

MINUTES
Town of Blowing Rock
Continued Town Council Meeting
August 18, 2015

The Town of Blowing Rock Town Council continued the Conditional Use Permit public hearing from the regular August 11, 2015 meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting took place at Town Hall located at 1036 Main Street, Blowing Rock, N.C. Present were Mayor J.B. Lawrence, Mayor Pro-tem Albert Yount and Council Members Dan Phillips, Sue Sweeting, Doug Matheson and Ray Pickett. Others in attendance were Town Manager Scott Fogleman, Town Attorney Allen Moseley, Town Engineer Doug Chapman, Planning Director Kevin Rothrock, Police Chief Tony Jones, Building Inspector John Warren, Fire Chief Kent Graham and Town Clerk Sharon Greene.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and announced the continuance of the public hearing on Conditional Use Permit #2015-02 Blowing Rock Medical Park.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. CUP #2015-02 Blowing Rock Medical Park (continued)

Planning Director Rothrock stated before the public hearing started, anyone wishing to speak who was not sworn in by the Town Clerk during the meeting on August 11th be sworn in.

Planning Director Rothrock presented a power point presentation showing photos of the existing site, revised plans, and before and after renderings of the proposed project. He then reviewed changes that were made to the CUP at Council's request such as the changes in location of the main entrance and the handicap parking. Planning Director Rothrock advised that due to the relocation of the handicap parking, there would be 25 parking spaces instead of the originally planned 26 spaces. Planning Director Rothrock also stated a gable would be added to the front of the building.

Mr. Rothrock introduced Project Engineer Dan Shabeldeen to answer questions that Council might have.

Mayor Pro-tem had a question regarding the grade from the handicap parking space that was relocated. Mr. Shabeldeen stated the grade was 2% from the parking space to the building access and met all ADA requirements.

With no further questions, Mayor Lawrence asked if any audience members wished to speak regarding the proposed project.

Albert Coffey, co-owner of 8478 Valley Blvd. located across the street from the project, stated that he and his brother Lewis Coffey felt that an urgent care facility would be an asset to the Town and the location was ideal. He urged Council to vote in favor of the project.

Deborah McDowell owner of the Mountaineer Motel also spoke in favor of the project, stating it was very much needed. She commented that Council needed to be “business friendly” to new businesses coming into the area. She also urged Council to vote in favor of the project.

Chetola owner, Kent Tarbutton commented the architecture on the proposed project was very nice and agreed this was a much needed facility. He also agreed with Ms. McDowell’s comment regarding the need to be “business friendly” to new businesses coming to the area. Mr. Tarbutton asked Council to be supportive of this great project.

Steve Rauchfuss also spoke in favor of the project.

With no further public comments, Council Member Sweeting thanked the applicant for the changes that were made to the project, especially for relocating the handicap parking.

Council Member Sweeting then made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Pickett. Unanimously approved.

Council Member Pickett made a motion to accept CUP #2015-02 Blowing Rock Medical Park as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Yount. Unanimously approved. **CUP #2015-02 Blowing Rock Medical Park – Attachment A**

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

MAYOR _____
J.B. Lawrence

ATTEST _____
Sharon Greene, Town Clerk

ATTACHMENT

[CUP #2015-02 Blowing Rock Medical Park – Attachment A](#)