the same way. Go through the pressure. I will point out one of the slides of a data. I put some slides in with what the CDC computer actually gives. But look at the schools here in Watauga. County. They say there are 5,400 students and staff 16 positive cases last week, that 0.3%. Now that's not measurable of all it's something to worry about. I don't see that as emergency that justifies taking people's like rights and liberties away legally, I think you need to have a good justification to take people's rights away. Please look at the CDC data. I printed some of that out. We've had a Thanksgiving bump, but it's small compared to the bumps we had last year. I think that's probably because of vaccines. But look at the data. Look at the data closely. And we can talk about if you would like to.

Charlie Sellers 22:23

Thank you. Evenlight Eagles step up to the podium.

Evenlight Eagles 22:43

Can you give me a warning when I have one minute when I got one left. Thanks, Evenlight Eagles 612 Ransom Street. And so I think David brought up some really good points last time. I think when he says you're not experts. And you were wanting to base your decisions on expert opinions. I think that makes sense. And I think you're right, none of you guys out there are experts in this. None of you are qualified to make these choices for people. They're just your opinions. The problem is then when you do ask the experts, you're still just getting opinions, as we just saw, he's got a different opinion than other people. David asked Charlie also, who do you turn to when you're sick? And you said your doctor and then David, you would go to your expert. I imagine each and everybody here goes to when they're faced with a health issue that they're going to go to the expert that they know and that they trust. But there's variations within this. And if you don't like the opinion, you go and get a second opinion. Right? And so ultimately, each of us has the right to make the choices about what we want to do with our health. And not only does Charlie not have to do what David's doctor says David doesn't have to do a Charlie's doctor says unless one of those doctors becomes an expert on the Town Council Blowing Rock and they vote in the direction that one of them agrees with to tell everybody else and so I don't think it's right that if an expert were on the panel to have that opinion, they could tell you that you've got to go by these rules or you'd agree you got to go by this x where everybody has different experts that they agree with and if you guys had to abide by the experts that I agree with you wouldn't like it at all I guarantee it. So basically the CDC does not have a corner on on science as we just heard, you know, it there's there are so many different expert opinions. Thank you. And yeah, so also just taking you know the government doesn't have study over us. The government doesn't have custody over our health. It doesn't work that way. That's the way the Constitution set up because there's such different opinions that it's not right for one to be able to choose the right for the other. So the mandates, I'll keep coming back to it, but the mandates are unconstitutional. So, thank you.

Charlie Sellers 25:26

Tyler Bryson, please step up to the Podium.

Tyler Bryson 25:34

Good evening, Tyler Bryson 152 Hilltop Way. So I understand it's going to be potentially on the agenda about mask mandates. I'd have a quick, you know, speaking of authorities and experts, I have a quick 29 second clip, I will play for you guys.

Charlie Sellers 26:02

Actually, that is not acceptable, you need to speak for yourself, you can speak for what you want to say

Tyler Bryson 26:10

It's not acceptable to play Tony Fauci

Charlie Sellers 26:15

You can say what he says. Yes,

Tyler Bryson 26:16

I will. I will repeat it. And I do have the documentation. So Tony Fauci early on, said there's no reason to wear a mask. It may catch a droplet here and there, but in essence, it does no good. He says, people start fidgeting, they start they start grabbing their mask. Everyone of us has gone to restaurants. They see the server's going around going through the motions, because they have to wear a mask. That the pull it down, they talk to their fellow server, they pull it back up, they handle the dishes. They handle the food. I mean, is that effective? Is that safe? No, you don't hear about anymore. Wash your hands. You know what, how many seconds underwater? Hot water, I mean what happened to all that stuff? Now, so what I'm saying with Tony Fauci, people have known the effectiveness of masks for years, the science does not change in a matter of a few weeks, from useless as Tony Fauci said to now a lifesaver so he's so called authority. Now so all I'm saying to you guys and I know everyone's heart wants to protect people. But let's let people let's be let's allow people their God given freedom to choose what they inject into their body, or what they put on their face. Let people assess their own risk. Do not mandate any of this stuff. It's dividing families friends and our town. Let's continue to be one, I looked it up, there's 531 municipalities in this state. And last I heard there's four or maybe five let's be one of the 526 municipalities in North Carolina that let people decide for themselves and not one of the four attempting to take away our civil liberties. I urge you guys don't mandate masks let people decide for themselves. Thank you.

Charlie Sellers 28:35

Okay, I think we had one other Hi, how are you?

Melinda LaVecchia Daniels 28:45

Yes, Melina LaVecchia Daniels 4908 US Highway 221 South, we live a couple miles down from Westglow. Thank you for this opportunity to speak. My husband and I have a small business in Boone. We started a retail artists and gallery in 2019. Five months before the pandemic hit. We got temporarily shut down. I used to work at Westglow, I got fired because I wouldn't wear a mask to teach fitness and health to the ladies there that were exercising in the pool. We just signed a lease December 1st for a Main Street property. We are very excited to join you guys here on Main Street with a retail fine art store. I am so thankful that you brought up this point about the Boone mandate, working there living here. We have seen 30% 40% 50% do not abide in it. From a culture of living in the High Country for about 15 years. I've seen it completely discriminate our High Country culture that people are so desperately trying to receive when COVID hit the fiscal year 2019 To 20 from 2020 needed 21. Recently, our DTA has risen from tourism taxes by 90.2%, we have gone from 1.9 million, from gross income of tourism to almost 5 million. And this is something that people are coming up this mountain, despite their circumstances to experience our culture, I do not want to see Blowing Rock become another culture of brokenness and discrimination, and this business against this business, because what you're seeing right now, especially with our Town Council, is them saying we're not going to go support this local High Country, small business, because they don't agree with us, that is not something that we've built our tourism or our community off of, I hope that you guys will see that in our small town, how wonderful it is to bring small businesses here. Another thing that I think was really great, people aren't wearing these effectively, we see that in restaurants, how all of a sudden, spontaneously COVID

disappears when you sit down. But when you get up, it's all of a sudden, permissible and non permissible to wear your mask. In the retail industry. What we're seeing right now is half and half of the folks that come into our shop, wear them and they wear them so incorrectly, they don't have the proper mask, you're so right about the droplets that escaped. They're also touching it nonstop. And then they touch the products. So they touch it five to ten times, touch the products that products back. And I truly believe that a masked person is going to spread bacteria more than an unmasked person who is not touching their face, or the source of these viruses or bacteria. This is something that we've seen over the last two years from going up and down, up and down with the mask in a retail setting from working in the restaurant industry up here. Gideon Ridge, Bistro Roca. That was my job previously, for the past 10 years before we became a retail space. And so I really am thankful that you guys have given us this opportunity to speak our minds and I would love the opportunity to best serve our community well, by giving them the freedom of choice to enter my building. Thank you so much.

Charlie Sellers 32:05

Thank you. Good luck with your new Business. Okay, moving right along here, since we don't have any more public comments, thank you for those his feet. Thank you so much. Presentations, I'm going to turn this over to Mr. Shane Fox.

Shane Fox 32:29

Recognized Employee Years of Service:

Mike Barfoot (40 Years)

Timothy Everhart (35 Years)

Kevin Rothrock (20 Years)

Trathen Greene (15 Years)

Matthew Fontaine (10 Years)

Brandon Norris (10 Years)

Dustin Watson (10 Years)

Charlie Sellers 42:39

I'll get started. Okay. All right. This next section is the award from American Planning Association. Middle Fork Greenway.

Wendy Patoprsty 42:55

Gave an update on the Middle Fork Greenway and Presented an Award to the Town from the American Planning Association for the Middle

Charlie Sellers 52:20

Thank you. Our thanks to you and your staff for what you have done you made it happen. So thank you, you genuinely did something great with this one for sure.

Charlie Sellers 52:43

Presented a Resolution to Representative Ray Pickett and Senator Deanna Ballard for each of them for the hard work and time spent into the recently passed NC Budget.

Charlie Sellers 1:00:08

Thank you so much, guys. Council, all the citizens, we greatly appreciate it. So thanks again.

Charlie Sellers 1:00:36

Moving right along. On the regular agenda, we are looking for an update on the COVID situation, Shane, would you'd like to lead off with this

Shane Fox 1:00:52

So just a reminder, and now we'll pull up some information here in just a few seconds. Town Council voted to remove the state of emergency and does lifted the mass mandate at the November 17 2021 special town council meeting. The motion that was made to lift the State Emergency included the discussion was concluded the discussion that COVID percent positive rate increased to over 5%. For more than seven days consecutive, that the town council will meet and discuss any possible next steps during the first week of December, based on the CDC reported seven day COVID positivity rate. It was indeed over 5% During that time, thus, the need to put the item on the agenda tonight. So during the last number of weeks, I have provided each of you on a weekly basis with the updated numbers that we had used during the 17th meeting, which is from the CDC. The CDC website, you can pick your state and the county, and you will find that data is presented throughout the course of the information here. What I have been sharing with you all includes positivity rates over the last seven days, number of new cases over the last seven days, which is located here at the top and number of deaths and hospital admissions. And so if you see here, the date on this information is December 13 at the top and it shows 97 new cases in the past seven days 4.5% positivity. And that has changed since even yesterday it was 5.01% new hospital admissions at nine. And the data that we've used in the past to be shared from a positivity standpoint is here, that data is being shown through Friday, December the 10th 2021. And is that 4.5%. Again, that was at 5.01%. Yesterday, goes as high as 7.28% Last week, which is the reason for this. So even the data that I had pulled up a few moments ago has changed from point 5.01 to 4.5. So I don't know if it's a perfect science, but I do want to share this data with you. We did reach above 5%. If you look at the period from this fall, when we had our spike, you can see here, this is where we instated late August when stated the mask mandate as we were above eight, nine as high as 12 and 13%. In early September, and then you can see as the numbers started declining to the November date in which we took away the State of Emergency. You'll see a large increase here it did go as high as almost 10% from the data that I remember looking to where it is today at 4.5%.

Charlie Sellers 1:04:51

Thank you. Any thoughts Council, any new additions

Doug Matheson 1:04:57

Make recommendation to discussion to start out with is with what is looking like right now. That we just let the Manager keep us alert and letting us know about it and continuing on as we are right now

Charlie Sellers 1:05:22

We'll let our Town Manager, keep us abreast that he's been to it and take it week by week and hope and pray that everybody stays well, and hopefully we can get through this. Okay.

David Harwood 1:05:40

This doesn't require action now correct

Shane Fox 1:05:42

It doesn't currently we do not have anything in place. And so right is not required. No actions

Charlie Sellers 1:05:47

Not required unless I want to make a motion.

David Harwood 1:05:50

So when would we? Just to be clear, when would we discuss this again? What would be the trade? Well,

Doug Matheson 1:05:57

I guess if we stay with our motion, being it has dropped down below five again, that we would have to go back above five again for seven consecutive days. If we stay with what our original motion was.

David Harwood 1:06:11

That was my understanding. I just wanted to be clear

Charlie Sellers 1:06:14

We'll just we'll just let Mr. Fox notify us as he's been doing. And if we see a spike, and we can address it the given time. Good enough.

Albert Yount 1:06:26

Well, I think Shane alluded to it drops pretty quickly. Like daily.

Shane Fox 1:06:34

The data changes daily, obviously, I think that's true.

Albert Yount 1:06:37

So if it's over five for three days and then drop them to three. That negates the seven days. Seven days starts again.

Shane Fox 1:06:47

The motion was for seven days, seven consecutive days and percent positive was 5%.

David Harwood 1:06:54

Do we have any additional information from Mrs. Greene

Shane Fox 1:06:58

I spoke to Mrs. Greene today. She believes that we are seeing a peak or solid peak from the Thanksgiving holiday, which I think is evident here from the numbers. Her concern obviously was with

the coming of holidays, Christmas and New Years that we may see something similar to that unknown. But that was her biggest concern to me was just it's been the tendency for now, for more than a year that as holidays and gatherings come and go we see peaks and valleys, peaks, you know there after those holidays and just wanted to stress to everyone to be safe and diligent. Obviously, if you haven't received your vaccine, then please do so and continue to be diligent in that process. T

David Harwood 1:07:42

Thank you.

Albert Yount 1:07:43

One question, when I get that thing from you, there are like three, I see three figures. One 2.8 is out of outliers. This is just about as easy as nailing up Jell-O on the wall.

Shane Fox 1:08:03

The so for everyone that that doesn't receive these emails. Once a week, I'll give an update to the Council and provide data from APP Healthcare from North Carolina DHHS, and from CDC for them to have all three avenues to look at along with the links themselves data just like this, they can pull the data themselves. And the data is different from place to place. The timing has a lot to do with that. I believe so. Not saying that the 2.8 I think you're referring to last week was an outlier. It was from I believe, App Health, which was a week lag and what the data was being presented from the situation report this out there. So a lot of this has to do I think with the timing of the data that's being delivered and how it's being how it's being delivered from an efficiency standpoint.

Charlie Sellers 1:08:56

All okay. Okay, so we'll leave this up to the Town Manager to follow through with us moving forward and notify us accordingly.

David Harwood 1:09:05

Thank you for the update.

Charlie Sellers 1:09:06

Thank you. Moving right along. Well, we're at now the official reports and comments. I just like to say thank you to the Council, I would like to say thank you to our citizens. Thank you to Virginia Powell and Sue Sweeting of course our Town Manager, all the people that have made 2021 a success. All organizations, chamber, civic organizations, everybody that makes our town so special. And I would like to say thank you so very much. That being said, we have some various board positions available that we hope some people will entertain if you would like to entertain these board positions. Ms. Hilari, you can submit an application to Hilari at Town Hall for up until January 3, is that correct? We have planning board four vacancies we have board of adjustments one vacancy, Tourism Development Authority, two vacancies. The Blowing Rock appearance advisory board which is essentially called BRRAC, we have two vacancies and the Alcohol Beverage Control board which has one vacancy. So if you'd like to get additional information on these, these opportunities to help us out in the town, please you know consider throwing your name in the hat because these are very informative very important

boards for us. And I would just like to wish everybody Merry Christmas Happy New Year. And hope everybody's holidays are safe and joyful.

Albert Yount 1:11:05

Like to wish Melissa Godspeed oh this board she showed up on time but she's been tardy and supplying a menu to Council for a meal she promised Council.

David Harwood 1:11:36

Can't believe that's what you use your time for. I have been previous meeting thanked Sue and Virginia for their time. So I'm not going to do that again. But I want to use my time to welcome you. I really feel like you should be welcoming me because you have been involved I think in every committee in this town, every board and I have had several meetings with you. And I don't think I've ever left a meeting without you teaching me something and that's the God's truth. And so I am thrilled to death that you're on here even more thrilled that you are a buffer between Doug and I, so thank you, I appreciate that.

Melissa Pickett 1:12:32

Thank you, I appreciate that. I am excited to be here and so thankful to the citizens in this town to give me the opportunity so I'm excited to be here and get started. So I'm very grateful to all of you all in the staff for moving the meeting to tonight so Ray and I can go celebrate our daughter graduating from college tomorrow. So for everybody who wants to know why we're meeting tonight that is why and I cannot think of more from the bottom of my heart that I get to do that tomorrow so I have a fully functioning adult yes. But I am excited to be here and I'm so looking forward to serving with all of ya'll even though I seem to be the only female up here now so thank you

Doug Matheson 1:13:28

I want to start off with also welcoming Melissa aboard and thanking the town for the wonderful Christmas party that we had. And also anybody out there if you drop by Town Hall we have some new faces here working for us now and congratulate them welcome them aboard also. As I mentioned the Council the last time that I'd be having with the League two meetings and I had one the financial week before last and I had the conference this past week. So just to bring you up to date a few things coming out of there that actually relate to us. A lot of this money that the we have been able to get this year has generated a lot of grants out there now. So we are going to have to really be you know on our toes and jumping on it because the money they have added a lot of money into the grant funding this year. So we need to be aware, as David knows, and try and get our share there. Coming out of the financial part. They're predicting that federal is going to slow purchasing coming up early spring, which what they're saying is going to start raising interest rates by the first June. So that, with that info look for that come in the first of June the interest rates have come or will probably be going up. So if we need to beg, barro or whatever we need to do it by then. The League is proud to announce that they have now a 89% vaccination rate, they want to put that out there. They also want to know that it they as League we have said this was the best legislated session for municipalities in years. For once, the municipalities really came out ahead. We started back last year and Ms. Sweeting sat on that board of setting goals that we would like to get enacted and worked with. And out of the goals, they started out without, with 100. Sue, and them narrowed it down to 30. And then my crew, we narrowed it down to 15 out of 15 that we turned into the state 75% of them we accomplish this year, which is a huge rate for us.

First state budget passed in three years, little over 1400 pages if you want to read it and but you know, which had a over a billion dollars earmarked for cities from ARP money. Two of the things that just a state that we were able to keep out of was policy items that had been added on and one of them had to do with short term rental, we were able to keep that out, where the town's would not be losing control, we still have our controls. And the other was the tree removal. That was also in there to where we would not have any say so at all on trees being removed in our jurisdictions. Powell Bill funding which is money that we get from the state for highways in Blowing Rock and our streets, they increase that Ray and the Senator Ballard increase that money. We'll look for first big check, hopefully in January. They also added a firefighters cancer policy in this year. And that was something big for the firefighters. And fortunately for us, it was not an unfunded mandate where we have to cover it and it will be covered. So we don't have to worry about that. And that that was something good that came out of there. The league is still really trying to buy, our building burnt as everybody knows, about three years ago, we've got one of the best locations in Raleigh down there. It's just a block over from the State House. So we're trying to get started building back there. We're trying to work and buy the county part out it was a dual ownership between the cities and counties in North Carolina. And so we're trying to buy them out. So we can go ahead and get started with our new building down there. So that's pretty much where we're at right now. But thank you all for allowing me to be there.

Albert Yount 1:14:43

Well that is better than none

Shane Fox 1:19:33

Thank you, Mayor and Council. I'll start by echoing some of the same comments thank you to Ms. Sweeting and Ms. Powell for their years of service. I had privilege for two and a half years to work with both of them. And I shared an email with counsel one day this weekend of the accomplishments just in the last two and a half years that each of them had been a part of and played a huge factor in so from my perspective working with them on daily basis, sometimes more than even I would like, they've been a godsend to allow me first to come here. And then secondly, to guide me and leader and provide leadership through the last two and a half years. So thank you to Ms. Powell and Ms. Sweeting for the past two and a half years, I've had a chance to work with them. And then welcome to Melissa. So it feels like you've been here the whole time. I think because you have been here on something or many, many things I should say, since I've been here. So it feels like this just seemed right for you to be where you are right now. So thank you for your willingness to run and look forward to working with you over the next number of years. And in the midst of saying thank you to three elected officials, I would say thank you to all of our Town staff. As the Mayor pointed out, 2021 was an unbelievable year in so many ways dealing with COVID, obviously, has been an up and down battle, as you all know, for everyone. So whether from home to work, I can't say enough about these employees that we have here, we have very little turnover. As you heard earlier, we have a ton of individuals that have been here 5, 10 15, 20 plus years, that just continue to show up every day and do their job regardless of what's going on in the world regardless of what may be going on in their own household. And from my perspective, I can't say thank you enough for that, because it makes my job easier when everyone shows up and everyone does what they're supposed to do. And that's truly what we have here we have almost 70 full time employees that show up on a daily basis and do their job, regardless of what's going on again in the world or in their household. And they do so with a great attitude. And I can't be more appreciative of

that. So I say thank you to all of our 70 employees in all six of our departments for 2021. Just being unbelievable year that couldn't ask for better employees there. I'll go through a few updates. The Bass Lake sidewalk project is pretty much complete. So we have two fence panels that are left to be installed that we had to order. So if you've heard there is a shortage and shipping and getting things in. So we do have a little delay there. Those will be probably put in in the springtime in front of Ms. Susie Greene's house. But other than that the project is complete. That is a seven year project not construction wise, but I think it was seven years from start to finish. The plan as of right now is our next council meeting is January the 11th. We'll plan on having a ribbon cutting before the meeting weather dependent. Hopefully it's good. It's been good so far. So hopefully it continues. But the plan right now and the public will be invited to that not sure the exact location, we'll let the Chamber help us work on the location of where that ribbon cutting should take place. But that's a monumental project, it's \$1.2 million. So the price tag isn't necessarily the largest. But that project is a unique project that is really unique to Blowing Rock where you're connecting Federal lands, to the Town of Blowing Rock, with an unbelievable walkway that just is going to open up a world of possibilities there for folks to get out. Enjoy what makes us so special here. Also would like to say the landscaping obviously, down at 321 and Sunset I think I mentioned this last time has been completed the work in front of the fire station as a part of that project as well. While that's important is that we've not been able to have a flagpole in front of the fire station that's going to be installed now as part of this project. So you've seen the rock work if you've driven down 321 some mulch has been put in the plantings will go in in the spring and it will look just as good as 321 and Sunset corridor does right now. So it's going to be a tremendous asset for the fire station from just a beautification standpoint. And then the flagpole itself obviously, is going to be tremendous to have. Crosswalks at Main and Sunset and 221 and Chestnut, the crosswalks have been ordered signals have been ordered. All that should be in hopefully early in 2022. And so we can start that project. The plan right now is to start that project. Right after Winter Fest which will be the first of February is a fairly short construction time window about 90 days give or take, so to speak. So those signals, including the stoplights at Main and Sunset will be installed for in time for the spring, early summer season as folks start coming really back into town. So we're excited about that. And then just today, Mr. Matt Blackburn and I spoke about meeting with BREMCO and the next couple of days about installing some flashing signs on Sunset around the school walkway areas. We used to have some signs there so we're going to be looking at putting those back into place on both the east and west bound lanes there or north and south I should say of Sunset to allow for a signal flashing signal during the school hours with the crosswalks and so that's something that we're looking to put back into place. A couple dates that I'll remind everyone just here briefly before we go into closed session. Again the next council meeting is January the 11th. That is a Tuesday. The office is closed for several days during the holidays. So we'll be closed Thursday and Friday the 23rd and 24th. So that's next Thursday and Friday. And then the 27th, which is the following Monday. We open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and the closed again for the 31st for New Years. And so, again, close on Thursday and Friday 23rd and 24th closed on that Monday, the 27th and Friday the 31st. And then the other day that I have here written down is our retreat is set for the 24th, 25th and 26th of January. And right now we have that booked at BRAHM that's a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, the last Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of the month of January. So with that, I'll be more than happy to answer any questions that you all may have for me.

Charlie Sellers 1:25:49

Okay. All right, ladies and gentlemen. We're going to be going into closed session. We did not expect any decisions to be made. This is just for a follow up.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:26 p.m

Albert Yount 1:26:07

Made an motion to go into closed session under NCGS 143-318.11.(a)(3).

David Harwood

Second

Albert Yount

Yes

David Harwood

Yes

Melissa Pickett

Yes

Doug Matheson

Yes

Charlie Sellers Thank you so much, everybody for coming this evening. And hope everyone has very, very safe and happy holidays.

At 8:25 p.m. Council returned to open session.

Doug Matheson

Motion to adjourn.

Albert Yount

Second

Albert Yount

Yes

David Harwood

Yes

Melissa Pickett

Yes

Doug Matheson

Yes

MAYOR _____

Charlie Sellers

ATTEST _____

Hilari Hubner, Town Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution – Senator Deanna Ballard and Representative Ray Pickett – Attachment A

Town of Blowing Rock

Request for Council Action

FROM: Jennifer Brown, Director of Parks & Recreation
SUBJECT: Shriners Parade
TO: Town Council
DATE: January 11, 2022
REQUESTED BY: Oasis Shriners

BACKGROUND:

We have received a request from the Oasis Shriners' to have a civic parade on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. They will organize the parade the same way that Parks & Recreation organizes their annual parades. They will line-up on Clark Street and the route will go from 221 to Main Street and end at Ruple Memorial Church.

They have submitted a Special Event application and it has been reviewed by all Town Departments. The police department has requested that the Shriners pay their off-duty officers and they agreed to do so. A copy of their certificate of insurance will be provided prior to the event.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Special Event Application



Town Of Blowing Rock
 PO Box 47
 1036 Main Street
 Blowing Rock, NC
 28605
 Tel 828-295-5200

Town Of Blowing Rock
Special Events/Activities Application
 (Must be submitted to Blowing Rock Parks & Recreation)

The purpose of this application is to provide information about your event or activity in order for various departments and agencies to determine if they need to be involved in the approval and/or permitting process. Depending on the specific event, a permit application and/or fee(s) from individual departments may be required.

The applicant is responsible for providing complete and accurate information on the application, including an attached detailed site plan. The applicant is also responsible for notifying the Parks Department of any changes. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. **A complete application should be submitted at least **90 days** prior to the planned event to allow sufficient review time. Town staff may contact you with specific questions. Any official may require a pre-planning meeting.

Applications and events are prioritized based on a first come-first served basis and the Town may approve or disapprove an event's requested date based on availability of resources. Events that occur on an annual basis will receive priority the following year.

Applicant should contact the Parks Department to verify date availability prior to submission of application.

**NO MORE THAN 2 RACES WILL BE ALLOWED IN ANY GIVEN MONTH

****If the event is to be held on public property, approval to use the property must be obtained from Town Council; therefore the application must be submitted 90 days prior to the event.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Event: _____
 Applicant Name & Title: _____
 Organization: _____
 Mailing (Billing) Address: _____
 City / State / Zip: _____
 Daytime Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____
 Description of the Event: _____
 Does the event have a Twitter, Facebook or other social networking page: _____
 If yes, please list URL(s): _____

Event Address:
Date of Event:
Event Start Time: _____ Event End Time: _____
Set-Up Begins: _____ Clean-Up Ends: _____
Preferred Date & Time of Inspection:
Estimated Attendance:
The Event is: <input type="checkbox"/> Private (by invitation only) or <input type="checkbox"/> Open to General Public

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ **DATE:** _____

A pre-planning meeting may be required and will be scheduled to include the appropriate staff. The event applicant must attend the meeting. The town reserves the right to require others to attend.

TENTS & MEMBRANE STRUCTURES

**** Tent** is a structure, enclosure, or shelter, with or without sidewalls or drops ******

Will tent(s) be used for the event? Yes No

Number of Tent(s) planned: _____

Size of Tent(s) planned: _____

Percentage of side walls if any to be used for each tent: _____

Detail tent location, size, percentage of side walls and spacing for each on required site plan.

**** Membrane structure** is an air-inflated or air supported structure ******

Will inflated/air Supported membrane(s) structures be used for the event? Yes No

Number of air inflated/air supported membrane structures planned: _____

Size(s) air inflated/air supported membrane structures planned: _____

Detail air inflated/air supported membrane structure location(s), size and spacing for each on required Site plan.

POWER SOURCES

Will you use electric generators? Yes No

If yes, will Power Distribution boxes be used? Yes No

Provide contact information for contractor supplying generator power:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Will you use electric power from an existing structure? Yes No

If yes, will direct wiring to breakers be required? Yes No

Provide contact information for person responsible for setup of power:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Will there be any portable heaters?? Yes No

Will there be any deep fat fryers?? Yes No

Will the event have any hazardous materials such as propane, butane, gasoline, diesel tanks, helium cylinders or other upright tanks? Yes No

If yes, all tanks must be secured in a manner to prevent accidentally being knocked over. All helium tanks not being used shall have their caps in place.

Will there be any fireworks, lasers, torches, candles or pyrotechnics? Yes No

If yes, contact the Blowing Rock Fire & Rescue office at 828-548-2800 for more information.

VOICE/MUSIC AMPLICATION

Are there any musical entertainment features related to your event? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If no proceed to next section)
If yes, state the number of bands and type of music: Number of bands: _____ Type(s) of music: _____
Will a portable or temporary stage be utilized? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes*, state the number of portable or temporary stages: _____ Will stage have canopy with frame that supports equipment (lighting, etc.)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes* state the size of canopy: _____
Provide contact information for contractor providing stage: Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
Will your event use amplified sound? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please indicate times: Start time: _____ Finish time: _____

ALCOHOL

Will alcoholic beverages be served? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, NC ABC permit required)
Will alcoholic beverages be sold? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, NC ABC permit required)
What type of alcohol will be served? <input type="checkbox"/> Draft Beer <input type="checkbox"/> Can/Bottle Beer <input type="checkbox"/> Wine <input type="checkbox"/> Liquor
Who will be serving the alcohol?
Times for alcohol to be served:
Locations within event site where alcohol will be served:
Have you applied for a North Carolina temporary ABC permit? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

MECHANICAL RIDES

Does the event include mechanical rides, or other similar attractions? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please describe attractions: _____ _____
<i>Applicants contracting with amusement ride companies are required to provide the Town of Blowing Rock with a certificate of insurance, naming applicant and the Town of Blowing Rock (if applicable) as additional insured on general liability.</i>

VENDORS

PLEASE ATTACH COMPLETE LIST OF VENDORS IF ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

Does the event include food vendors? Yes No

If the event will have food vendors, please check the following that apply:

Served Sold Free Catered Prepared Outdoors

Does the event include food concession and/or cooking areas? Yes No

If yes, please list each vendor and specify cooking method (Gas, Electric, Charcoal, Other)

(Use additional sheet if necessary)

VENDOR	COOKING METHOD	FOOD ITEM

Fire Code requires a fire extinguisher at each cooking location. Event organizers are responsible for arranging health inspections for their events.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Provide a detailed schedule of the event including dates and times for entertainment, activities, hours of event, start time, finish time, etc. If the event requires an extended time frame for set-up, include details with a timeline listing the times and locations where streets or public property will be impacted and when dismantling will be completed. (Use additional sheet of paper if necessary)

DATE	TIME	ACTION	ADDITIONAL NOTES

TOWN SERVICES

The Town of Blowing Rock does not provide amenities such as portable washrooms, sound systems, tables, chairs, tents, canopies or other equipment.

TRASH AND RECYCLING PLAN

In order to determine what types of containers are needed for the event, please answer the following questions: Are you requesting trash/recycle bins from the town?(Additional Fee Will Be Required) Yes / No

How many trash bins are you requesting for trash? _____

How many recycle bins are you requesting? _____

Date and Time for trash or recycling bins to be emptied\picked up:

Delivery Location? _____

_ Applicants are responsible for cleaning and restoring the site after the event. The cost of any employee overtime incurred because of an applicant's failure to clean and/or restore the site following the event will be paid for by the applicant. If you reasonably believe that no litter will be generated during your event, please state this in your plan.

PUBLIC PROPERTY CLEAN-UP

Contracted personnel or volunteers may be used if indicated below. What is the clean-up plan for the event? _____

If town personnel are needed to assist with event site clean-up the applicant will be required to hire off Duty personnel.

If needed, please list preferred Date & Time for clean-up staff to arrive: _____

Will any of the following services be used for the event:

- Water Service Portable Toilet Services
- Wastewater Service Public Restrooms Public Electric Power

SAFETY AND SECURITY (CHECK TYPES OF SECURITY USED)

- Beer/Alcohol Security Stage Security Event Area Security Gate Security
- Road Closure Security Money Handling Security Other _____
- Overnight Security From _____: _____ To _____: _____

Dates & Times security will be on site: _____

Security provided by: _____ Number of Security Personnel: _____

Applicant may be required to hire sworn off-duty Town of Blowing Rock police officers to provide security to insure public safety. The Blowing Rock Police Department will determine the number of security personnel required on site.

WALK, RUN, CYCLE EVENTS ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS

Number of participants expected: _____ % of participants expected under 18: _____

*Must be at least 100 participants and no more than 2,000 per route.

Number of volunteers expected: _____ % of volunteers expected under 18: _____

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS

Please initial all guidelines below and provide the information requested at the time the application is submitted.

Must use a pre-approved route from the Town/NCDOT and/or pre-approved neighborhood route and/or track or one of the options not on roadways that are available at a park. _____

Must include a certificate of liability insurance for walk, run, and/or cycle event if the start/finish are on public property. _____

Must include a plan for volunteers for events with an anticipated attendance of 100 participants or more (how many, their duties). _____

Must include a parking plan for participants and volunteers (can be included in site plan). _____

The provision of twenty foot (20') minimum emergency access lanes throughout the event site. _____

Temporary signs may be used to mark a course. No markings of any kind (permanent or temporary) are allowed on roadways, sidewalks, or parking lots. _____

Any unauthorized traffic control device or other sign or message placed on the highway right-of-way by a private organization or individual constitutes a public nuisance and should be removed. Any violations of this policy will result in disapproval of future event(s). _____

Do not assume, advertise, or promote your event until you have a signed permit from the Blowing Rock Police Department, along with permission from town staff and Blowing Rock Town Council. Conflicts do arise and changes to the request may be necessary. _____

Organizers to make sure race starts at the time approved on the application. Any deviated start times shall be requested no later than 30 days prior to the event. A deviated time request cannot be guaranteed approval. _____

Event organizers to assist in enforcing safe roadway rules. _____

Event volunteers standing throughout the course to direct as well as instruct participants to stay out of the roadway. _____

Cancellation of any event must be in writing/email to the permit center no later than 30 days prior to the scheduled date of the event. _____

A VIOLATION OF ANY GUIDELINE REQUIREMENT COULD RESULT IN THE DENIAL OF FUTURE EVENTS. _____

SITE PLAN

Provide a detailed Site-Plan sketch of the event. Include maps, outline or diagram of the entire event venue including the names of all streets or areas that are part of the venue and the surrounding area. The plan should include the following information (if applicable):

- Location of the event/activity on the property with approximate distances from roads, fire hydrants, existing buildings, etc.
- Location of temporary structures that will be used during the event. Must indicate size of temporary structures, distances between temporary structures and existing buildings.
- Identify how each temporary structure will be used. Example: type of vendor, food preparation, alcohol sales, etc.
- Identify location of all cooking devices and open flames.
- Location of all fencing, barricades, or other restrictions that will impair access to and from the event or property.
- Identify all designated parking areas.
- Identify location of any generators and fuel storage.

SITE PLAN SKETCH

ATTACHMENT CHECKLIST

In addition to the Special Event Application form, the following supporting documents are required to complete your application package and begin the review process:

All Events:

- Site Plan Sketch
- Parking Plan for participants and volunteers (May be included in site plan)
- Volunteer Plan for events with an anticipated attendance of 100 participants or more (how many, their duties)

All Public Property Events:

- Certificate of Insurance listing the Town of Blowing Rock as certificate holder and additional insured.

Public Property Event at a Public Park:

- Email from the Parks and Recreation Director indicating approval of the event date. Parks and Recreation Director may be reached at (828) 295-5222 or jbrown@toibr.us.

Waiver Request:

- I am requesting a waiver from the Section which prohibits animals from special events on town property. I have included the required safety plan with the application.

USE OF PUBLIC PLACES

**** THIS SECTION IS ONLY TO BE COMPLETED IF REQUESTING TO HOLD AN EVENT IN PUBLIC PLACES AND PARKS ****

RULES REGULATING THE USE OF PUBLIC PLACES AND PARKS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

- The Town Council reserves the right to reject any application as to the use of any area for any special event. If the Town Council learns that the event or vendors participating were misrepresented to the Town Council or that the event in any way fails to comply with the rules regulating the use of public places or fails to comply with any applicable local, state, or federal laws, it reserves the right to rescind any approved application up to and during the course of the event. In the case of a special event being held at a Town-owned facility for which a rental fee is usually charged, the normal rental fee shall be charged to the applicant unless the Town Council waives such rental.
- Application must be filed in the Parks & Recreation Office at least ninety (90) days prior to the time that the applicant desires to first take possession of the area to make preparations for the special event. The applicant for a special event must be a non-profit organization, organized and existing for the purpose of either some charitable or public benefit or for the promotion of business in the area of Blowing Rock. In addition, said non-profit organization may at the request of the Council be required to produce evidence of their non-profit corporation status as defined by state and federal laws. In addition, procedures to be used for selecting participants and vendors must be included with the application.
- The applicant shall provide to the Parks & Recreation Director at least two (2) weeks prior to the beginning of the public participation in the special event a list of all of the vendors or others having booths or display tables during the special event. No other persons may sell merchandise or operate any booth or display tables during the special event, unless the applicant, in writing, requests the Town Manager to amend such list accordingly and permission is granted.
- No motor vehicles or other large equipment or manufactured items or livestock will be permitted within the area unless they are clearly identified and described and the proposed location is stated in the application and specific approval is given.
- The size, type of construction and location of display tables and booths must be described generally in the application; all construction must be safe and self-sustaining; no spikes or other holding devices may be driven into the ground of any street, sidewalk or tied to any tree.
- When food preparation, painting and/or pottery making activities or similar activities are held, appropriate protective materials must be placed over any paved or brick areas for protection.

- No tents may be placed in the area without being described and exhibited to the Fire Prevention Inspectors of the Blowing Rock Fire & Rescue Department and special approval by the Town Council.
- Public address systems can be used only if specifically requested in the application and special permission given, including limitations as to use.
- Sufficient portable toilets shall be provided for the expected number of participants.
- A first-aid station shall be provided, staffed by competent Emergency Medical Technicians, unless a waiver is requested and granted by the Town.
- The applicant shall be responsible for providing trash receptacles of the number and size as the town shall require in order to eliminate litter.
- If the applicant desires to sell alcoholic beverages, it shall specifically so state in its application and shall provide a sketch of the area where the same will be sold and consumed. The area shall be delineated by barricades, with the entrance to be clearly marked and so constructed as to allow ready control of patrons, including viewing of identification to avoid underage persons being within the barricaded area. Signs shall be posted stating that no one shall leave the barricaded area with alcoholic beverages.
- Application must be made to proper State authorities for special permit for sale of alcoholic beverages. Special permit shall be available for inspection by the Town at any time.
- The applicant shall assume full liability for all accidents or claims of accidents as a result of activities taking place at the special event and during the time the area is being readied for the event and while it is being cleaned up following the event. A copy of the insurance policy must be submitted to the Town Manager's office prior to the event. The policy is to be one of comprehensive general liability in the amount of not less than Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) for bodily injury per person and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence and not less than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (100,000.00) for property damage per occurrence.
- The applicant will be responsible for the security or protection of any articles, items, merchandise, display tables, booths or other property owned by the applicant or others participating in the special event.
- Applicants must obtain any special use permits required by the Blowing Rock Fire Inspector, must comply with all applicable provisions of the North Carolina Fire Code and must at all times insure that all fire lanes in the area to be used remain unobstructed.
- Applicants must comply with all applicable Health Department regulations pertaining to the scheduled event.
- Applicants must comply with the requirements of the Blowing Rock Sign Ordinance.
- Applications must comply with any and all local, state, and federal laws pertaining to equal opportunity and should make every effort to make events accessible to the disabled public. In addition, applicants shall not deny access or a vendor's booth to any group based on national origin, race, religion, age, sex, or disability.

NAME OF NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE PURPOSE OF THE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION:

LIST ORGANIZATIONS OFFICERS:

_____	_____
_____	TELEPHONE
_____	_____
_____	TELEPHONE
_____	_____
_____	TELEPHONE

CHAIRPERSON OF THE SPECIAL EVENT:

NAME

TELEPHONE

ADDRESS

The undersigned Applicant is aware of the rules regulating the use of public places and parks for special events, and will abide with the same; and further understands that the Town of Blowing Rock will not be responsible for the security or protection of any articles, items, merchandise, display tables, booths or other property owned by the applicant or others participating in the special event. The undersigned Applicant agrees to reimburse the Town of Blowing Rock for the additional cost of providing police department and/or fire department personnel to supervise the event, including services rendered both before, during and after the event itself, to ensure the compliance with all laws and ordinance, to direct traffic and to promote the safety and welfare of participants and other citizens.

Date

President

Non-Profit Organization

Approved by:

TOWN MANAGER

DATE

DATE APPROVED BY BLOWING ROCK TOWN COUNCIL: _____

NORTH CAROLINA

RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

WATAUGA COUNTY

THIS RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, entered into by **THE TOWN OF BLOWING ROCK**, a North Carolina Municipal Corporation, party of the first part, and the _____, a non-profit organization with its principal place of operation being _____ County, North Carolina, party of the second part:

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the party of the first part is desirous of allowing the party of the second part to conduct a special event within the Town Limits of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, pursuant to the Blowing Rock Town Code; and

WHEREAS, the party of the second part is desirous of conducting a special event within the Town Limits of Blowing Rock, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, to this end, said party of the second part has heretofore filed with the Town of Blowing Rock an application for approval of said event, and wishes to enter into this Release and Indemnity Agreement pursuant to the Blowing Rock Town Code and the administrative rules of the Town of Blowing Rock;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein contained, and for other good and sufficient consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. That the party of the second part hereby completely and unequivocally releases the party of the first part, the officials of the party of the first part, and all employees of said party of the first part, and their families, from any and all claims, damages, injuries or rights of action which the party of the second part may incur by reason of the special event being conducted by the party of the second part.
2. That the party of the second part hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the party of the first part for any liability, injury or claim which may arise to the benefit of the party of the second part as a result of the special event being conducted by the party of the second part.
3. That the parties to this Release and Indemnity Agreement stipulate and acknowledge that there exists sufficient consideration for the execution of this instrument.

This the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

President

Witness



TOWN OF BLOWING ROCK

1036 Main Street • Post Office Box 47 • Blowing Rock, NC 28605

Tax Refund Request No. 2021-01

Refund Request pursuant to NC General Statute 105-381 For Year 2016

Year	Value Amt. Released	Int/Penalties	Total Refund
2021	\$81,800	\$0	\$351.74
2021	\$146,600	\$0	\$630.38

Specific Reason for Refund: Per Caldwell County – the property owners appealed the tax value and was approved by the Property Tax Commission of Caldwell County. The value(s) changed as follows and in turn the homeowners are due a refund.

Person Receiving Refund: The Weedon Family Corporation (Parcel 02-81-18A and 02-8-1-18)

Check No. _____ Check Amt. \$ _____ Date Pd _____

Council Meeting Date:

Approved By _____ Tax Collector _____

Staff Report – Consent Agenda Item

To: Mayor Charlie Sellers and the Blowing Rock Town Council

From: Shane Fox, Town Manager

Subject: High Country Council of Governments Resolution

Date: January 11, 2021

Information: Submitted by HCCOG Executive Board Member Doug Matheson –

During the recent High-Country Council of Governments' Executive Board meeting, the Executive Board discussed the topic of a formal study that the State of North Carolina is currently conducting related to the Workforce Development regions and will use the outcome of that study (expected February 9th) to make recommendations on realigning, and potentially consolidating, the state's Workforce Development Boards. The outcome of the study could recommend the consolidation of the current Workforce Boards into regional boards. A consolidation is not favored by the rural Workforce Boards including the HCCOG. In response the HCCOG Executive Board agreed that all members of the HCCOG (27 in total) would submit resolutions of support to the State for keeping the current boundaries as they are marked and have been executed since the 1970s.

Attachments: Resolution of Support



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TOWN OF BLOWING ROCK, NC

RESOLUTION ON STATEWIDE WORKFORCE BOARD REALIGNMENT

A resolution of the Town of Blowing Rock formally requesting the North Carolina Department of Commerce, NC Works Commission, retain the boundaries of the High Country Local Workforce Development Area in its final recommendations for statewide realignment of Local Workforce Development Areas (LWDAs)/Local Workforce Development Boards. The High Country Local Workforce Development Area is comprised of Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey Counties. The Town of Blowing Rock does not support any final recommendation that separates these seven counties, merges them into larger areas, or consolidates other LWDAs into the High Country.

WHEREAS, the High Country Local Workforce Development Area is the designated planning and administrative area to receive funds from the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) for Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey Counties; and

WHEREAS, the High Country Workforce Development Consortium members, comprised of Local Elected Officials, are the designated recipients of WIOA funds for the High Country LWDA and charged with the oversight and implementation of WIOA programs and activities within the High Country LWDA; and

WHEREAS, the High Country Workforce Development Consortium appoints the members of the High Country Workforce Development Board, and selects the High Country Local Workforce Development Area Fiscal Agent and Administrative Entity for the area; and

WHEREAS, the High Country Workforce Development Consortium supports local and regional workforce solutions to address common issues or opportunities, coordinate state and federal program service delivery in the High Country Workforce Development Area, and build strategic partnerships to improve the prosperity of the seven counties within the consortium; and

WHEREAS, the High Country Local Workforce Development Area was designated by the North Carolina Division of Workforce Solutions based on factors such as common community growth patterns anchored by metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas, shared labor pools, commuting patterns, coordinated economic development strategies, regional alignment with state and federal programs and services, and empowered to carry out programs and services that are of mutual interests to member governments within the High Country Workforce Local Workforce Development Area; and



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WHEREAS, the High Country Council of Governments serves as the fiscal agent and administrative entity for WIOA programs; and

WHEREAS, the High Country Council of Governments serves as the designated Economic Development District (EDD) through the U.S. Department of Commerce: Economic Development Administration (EDA); and

WHEREAS, the High Country Workforce Development Consortium, the High Country Workforce Development Board, and the High Country Council of Governments work together to align the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to improve the High Country Local Workforce Development Area's workforce infrastructure, and to provide a skilled workforce for area job seekers and employers,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Blowing Rock formally requests to retain its current designation, geographic boundary, and appointed entities to carry out WIOA programs and activities, and that we do not support any final recommendation that separates these seven counties, merges them into larger areas, or consolidates other LWDA's into the High Country Local Workforce Development Area.

Adopted by the Town of Blowing Rock on the 11th day of January, 2022.

Mayor Charles Sellers

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board, Hilari Hubner



Town of Blowing Rock

1036 Main Street ★ Post Office Box 47 ★ Blowing Rock, North Carolina 28605

To: Mr. Shane Fox, Mayor Sellers, and Members of Town Council
From: Nicole Norman, Finance Officer
Subject: Budget Amendment Ordinance to Account for Various Items
(Ordinance #2022-02)
Date: January 11, 2022

Enclosed please find a Budget Amendment Ordinance for the fiscal year 2021-2022 for your consideration.

Section 1 (General Fund) allocates funding as follows:

-\$12,000 towards a new fountain at Broyhill Lake (\$6,000 donation from the Village Foundation and \$6,000 fund balance allocation).

-\$4,025 towards video equipment and radar equipment for the Police department (\$1,000 donation from Tanger Outlets \$25 donation from Troy Francis and a \$3,000 Community Foundation Grant- for radar equipment).

-\$7,191 towards vehicle maintenance/repairs in the PD for insured vehicle repairs (\$7,191 in insurance proceeds).

-\$1,000 towards Police department overtime from the Blowing Rock Country Club for Fourth of July security services.

-\$202,696 in fund balance to fund the initial debt service payment on the Valley Boulevard property purchased from Mr. Barry Buxton.

Section 2 (General Capital Projects Fund) re-allocates existing remaining funding from the Sunset Drive project as well as street paving costs towards engineering and additional contingency costs for GO Bond issue 3 paving (\$96,020).

Please let me know if you need further details on the proposed amendment.

2021-2022
Budget Amendment Ordinance 2022-02

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022:

Section 1. To amend the General Fund, the appropriations are to be changed as follows:

<u>Acct. No.</u>		<u>Current Appropriation</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Proposed Appropriation</u>
10-80-6100-500	Capital Outlay- Parks & Rec.	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 12,000	\$ 20,000
10-10-4310-033	Materials/Supplies- PD	\$ 18,000	\$ -	\$ 4,025	\$ 22,025
10-10-4310-017	Maint./Repair Vehicles- PD	\$ 17,000	\$ -	\$ 7,191	\$ 24,191
10-10-4310-003	Overtime- PD	\$ 12,300		\$ 1,000	\$ 13,300
10-00-4260-900	Debt Service	\$ 528,324	\$ -	\$ 202,696	\$ 731,020
			<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 226,912</u>	

This will result in a net increase of \$226,912. in the appropriations of the General Fund. As a result, the following revenue will be increased.

<u>Acct. No.</u>		<u>Current Appropriation</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Proposed Appropriation</u>
10-00-3400-399	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 410,000	\$ -	\$ 208,696	\$ 618,696
10-00-3400-358	Donations	\$ 1,700	\$ -	\$ 10,025	\$ 11,725
10-00-3400-335	Miscellaneous Income	\$ 23,825	\$ -	\$ 8,191	\$ 32,016
			<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 226,912</u>	

Section 2. To amend the General Capital Fund, the appropriations are to be changed as follows:

<u>Acct. No.</u>		<u>Current Appropriation</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Proposed Appropriation</u>
20-20-5002-417	GO Sunset Dr. SS- Issue 3- Construction	\$ 1,499,587	\$ 1,149	\$ -	\$ 1,498,438
20-20-5002-419	GO Sunset Dr. SS- Issue 3- Engineering/Testing	\$ 55,000	\$ 3,156	\$ -	\$ 51,844
20-20-5003-405	GO Repaving Town Streets	\$ 2,088,245	\$ 16,510	\$ -	\$ 2,071,735
20-20-5003-406	GO Repaving Town Streets-Engineering	\$ 166,200	\$ 75,205	\$ -	\$ 90,995
20-20-5003-407	GO Repaving Town Streets-Construction Enginee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 91,020	\$ 91,020
20-20-5003-408	GO Repaving Town Streets- Issue 3-Contingency	\$ 51,650	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 56,650
			<u>\$ 96,020</u>	<u>\$ 96,020</u>	

This will result in a net increase of \$0 in the appropriations of the General Capital Fund. As a result, the following revenue will be increased.

<u>Acct. No.</u>		<u>Current Appropriation</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Proposed Appropriation</u>
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
			<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	

Section 3. Copies of this budget amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Town Council and to the Finance Officer for their implementation.

Adopted this 11th day of January, 2022.

Attested by:

Charles Sellers, Mayor

Hilari Hubner, Town Clerk

TOWN OF BLOWING ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT
143 Park Avenue, PO Box 603 Blowing Rock NC 28605
(828)295-5212



Memo

To: Shane Fox, Town Manager

CC: Hilari Hubner, Town Clerk

From: Aaron Miller, Chief

Date: January 4, 2022

Reference: NC League of Municipalities Risk Review

Beginning in the 2020, the Blowing Rock Police Department underwent an extensive update of our policies and procedures. Upon completion of that project, we were able to enter into the Risk Review program through the North Carolina League of Municipalities. In November of 2021, our Risk Review Audit was completed. Mr. Matthew Selves with the League will be attending the January Town Council Meeting to discuss the review and recognize our department for successfully completing the process.

TO: Mayor Charlie Sellers and the Blowing Rock Town Council
FROM: Kevin Rothrock, Planning Director
SUBJECT: CZ 2021-02 Conditional Rezoning from CB to CZ-CB – Lucrum 7, LLC
APPLICANT: Steve Heatherington/Lucrum 7, LLC
DATE: January 4, 2022

REQUEST

Steve Heatherington is requesting a conditional rezoning of the former Stone Pillar bed and breakfast (demolished) and Snips (demolished) property from Central Business to Conditional Zoning – Central Business (CZ-CB). The 0.337-acre property is located between Pine Street and Laurel Lane. The Applicant is proposing the construction of a 14-room hotel. The property is further identified by Watauga County PINs 2807-87-8611-000, and 2807-87-7474-000.

SITE PLAN

General

The proposed hotel will have parking access on the ground level with one way traffic, entering from Pine Street and exiting to Laurel Lane. There will be two floors above the garage. The first floor will have 8 units with 16 bedrooms and second floor of hotel rooms will have 6 units with 6 rooms.

Setbacks

The applicable street setback for Town Center is 15 feet and is measured from the back of the existing/proposed sidewalk along each street. The proposed buildings meet the required street setbacks from both Pine and Laurel.

The side setback is 5 feet and the proposed buildings meet the side setbacks.

Building Height

The maximum building height is 30 feet from the finished sidewalk elevations to the standard 15-foot setback. Beyond the 15-foot setback, the allowable building height increases incrementally for every 5 feet of additional setback to a maximum of 40 feet. The proposed building height for both ends of the hotel nearest the streets is 30 feet. Beyond 65 feet from the back of the sidewalk, the building height increases to 40 feet as allowed in the Land Use Code. Land Use Code Section 16-12.6.5.4 allows the building height to increase if the street setback is increased. If the

building is at least 65 feet from the sidewalk, the allowable building height is increased to 40 feet. The Applicant is asking as a condition to allow the additional building height of 40 feet with the increased setback on that part of the building. Other parts of the building with setbacks of less than 65 feet would meet the maximum building height for that setback, according to the table in Section 16-12.6.5.4.

Architectural Design

The building materials include a board and batten siding, lap siding, stone veneer, architectural roof shingles and architectural stone veneer. Some metal roofing accents are planned for some shed dormers and eave overhangs.

Parking/Access

Access to the site will be through Pine Street, one-way through the site and exiting to Laurel Lane. The access will be controlled by a coded access gate. The proposed project requires 22 parking spaces, and 23 angled spaces are provided.

Storm Water

The storm water runoff from the site will be conveyed to an onsite detention system and released to Pine Street.

Utilities

Sewer will be connected to Pine Street.

The applicant will extend a 6-inch water line from the corner of Pine Street and Main Street to the project entrance with a hydrant to provide fire protection.

All electrical service will be provided underground.

A lighting plan will need to be reviewed for construction drawing approval.

Garbage Collection

Garbage collection will be through roll-out containers in an enclosure located on the east side of the property adjacent to Pine Street.

Landscaping

All of the trees on site will be removed as many are in poor condition or are within the building or parking area footprint. There is a significant buffer along Laurel Lane since the Town owns an area 20 feet from the back of the existing sidewalk. The Applicant is proposing to remove the

large white pines on the Town property and replace with other trees. The large white pines are overgrown, in poor condition, pose a safety risk, or are already dead.

Applicant Proposed Conditions

1. Be allowed to increase the building height to 40 feet for that portion of the building more than 65 feet from the back of the sidewalk.

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

A neighborhood meeting was held at Town Hall on October 27, 2021, where the Applicant shared their vision for the property and answered questions for those in attendance.

WAIVERS REQUESTED

For this project to be approved, the following waivers must be granted as conditions of approval:

1. Building height to be allowed up to 40 feet for that portion of the building greater than 65 feet from the back of the sidewalk.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION

At their meeting on November 15, 2021, the Planning Board made a recommendation to approve the conditional rezoning request.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance No. 2022-01, including Exhibits A and B
2. Aerial photo
3. Site, grading, utility, and landscape plans
4. Architectural elevations and floor plans
5. Letters from public or neighbors
6. Draft Minutes from November 15, 2021 Planning Board meeting

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE
TOWN OF BLOWING ROCK;
CREATING THE LUCRUM 7 HOTEL - CONDITIONAL ZONING DISTRICT (CZ-CB)**

WHEREAS, the Town of Blowing Rock has the authority, pursuant to Chapter 160D-703 of the North Carolina General Statutes, to adopt zoning regulations, to establish zoning districts and to classify property within its jurisdiction according to zoning district, and may amend said regulations and district classifications from time to time in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is consistent with NC General Statutes 160D-703, establishing conditional zoning districts in local zoning jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is consistent with the Town’s 2014 Comprehensive Plan Update for the reasons set out herein; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Blowing Rock has reviewed the proposed ordinance and recommends its enactment by the Board of Commissioners;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN OF BLOWING ROCK BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION AND WITH A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD MEMBERS VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, HEREBY ORDAINS THE FOLLOWING.

Section One. Upon petition of Steve Heatherington (Lucrum 7, LLC), the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Blowing Rock is hereby amended to create the Lucrum 7 Hotel, Conditional Zoning District (CZ-CB) as more particularly set forth herein.

Section Two. This Ordinance is found to be consistent with the Town of Blowing Rock 2014 Comprehensive Plan Update, particularly with the following policies contained therein:

- LC-1 Refocus growth on Blowing Rock’s core through policies and actions that encourage both infill development and the redevelopment of properties that are not being utilized for their highest and best use.
- H-2: The architectural design of new development on the site will reinforce the western NC vernacular and respect the character of the town and surrounding neighborhoods.
- LC-6.4: Encourage the use of the Conditional Zoning process to address situations where rezoning to an existing base zoning district would not be compatible with surrounding development in the absence of conditions tailored to the particular nature of the proposed use or development.

- EDT 4.2 Explore the market potential for expanding the availability and diversity of short-term rentals in the town as a means of attracting tourists whose needs may not be met by existing lodging facilities or the current short-term rental supply.

Section Three. The zoning classification of that certain real property shown on the aerial photo map, attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and made a part hereof, is hereby changed from CB, Central Business to CZ-CB, Conditional Zoning-Central Business. Said property is also identified on Watauga County PINs 2807-87-8611-000, and 2817-87-7474-000.

Section Four. The Lucrum 7 Hotel Conditional Zoning District is a conditional zoning district established pursuant to the Land Use Ordinance of the Town of Blowing Rock by means of authority granted by the North Carolina General Statutes. Future development and use of lands situated within the Lucrum 7 Hotel Conditional Zoning District, and the processing of applications to develop and use such lands, shall comply with the conditions set forth on the document entitled, Lucrum 7 Hotel Conditional Zoning District: List of Standards & Conditions, which is attached to this ordinance as **Exhibit B** and incorporated herein. The aforementioned List of Standards & Conditions, made a part thereof, shall run with the land and shall be binding on Lucrum 7, LLC, its heirs and assigns.

Section Five. Pursuant to Section 16-9.6 of the Town of Blowing Rock Land Use Ordinance, the Master Plan replaces all conflicting development regulations set forth in the Land Development Standards, and such development regulations are varied to the extent they conflict with the Master Plan and List of Standards & Conditions. The Master Plan specifically includes the architectural plans (October 26, 2021) and civil engineering and site plans (September 15, 2021) submitted to Town Council and subsequent construction drawings revised as a result of additional conditions imposed by Town Council after the January 11, 2022 public hearing. Construction drawings include at a minimum: site plan, utility plan, grading plan, landscape plan, and architectural plan and elevations. Any substantial change to the Master Plan as noted below shall be reviewed by the Planning Board and approved or denied by the Town Council as an amended conditional zoning district. The following changes to the Master plan shall require approval by the Town Council:

- (a) Land area being added or removed from the conditional district.
- (b) Modification of special performance criteria, design standards, or other requirements specified by the enacting ordinance.
- (c) A change in land use or development type beyond that permitted by the approved master plan.
- (d) When there is introduction of a new vehicular access point to an existing street, road or thoroughfare not previously designated for access.
- (e) Hours of operation and/or delivery hours.

All other changes to the Master plan shall receive approval by the Administrator. However, if in the judgment of the Administrator, the requested changes alter the basic development concept of the Conditional Zoning District, the Administrator may require concurrent approval by the Town Council.

Section Six. Enactment of this Ordinance constitutes the approval of a site-specific development plan resulting in the establishment of a vested right, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160D-108, to undertake and complete the development and use of the property under the terms and conditions specified in the Master Plan and the List of Standards & Conditions. Such vested right shall have a term of two years from the date of adoption of this Ordinance.

Section Seven. The Office of the Zoning Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to modify the Town’s Official Zoning Map consistent with this Ordinance.

Section Eight. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.

Section Nine. All ordinances or portions thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section Ten. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

Lucrum 7 Hotel - Conditional Rezoning (CZ-CB)



EXHIBIT A

Exhibit B

Lucrum 7 Hotel Conditional Zoning District
Conditional Zoning – CB
PINs 2807-87-8611-000, and 2817-87-7474-000
Between Pine Street and Laurel Lane

List of Standards & Conditions

1. The building height may be increased to the limits allowed for the parts of the building that meet the corresponding setbacks, consistent with Section 16-12.6.5.4, as long as no roof exceeds 40 feet in height.
2. Applicant will be responsible for the cost of removal of large dead or dying pines on Town property adjacent to Laurel Lane.
3. The Applicant will be responsible for replacement of trees removed on Town property with the minimum tree size required by Land Use Code – Shade tree (3" caliper), ornamental tree (1.5" caliper).
4. The Applicant is responsible for extending a 6" water line from Main Street to serve the building for fire protection, including a fire hydrant.

Kevin Rothrock

From: Charlene Barham <ckbarham@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 7:25 PM
To: kevin@townofblowingrocknc.com
Subject: Lucrum 7, LLC Hotel

The town should immediately STOP approving short term rentals in the "downtown" area until traffic and dining issues to accommodate these visitors is addressed. The growth of available lodging, especially along Main St. & behind Speckled Trout, has skyrocketed in the past 2 years. Perhaps, the town codes are antiquated allowing this to happen?

Covid seems to have caused a rush of people from our surrounding large cities to BR - Year round - perhaps we are considered a "safe" environment. Locals now avoid going downtown and dining in our local restaurants is impossible.

Charlene Barham
1882 Main St.

Sent from my iPad

DRAFT

Planning Board

Minutes

Monday, November 15, 2021

5:30 p.m.

The Blowing Rock Planning and Zoning Board met on Monday, November 15, 2021, for their regularly scheduled meeting. Members present were Chairman Pete Gherini, Mike Page, Pete Page, Bill McCarter, Joe Papa, and Harrison Herbst. Members Sam Hess and Sam Glover were absent. Staff members present were Planning Director Kevin Rothrock and Planning and Zoning Support Specialist Tammy Bentley.

Chairman Gherini asked if there were any changes to the agenda. *Mr. Herbst made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Pete Page. All members were in favor of the motion.*

Chairman Gherini asked if there were any changes to the minutes. *Mr. Papa made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Mike Page. All members were in favor of the motion.*

1. CZ 2021 – 02 Lucrum 7, LLC – Hotel on Pine and Laurel

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Code. Land Use Code Section 16-12.6.5.4 says that the entire structure must be located beyond the 50-foot setback to utilize the additional building height. This would mean the entire building could only be 30 feet high based on the 15-foot setback. The Applicant is asking as a condition to apply the intent of the ordinance by allowing the additional building height of 40 feet with the increased setback on that part of the building.

The building materials include a board and batten siding, lap siding, stone veneer, architectural roof shingles and architectural stone veneer. Some metal roofing accents are planned for some shed dormers and eave overhangs.

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Applicant Proposed Conditions

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WAIVERS REQUESTED

For this project to be approved, the following waivers must be granted as conditions of approval:

1. Building height to be allowed up to 40 feet for that portion of the building greater than 65 feet from the back of the sidewalk.

Chairman Gherini asked the Board if they had any questions for Mr. Rothrock. The Board discussed the requested waiver. Mr. Rothrock said the stepped height makes the structure less imposing. Mr. Papa asked the height difference in this building and 1150 Main Street. Mr. Rothrock said 5 to 6 feet higher, adding that the grade of 1150 Main Street is higher.

Mr. Heatherington introduced project architect Mr. Bill Dixon and engineer Mr. Mike Trew, who were also part of the 1150 Main project. Mr. Heatherington thanked the Board for their time and for this process. Mr. Heatherington said he appreciated the comments from the

public and Board during the neighborhood meeting. Mr. Heatherington said that he is requesting additional height to meet the Town's image and to give the building a grand feel and not be monotone. Mr. Heatherington told the Board that the numbers must work and the second floor allows for additional rooms. He said they are meeting as many aspects of the code as possible adding the site dictates the parking and density and added that the water line along Pine Street is being improved at their cost. Mr. Mike Page asked about parking for staff. Mr. Heatherington said that use and access will be through a digital code and will not require on site staff adding that these are suited are opposed to a hotel room.

Chairman Gherini asked about the trees along Laurel Lane. Mr. Heatherington advised that about 20 feet was not their property but belonged to the Town. Mr. Heatherington said they are removing and replacing the dead trees at their expense. Mr. Dixon said 4 large white pines will be removed and replaced. Mr. Heatherington said he would work with Mr. Rothrock on the replacement trees. Mr. Rothrock said the landscaping will help soften the building.

Mr. Tim Gupton of 235 Meadow Lane said this really comes down to agreeing or not with the requested height waiver. Mr. Gupton asked how the height compares with 1150 Main and the size of the new trees. Mr. Heatherington said this building is 6 feet higher than 1150 Main, but the grade of 1150 Main is 10 feet higher. Mr. Rothrock said the replacement trees will have a 3-inch caliper. Mr. Trew said the trees that will be removed are standing dead pine trees and that the removal will benefit both the applicant and Town.

*Mr. Mike Page made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Herbst. **All members were in favor of the motion.***

*Mr. Mike Page made a motion to approve the project to the Town Council as presented, seconded by Mr. Pete Page. **All members were in favor of the motion.***

Other Business

Chairman Gherini advised that he had been elected to the Town Council and had submitted his Planning Board resignation to Town Manager Shane Fox effective December 1st. Chairman Gherini thanked Mr. Rothrock, Ms. Bentley and his fellow Board members for the opportunity and journey. Chairman Gherini encourages anyone to apply to serve on the Planning Board.

Mr. Mike Page thanked Chairman Gherini and wished him the best of luck.

*Having no further business Mr. Herbst made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Mike Page. **All members were in favor of the motion.***

Chairman Gherini adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

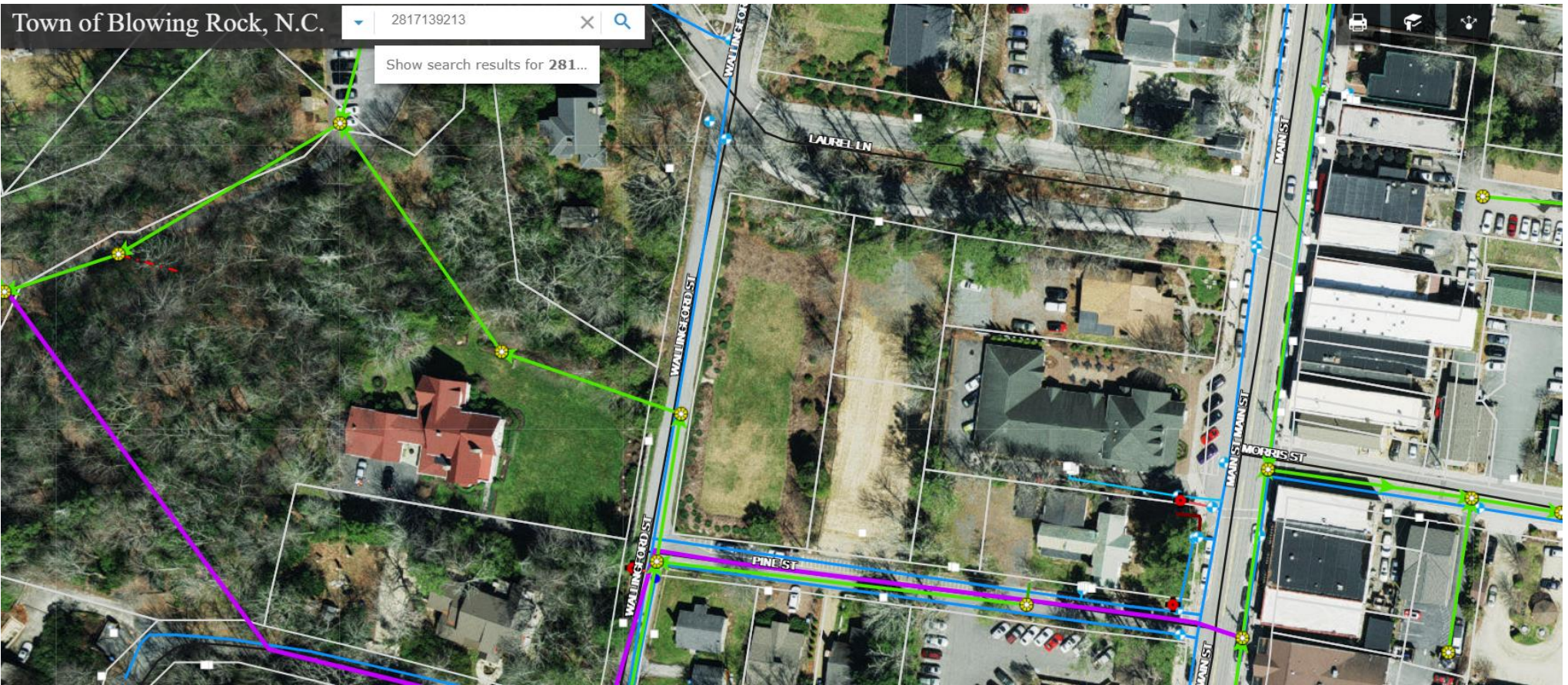
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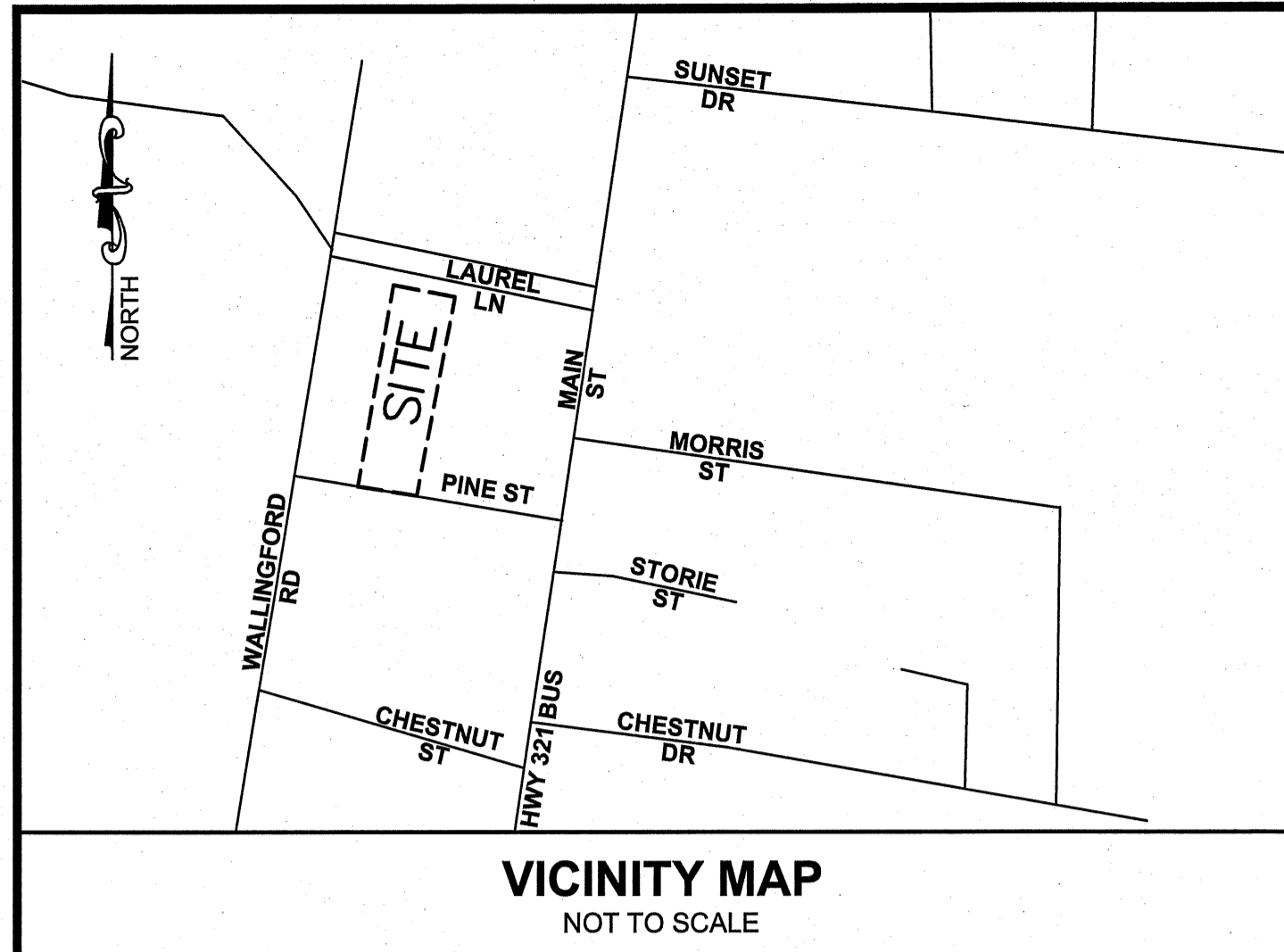
Tammy Bentley
Planning & Zoning Support Specialist

Town of Blowing Rock, N.C.

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PINE & LAUREL HOTEL

CONDITIONAL ZONING PERMIT

144 PINE STREET

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

PROJECT NO. B19065

Municipal Engineering Services Company, P.A.
Boone, N.C. Garner, N.C.

PRELIMINARY
FOR REGULATORY REVIEW ONLY

By: _____
Professional Engineer

LEGEND	
	EX. POWER POLE
	EX. SS MANHOLE
	EX. SS CLEANOUT
	EX. GATE VALVE
	EX. FIRE HYDRANT
	EX. LIGHT POLE
	EX. CATCH BASIN
	EX. DROP INLET
	EX. WATER METER
	EX. GUY WIRE
	EX. TEST PIT
	EX. DRAINAGE MANHOLE
	EX. GAS MARKER
	EX. WELL
	EX. TREE
	EX. BUSH
	EX. SIGN
	EX. TELEPHONE PEDESTAL
	EX. FIBER OPTIC MARKER
	PROPOSED POWER POLE
	PROPOSED SS MANHOLE
	PROPOSED SS CLEANOUT
	PROPOSED GATE VALVE
	PROPOSED FIRE HYDRANT
	PROPOSED WATER METER
	PROPOSED LIGHT POLE
	PROPOSED STORMWATER DETENTION OUTLET CONTROL STRUCTURE
	PROPOSED STORMWATER DRAINAGE STRUCTURE
	PROPOSED STORMWATER PIPE FLARED END SECTION

LINETYPES	
	PROPOSED WATERMAIN
	PROPOSED CONTOURS
	EXISTING CONTOURS
	STREAM OR CREEK
	DITCH OR SWALE
	STREAM OR CREEK TOP OF BANK
	STREAM BUFFER
	TROUT BUFFER
	EXISTING WETLANDS
	PROPOSED DRAINAGE PIPE
	EXISTING STORM DRAINAGE
	PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER MAIN
	CENTERLINE
	FENCES
	EXISTING WATERLINE
	RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE
	EASEMENTS
	EXISTING WATERSHED
	EXISTING FLOOD ZONE AE LIMIT
	EXISTING SANITARY SEWER
	PERMANENT DIVERSION
	TEMPORARY BERM DITCH
	SILT FENCE
	EXISTING WOODS LINE
	EXISTING OVERHEAD POWERLINE
	UNDERGROUND GAS LINE
	UNDERGROUND FIBER OPTIC LINE
	UNDERGROUND POWERLINE
	UNDERGROUND TELEPHONE LINE
	UNDERGROUND CABLE LINE

LAND USE REQUIREMENTS			
SITE ZONED: CB (CENTRAL BUSINESS) PIN: 2807-87-7474-000 & 2807-87-8611-000*			
	PROVIDED:	ALLOWED:	
LOT AREA:	= 17,143 (0.393 AC)	> = NO MIN.	MIN
LOT WIDTH:	= 74 FT	> = NO MIN.	MIN
BUILDING HEIGHT:	= 30'-40'	> = 30' - 40'	MAX
EAVE HEIGHT:	= 12'-10" - 32'-10"	< = 24' - 34'	MAX
* PROPERTIES TO BE RECOMBINED			
SETBACKS: 15' ALONG STREET FRONTAGES 5' ALONG ADJOINING LOTS			
LAND USE REQUIREMENTS			
1. REQUESTED ZONING = CZ-CB			
2. DEVELOPER TO EXTEND 6" WATERMAIN FROM CORNER OF PINE & MAIN STREET TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION.			
3. ROOF SLOPE OF 4:12 ON SHED DORMERS.			

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT/ WATERSHED			
1. NEW DEVELOPMENT WILL PROVIDE UNDERGROUND STORMWATER DETENTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TOWN'S ORDINANCE.			
2. THE PROPERTY IS NOT WITHIN A WATERSHED.			
		EXISTING IMPERVIOUS SURFACE AREA	= 11,412 FT ²
		EXISTING PREVIOUS TO 1993	= 7,588 FT ²
		PROPOSED IMPERVIOUS SURFACE AREA	= 13,514 FT ²
PARKING			
		HOTEL (14 RENTABLE ROOMS)	
		1 SPACE FOR EACH ROOM TO BE RENTED	
		REQUIRED	PROVIDED
		14	23

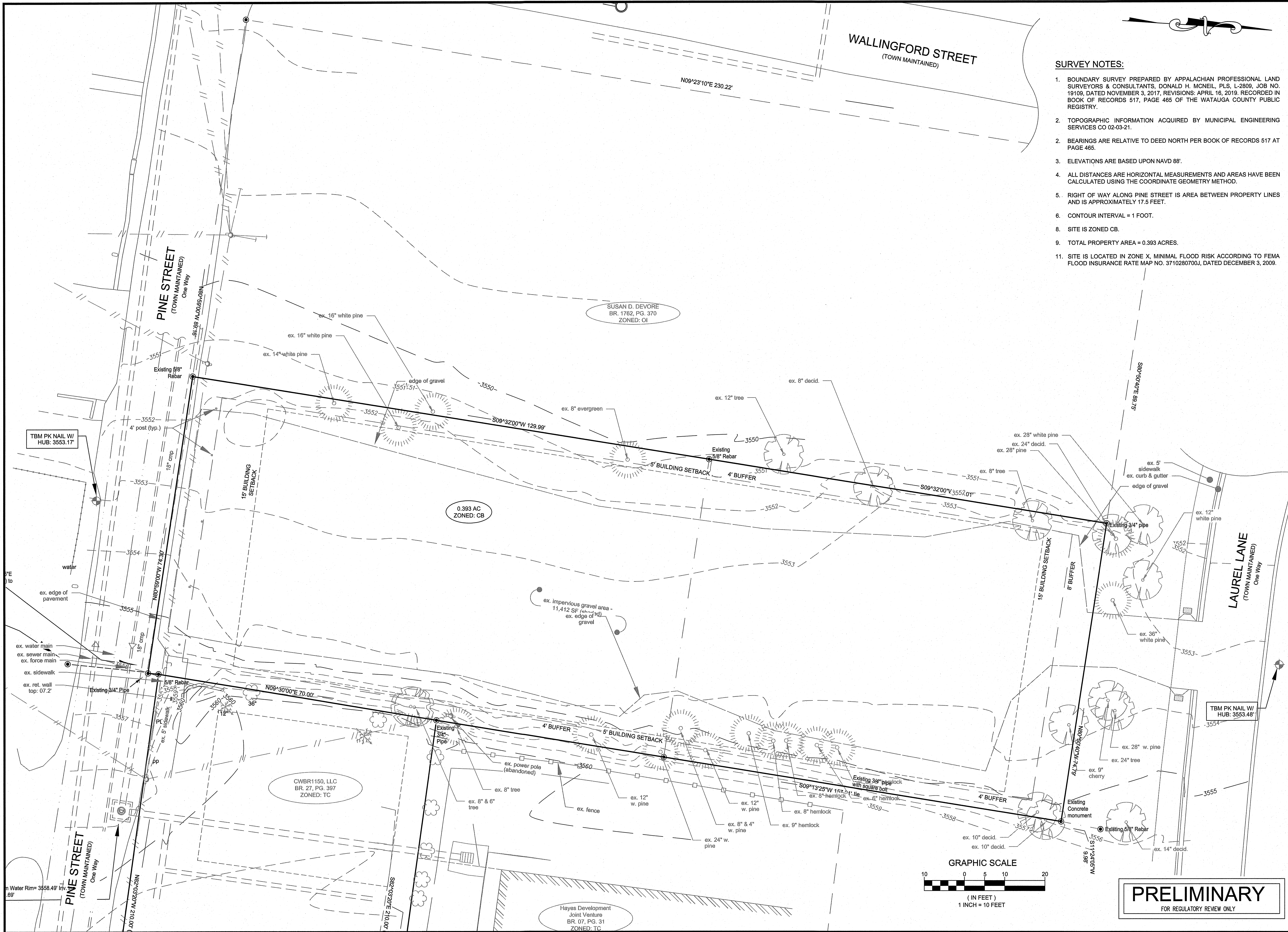
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LUCRUM 7 LLC
BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

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COVER SHEET


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SURVEY NOTES:

- BOUNDARY SURVEY PREPARED BY APPALACHIAN PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS & CONSULTANTS, DONALD H. MCNEIL, PLS. L-2809, JOB NO. 19109, DATED NOVEMBER 3, 2017, REVISIONS: APRIL 16, 2019, RECORDED IN BOOK OF RECORDS 517, PAGE 465 OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY PUBLIC REGISTRY.
- TOPOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ACQUIRED BY MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CO 02-03-21.
- BEARINGS ARE RELATIVE TO DEED NORTH PER BOOK OF RECORDS 517 AT PAGE 465.
- ELEVATIONS ARE BASED UPON NAVD 88'.
- ALL DISTANCES ARE HORIZONTAL MEASUREMENTS AND AREAS HAVE BEEN CALCULATED USING THE COORDINATE GEOMETRY METHOD.
- RIGHT OF WAY ALONG PINE STREET IS AREA BETWEEN PROPERTY LINES AND IS APPROXIMATELY 17.5 FEET.
- CONTOUR INTERVAL = 1 FOOT.
- SITE IS ZONED CB.
- TOTAL PROPERTY AREA = 0.393 ACRES.
- SITE IS LOCATED IN ZONE X, MINIMAL FLOOD RISK ACCORDING TO FEMA FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP NO. 3710280700J, DATED DECEMBER 3, 2009.

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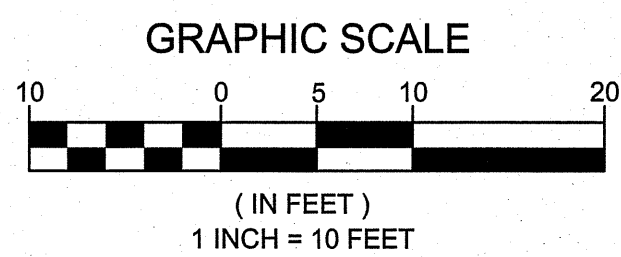
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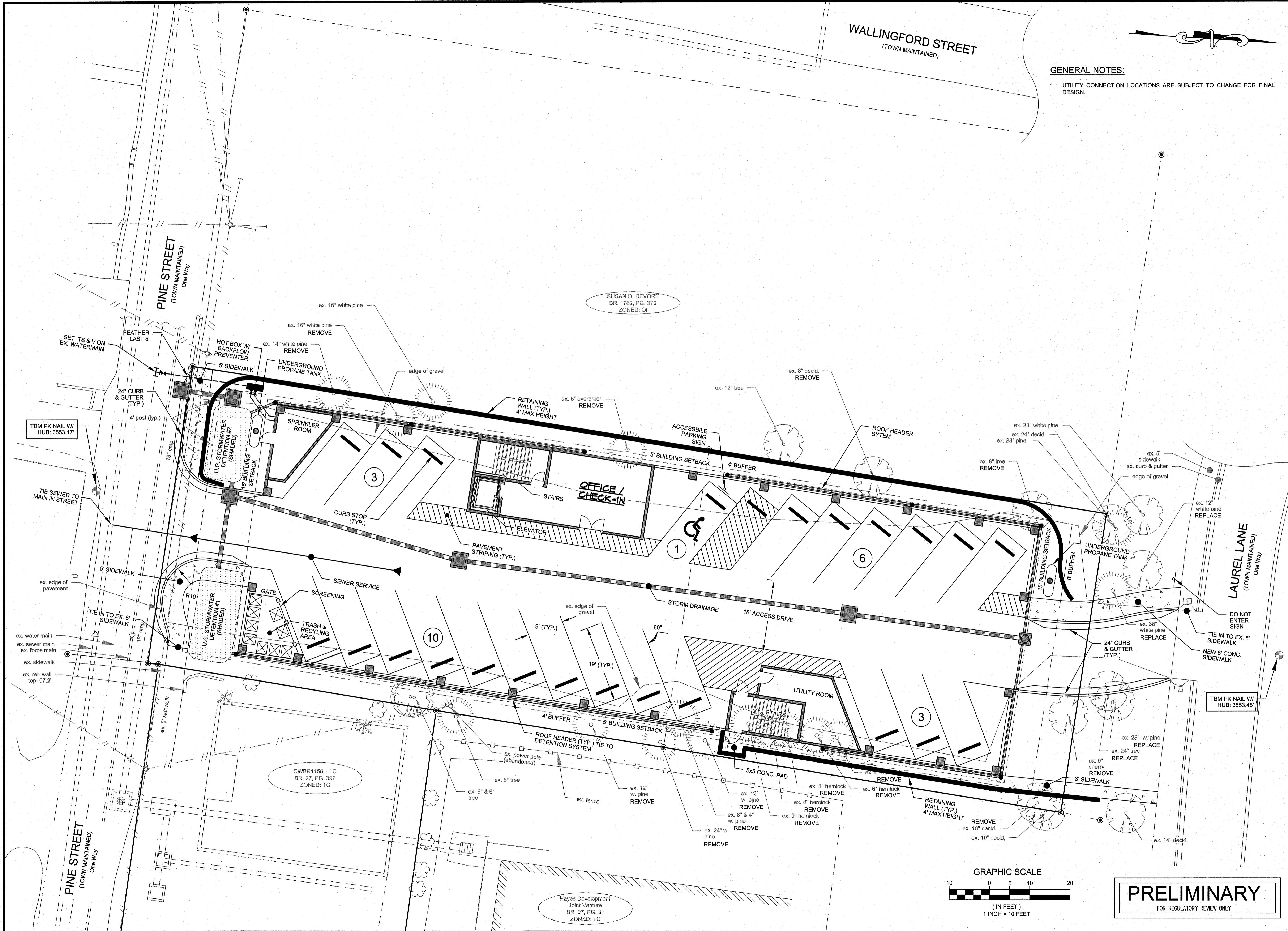
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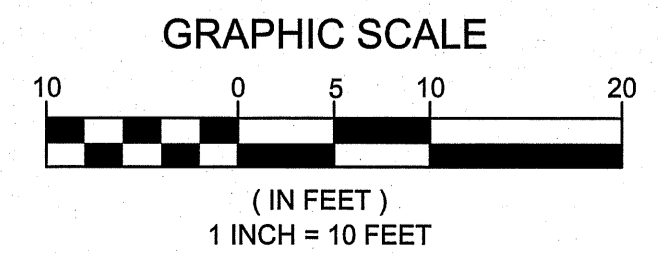
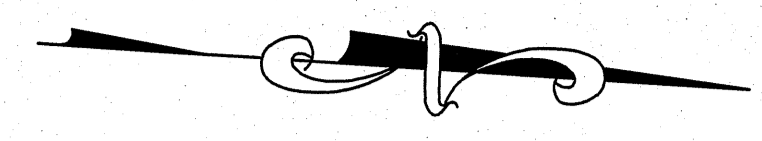
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GENERAL NOTES:
 1. UTILITY CONNECTION LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE FOR FINAL DESIGN.



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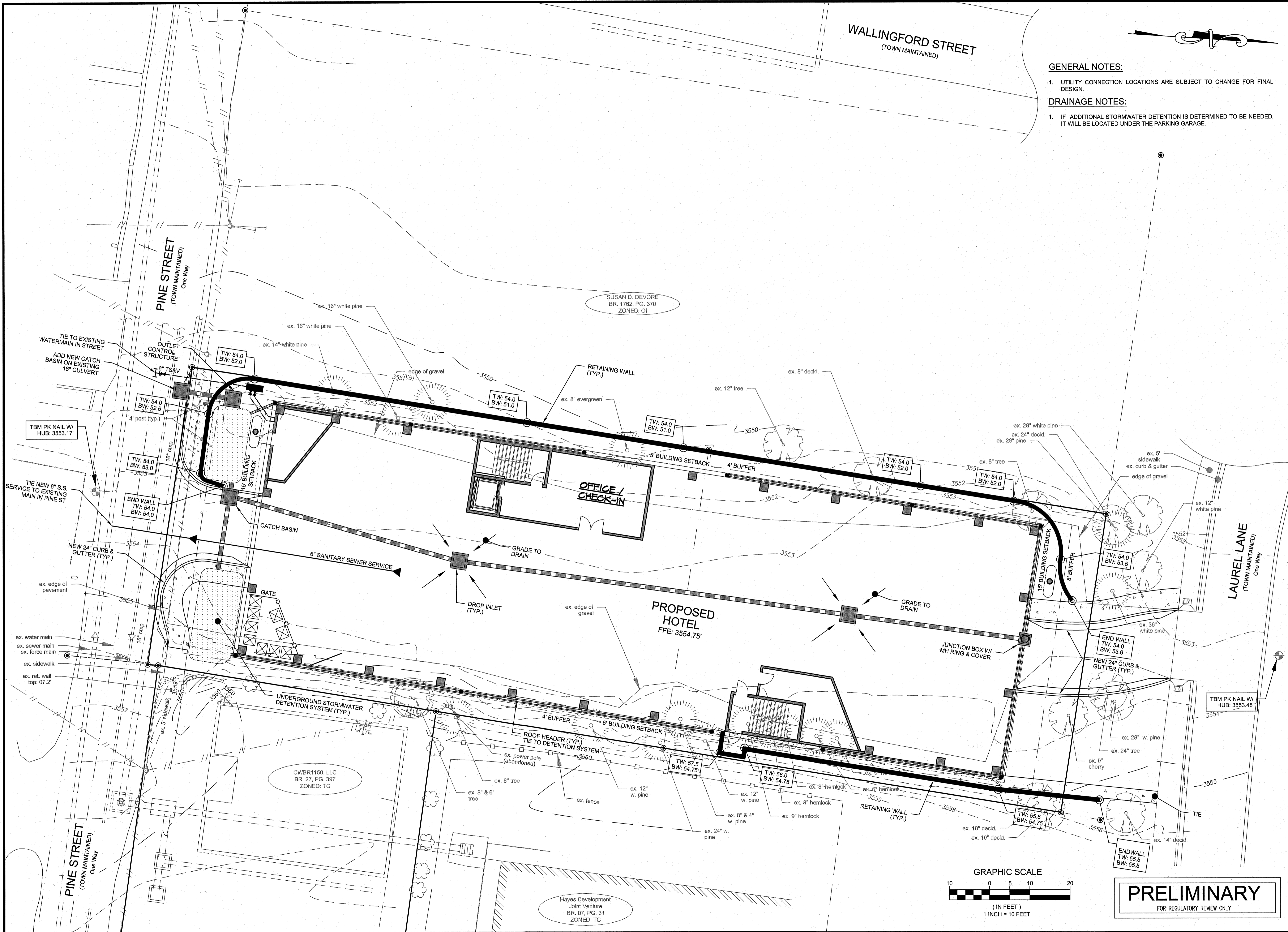


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PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN

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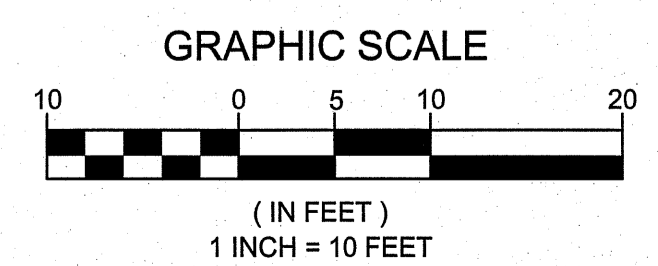
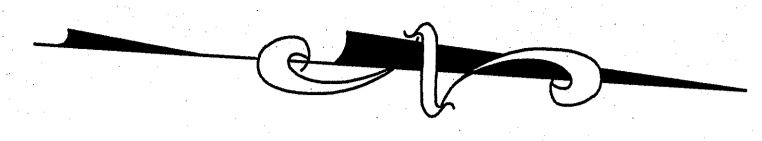


GENERAL NOTES:

- UTILITY CONNECTION LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE FOR FINAL DESIGN.

DRAINAGE NOTES:

- IF ADDITIONAL STORMWATER DETENTION IS DETERMINED TO BE NEEDED, IT WILL BE LOCATED UNDER THE PARKING GARAGE.



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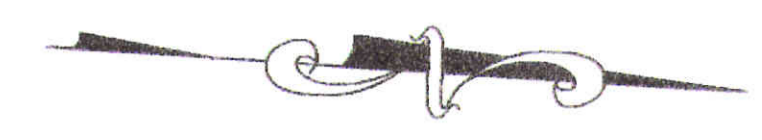
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WALLINGFORD STREET
(TOWN MAINTAINED)

PINE STREET
(TOWN MAINTAINED)
One Way

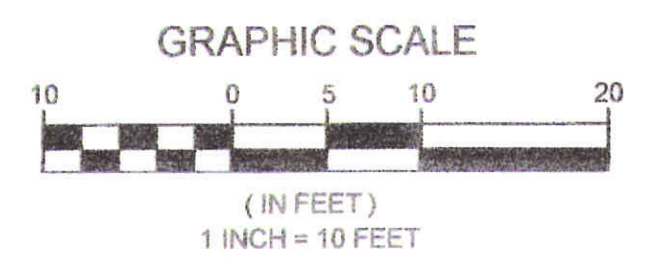


Western Boundary - Undeveloped
4' - Type 'B' Semi-opaque buffer required
Small trees & evergreen shrubs

Southern Boundary - Pine Street
8' - Type 'B' Semi-opaque buffer required
Small trees & evergreen shrubs

Eastern Boundary - Commercial
4' - Type 'B' Semi-opaque buffer required
Small trees & evergreen shrubs

Northern Boundary - Laurel Lane
8' - Type 'B' Semi-opaque buffer required
Small trees & evergreen shrubs



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Preliminary Landscape Plan
(Detailed information provided @ permitting)

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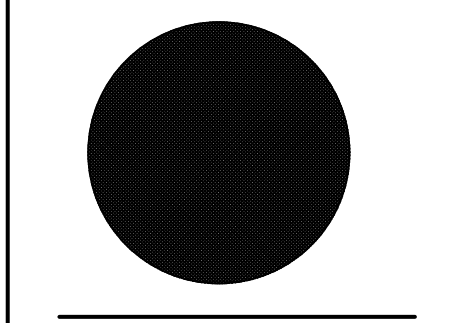


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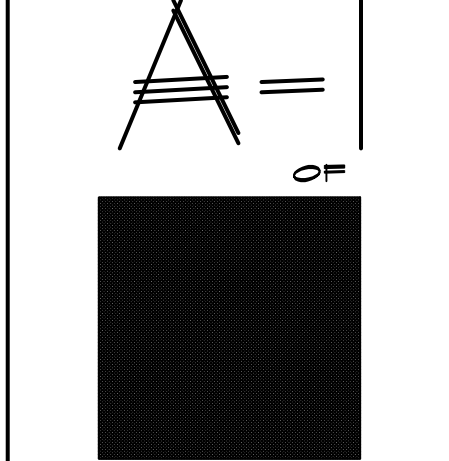
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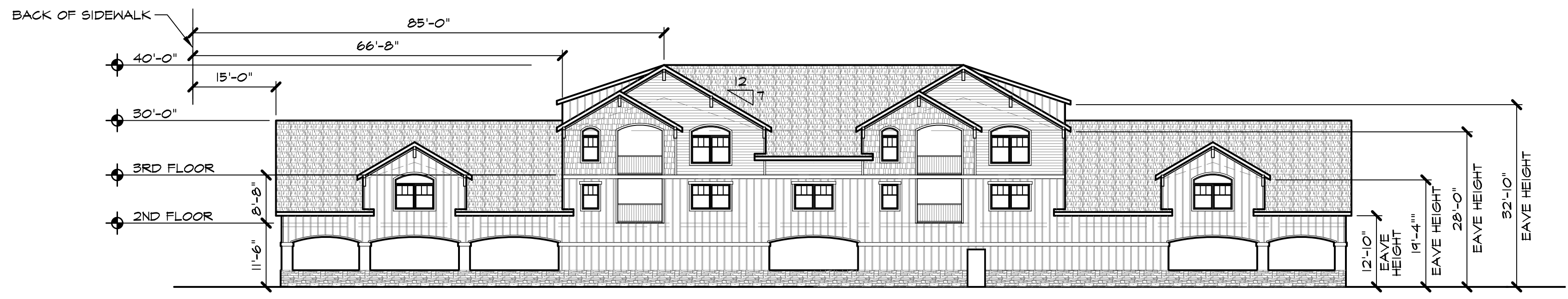


CONCEPTUAL PLANS
 HOTEL @ PINE & LAUREL
 BLOWING ROCK
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- 1-BED UNIT
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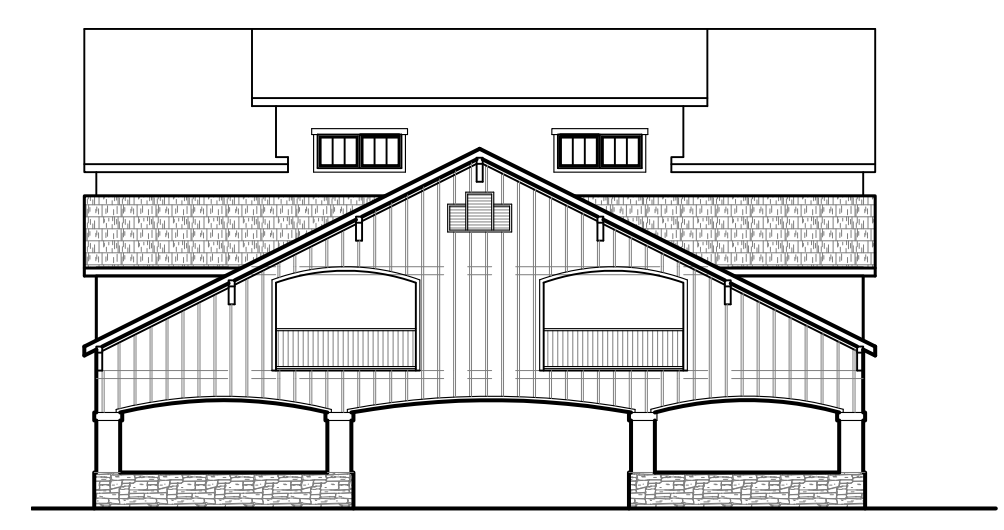
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 A-1 1/16"=1'-0"



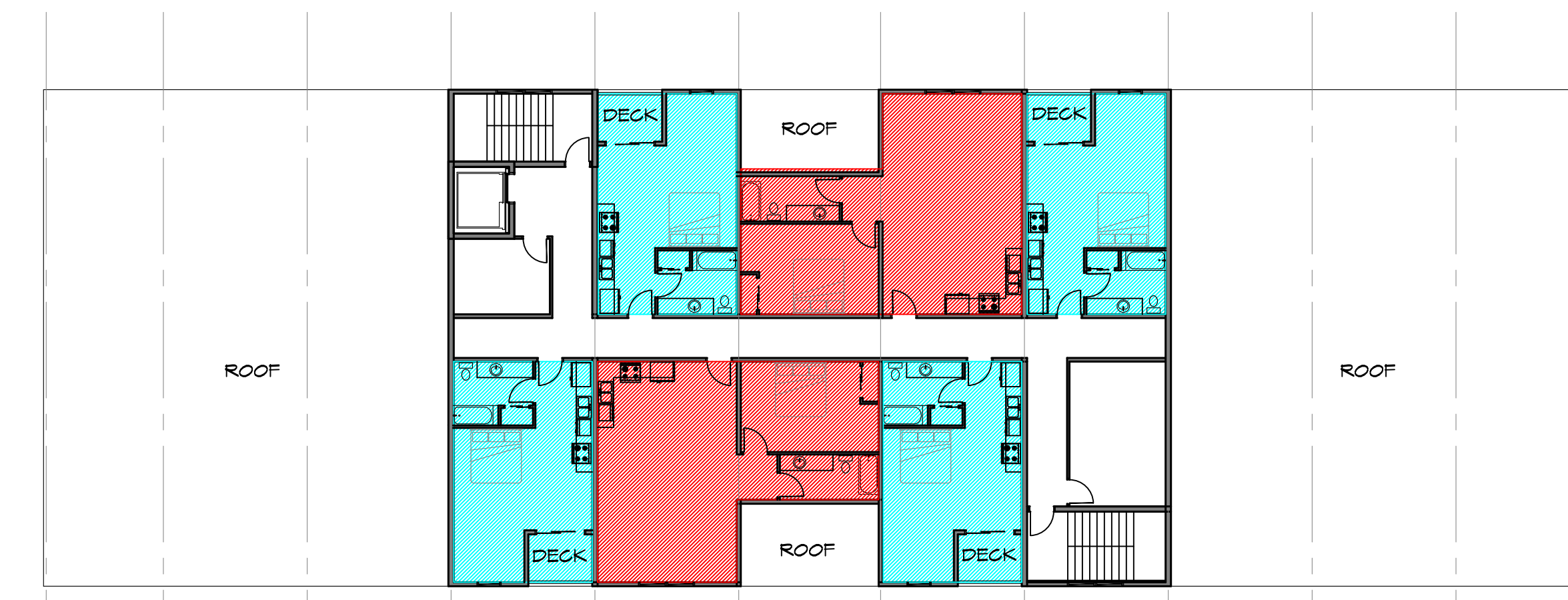
5 SIDE ELEVATION
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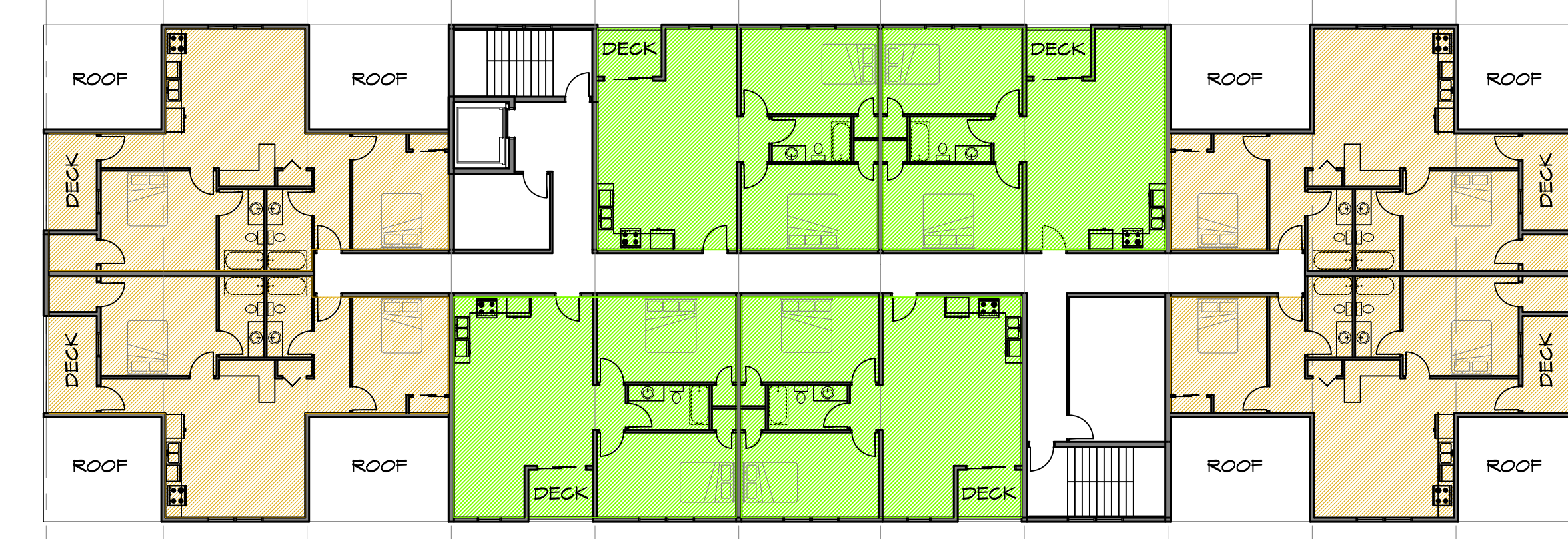
6 END ELEVATION
 A-1 1/16"=1'-0"



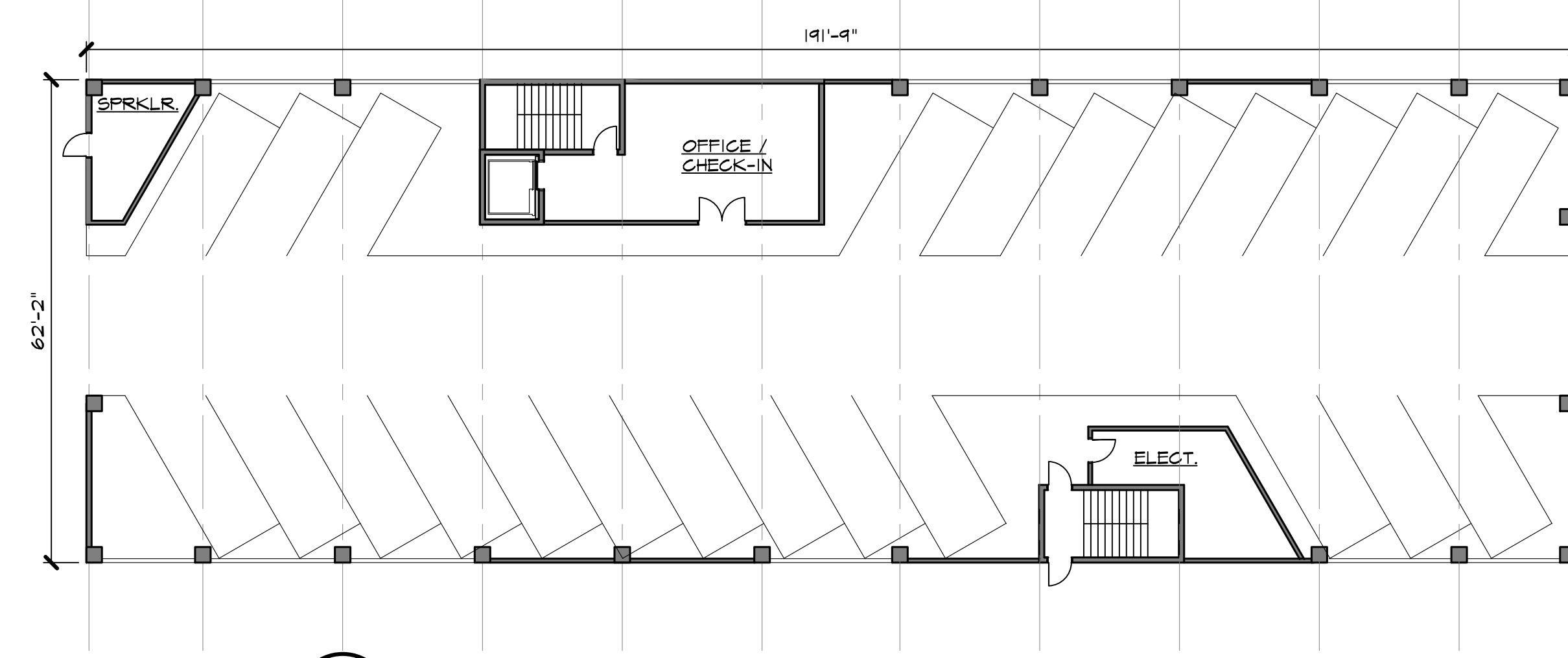
7 END ELEVATION
 A-1 1/16"=1'-0"



3 CONCEPTUAL THIRD FLOOR
 A-1 1/16"=1'-0"



2 CONCEPTUAL SECOND FLOOR
 A-1 1/16"=1'-0"



1 CONCEPTUAL FIRST FLOOR
 A-1 1/16"=1'-0"



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A-2 PERSPECTIVE FROM WALLINGFORD ST.
N.T.S.



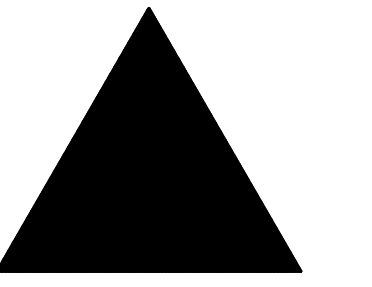
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A-2 PERSPECTIVE FROM LAUREL LN.
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N.T.S.



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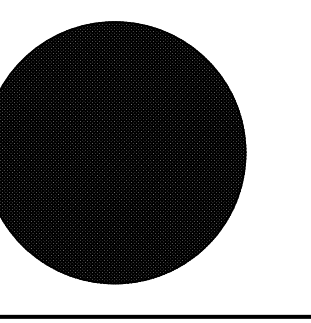
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BUILDING PERSPECTIVES

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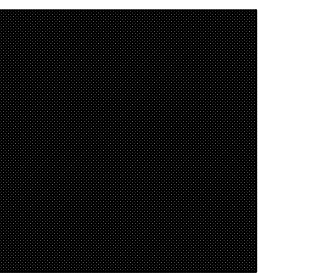
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Staff Report –Regular Agenda Item

To: Mayor Charlie Sellers and the Blowing Rock Town Council

From: Shane Fox, Town Manager

Subject: Blowing Rock TDA Board Appointment

Date: January 11, 2021

Information: The Town of Blowing Rock Tourism Development Board is comprised of a five members Board, one of which is a current seated Town Council Member. After the resignation of the prior TDA Council Member the seat has been vacant. The Town Council should appointment a new Member that will serve a 3-year term beginning immediately.

Attachments: None

Town of Blowing Rock

Request for Council Action

FROM: Jennifer Brown, Director of Parks & Recreation
SUBJECT: Parks Strategy Update
TO: Town Council
DATE: January 11, 2021
REQUESTED BY: Parks Strategy Committee

BACKGROUND:

After the Parks Strategy Committee turned in the PARTF application for Memorial Park, they continued to meet every month through the end of the year, to evaluate and discuss each individual Town Park. Each member has filled out an evaluation form on each park recognizing critical needs, needs, and wants. David Harwood and Shane Fox will give an update.

Staff Report –Regular Agenda Item

To: Mayor Charlie Sellers and the Blowing Rock Town Council

From: Shane Fox, Town Manager

Subject: Three-way Stop at Ransom and Henkel

Date: January 11, 2021

Information: The topic of potentially placing a three-way stop at the intersection of Ransom and Henkel has been discussed by several Town Council Members with staff over the past several months. The intersection is heavily traveled especially during the commuting hours in which it is used for traffic into downtown from US Highway 321 and during school traffic hours, as traffic utilize Henkel to navigate to Chestnut and onto Morris Street. The intersection is similar in layout and topography as the intersection at Green Hill Road and Fairway 11. During the Green Hill Traffic Study, Ramey Kemp and Associates recommended placing a three-way stop at the intersection to allow for traffic to safely turn within the intersection. Staff requests that Council discuss the topic of placing a three-way stop intersection at Ransom and Henkel Streets.

Attachments: None – Staff will pull up the GIS and Google Maps during the presentation.

Town of Blowing Rock

Request for Council Action

FROM: Jennifer Brown, Director of Parks & Recreation
SUBJECT: Broyhill Fountain
TO: Town Council
DATE: January 11, 2022
REQUESTED BY: Village Foundation

BACKGROUND:

Approximately 15 years ago when BRAAC was not an official Town Board, they paid to have a fountain installed in Broyhill Lake as well as the power for the fountain. Over the years the lake has been filling up with sediment from a storm drain, erosion of the banks, and heavy rains washing into the lake. The current fountain is functioning; however, is not functioning at 100%.

The Blowing Rock Village Foundation is wanting to partially fund the installation of a new fountain due to the deterioration of the current fountain. The fountain company chosen not only could provide the fountain but would also be close enough to maintain the fountain. The estimated cost of the fountain, with LED lights, is \$11,500, and this includes removing the current fountain and installation of the new fountain. The Blowing Rock Village Foundation has committed to funding \$6,000 of the fountain which leaves \$5,500 left to be funded.

Attached is the quote for the fountain.