

## Planning and Zoning Board

### Minutes

Thursday, September 18, 2008

7:00 p.m.

The Blowing Rock Planning and Zoning Board met on Thursday, September 18, 2008 for their regular scheduled meeting. Chairman West called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Debbie diSanti, Ada Webster, Greg Grana, Nelda Miller, Sue Sweeting, Web Alexander and Jim Steele. Staff members present were Planning Director Kevin Rothrock and Administrative Assistant Sherrie Pitts.

Ms. Webster requested a change to the minutes in reference to the adjournment motion, she had not made the motion she did not attend the meeting. (Mr. Grana motioned and Ms Sweeting seconded)

*Mr. Grana motioned to approve minutes with changes. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.*

### Items of Business

#### **Noise Ordinance Amendments**

Mr. Rothrock gave the staff report to the board in reference to noise ordinance amendments. Town Council has asked the Planning Board to revisit the discussions about the noise ordinance dealing with construction noise between the hours of 7 AM to 9 PM every day. There is no restriction in addition to these hours for Sundays or holidays. At the September meeting the Town Council considered the draft ordinance forwarded from last month's Planning Board, which proposed limiting construction noise on Sunday and holidays to hours between 1 PM and 9 PM.

The Council specifically requested that the Board review noise ordinances from other resort communities and consider language that would allow construction noise on Sundays and holidays between 1PM and 9 PM to homeowners only. Another option would be to prohibit construction noise on Sundays and holidays as some resort communities have done. Ordinances and information from other communities was enclosed in Board packets.

Ms. Sweeting commented that she had a problem with the examples because they were private communities.

Mr. Grana mentioned changing the time on Sunday construction noise from 1 PM to 5 PM.

There was discussion on reasonable dates, times and differences between homeowners and contractors. The consensus was homeowners wanting to do work or contractors doing work for them should be allowable within reasonable time frames.

*Ms. Sweeting made a motion to change Ordinance Section 5-1.5 construction and sanitation operation Monday – Friday 7 AM to 9 PM, Saturday from 9 AM to 9 PM, Sunday and Town*

*Holidays 1 PM to 6 PM. Mr. Grana seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.*

**Other Business**

Mr. Rothrock said that a question of banners for community events has been requested for review. He discussed a possible design in the park.

There was some discussion on banners and signs.

Chairman West mentioned instead of a horizontal sign possibly a vertical signs would allow for more that one event displayed at the same time.

Ms. Sweeting questioned why not put banners at the Chamber of Commerce building. She asked if a banner is put up how would people be directed to the information on the event.

Ms. Webster asked why not use the locations on each end of highway 321 at the entrances to town. This would be better visibility to show events happening in town.

Chairman West requested of the board members to poll churches and civic organizations to get a consensus on the use and sharing of banners in the appointed locations.

Chairman West asked if there were any questions or comments on the retail study that was recently done.

**Adjourn**

*Ms. diSanti made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Steele seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.*

With no further business the Planning Board adjourned at 7:56 PM.

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Jim West, Chairman

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Sherrie Pitts, Administrative Assistant