Planning and Zoning Board

Minutes

Thursday, June 16, 2011

5:30 p.m.

The Blowing Rock Planning and Zoning Board met on Thursday, June 16, 2011 for their regular scheduled meeting. Chairman Jim West called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members present were David Laughter, Ray Pickett, Lisa Stripling, Debbie di Santi, Brenda Fairbetter, and Doug Pegram. Staff members present were Planning Director Kevin Rothrock, Administrative Assistant Tammy Bentley. Member absent was David Harwood.

Chairman West amended the agenda to include a public comment period.

Chairman West asked if there were any changes to the minutes. Chairman West asked to change the words "motioned' to "moved" on Page 2, and to change "this input" to "his input in reference to Keith Tester, also on Page 2.

Mr. Pegram made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Laughter. All members were in favor of the motion.

Land Use Ordinance Updates - Definitions

Mr. Rothrock gave the staff report on the Definitions. The Board discussed the Definitions page by page.

The Board agreed to adopt the Definitions with the following changes:

On Page 4, Development, strike "or storage of equipment or materials" at the end of the definition.

On Page 10, Nature Blending Colors, replace Definition with "The Administrator shall maintain a list of approved Nature Blending Colors, as being appropriate for the mountain resort setting of Blowing Rock."

On Page 28, Floodplain, add "and defined differently" after elsewhere.

On Page 35, Watershed, add "and defined differently" after elsewhere.

Ms. di Santi moved to approve this section revision of the Land Use Ordinance. Mr. Pickett seconded the motion to approve as amended. All members were in favor of the motion.

Land Use Ordinance Updates – Commercial Design Standards

Mr. Rothrock gave the staff report on the Commercial Design Standards. The Board discussed the Commercial Design Standards page by page.

The Board agreed to adopt the Commercial Design Standards with the following changes:

Throughout the Ordinance "Central Business" should be preceded by "Town Center and".

On Page 5 at line 31, strike the second "Town Center and Commercial Business Districts" at the end of the sentence.

On Page 6 at line 31, strike the second sentence and add "The Administrator shall maintain a list of approved Nature Blending Colors as being appropriate for the mountain resort setting of Blowing Rock.

On Page 7 at line 21 and line 24, change "should" to "shall".

On Page 11 at line 23, strike the entire second sentence.

Ms. Stripling moved to approve this section revision of the Commercial Design Standards. Mr. Pegram seconded the motion to approve as amended. All members were in favor of the motion.

Discussion of Planning Board By-Laws

The Board agreed to defer discussion of the Planning Board By-Laws until next month.

With no further business Ms. di Santi made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Laughter. All members were in favor of the motion.

Adjourn

With no further business the Planning Board adjourned at 7:00 PM.	
Chairman West	Tammy Bentley, Administrative Assistant