

Planning and Zoning Board

Minutes

Thursday, October 16, 2008

7:00 p.m.

The Blowing Rock Planning and Zoning Board met on Thursday, October 16, 2008 for their regular scheduled meeting. Chairman West called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were, 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. Sweeting made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.

Items of Business

The Planning Board discussed Article III Administrative Mechanisms of the Land Use Ordinance. Recommended changes in Section 16-24 (A) change "December" to March and remove "one member" as secretary. In Section 16-25 of the Land Use Ordinance for the purpose of clarification, change all reference to "Board" to "Town Council".

There was some discussion about the by-laws. Ms. Sweeting requested this topic be tabled until next month.

Mr. Rothrock gave an overview of the Retail Strategy Resolution.

Chairman West stated concern that the Planning Board was unaware of the Retail Strategy Resolution and that it had been adopted. He had comments and discussion on the adoption. Mr. Grana suggested that it should be interpreted as a policy support document. Ms. Sweeting agreed.

Chairman West and Mr. Grana concurred that they would like to know what the role for the Planning Board should be in this strategy. Mr. Steele commented that he would like directive from Town Council on the Planning Board's role. The consensus of the Planning Board is to write a letter to Town Council in regard to directive of the study and how it fits with the powers and duties of the Planning Board.

Mr. Rothrock discussed the 2008 planning tasks and what was happening with each task.

Adjourn

Mr. Grana made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Sweeting seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.

With no further business the Planning Board adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Jim West, Chairman

Sherrie Pitts, Administrative Assistant