

Planning and Zoning Board

Minutes

Thursday, April 15, 2010

7:00 p.m.

The Blowing Rock Planning and Zoning Board met on Thursday, April 15, 2010 for their regular scheduled meeting. Chairman West called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were David Laughter, Greg Grana, Nelda Miller, Sue Sweeting, Web Alexander, Ray Pickett and Brenda Fairbetter. Staff members present were Planning Director Kevin Rothrock and Administrative Assistant Sherrie Pitts. Absent member was Debbie di Santi.

Mr. Grana requested a correction to the minutes, on page 2, change “mad” to “made”. *Mr. Grana made a motion to approve the minutes with changes. The motion was seconded as corrected by Ms. Sweeting. All members were in favor of the motion.*

Items of Business

Telecommunications Ordinance

Mr. Rothrock gave the staff report to the board in reference to proposed changes in the Telecommunications Ordinance. The Town staff, in coordination with Caldwell and Watauga County officials and NC State Highway patrol, is investigating the possibility of placing a communications tower beside the Green Hill water tank. The primary purpose of the tower would be for mounting radio antennas for the State Highway Patrol Viper system and for Caldwell and Watauga County Emergency Services. This is also a good opportunity to allow a wireless communications antenna to attach to the proposed tower. The existing Land Use Ordinance allows non-commercial individual use towers in all zoning districts.

Enclosed in board packets was a portion of the Table of Permissible Uses showing proposed revisions for non-commercial towers.

Ms. Sweeting confirmed there were three towers with 5-6 antennas attached and asked who they belonged to.

Mr. Rothrock stated that they belonged to fire, police, EMS and possibly Watauga County. He commented that the separate antennas would all probably be removed and everything attached to the same tower.

There was some discussion among the board.

Ms. Sweeting made a motion to approve Tower changes to 18.300 as presented. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Other Business

There was some board discussion on subcommittees, seat requirements on subcommittees and scheduling meetings.

At 7:25 Ms. Fairbetter arrived for the meeting.

Chairman West discussed questions on the Action Agenda. He also requested a prepared update for the Action Plan.

With no other questions or comments *Ms. Miller made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Sweeting seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.*

Adjourn

With no further business the Planning Board adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Chairman West

Sherrie Pitts, Administrative Assistant