

## Planning and Zoning Board

### Minutes

Thursday, December 16, 2010

7:00 p.m.

The Blowing Rock Planning and Zoning Board met on Thursday, December 16, 2011 for their regular scheduled meeting. Chairman Jim West called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were David Laughter, Greg Grana, Brenda Fairbetter, Nelda Miller, Sue Sweeting, Debbie di Santi, and Ray Pickett. Staff members present were Planning Director Kevin Rothrock and Administrative Assistant Tammy Bentley, and Sherrie Pitts, former Administrative Assistant. Member absent was Web Alexander.

*Ms. Sweeting made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Miller. All members were in favor of the motion.*

### Items of Business

#### Discussion on Wind Energy

Mr. Rothrock discussed the staff report with the board. The packet included the proposed ordinance to Regulate Wind Energy Systems.

Mr. Grana expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the sub-committee.

Chairman West commented in different areas that the wording was not always consistent. For example, the ordinance allows one wind turbine per property, so why does the ordinance refer to multiple wind turbines in section D (1) (d) and (e)?

Mr. Pickett asked if the singular versus plural wording is a conflict.

Ms. di Santi pointed out that section C (3) supersedes any plurality.

There was discussion on the number of permits required. Mr. Rothrock stated that one permit per property would be required.

There was discussion on the meaning of “ancillary facilities”. Mr. Rothrock explained that these were any other structure that supported the wind generating system. The Board discussed the colors of towers and discussed whether Section D (f) and (i) were necessary.

*Mr. Grana motioned to approve the ordinance as edited, eliminating Sections D (f) and (i) and striking “white” from Section F (4). The motion was seconded by Ms. Sweeting. All members were in favor of the motion.*

Mr. Rothrock updated the Board on the upcoming retreat and the past years projects and accomplishments.

The Board discussed the “stockpiling” of dumpsters and the dead hemlock hedge at Town property on Cone Road. Chairman West asked Mr. Rothrock to pass this concern on to the Town Council.

The Board thanked Sherrie Pitts for her years of service.

*With no further business Mr. Grana made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Sweeting. All members were in favor of the motion.*

**Adjourn**

With no further business the Planning Board adjourned at 8:07 PM.

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Chairman West

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Tammy Bentley, Administrative Assistant