

## **Planning and Zoning Board**

### **Minutes**

**Thursday, May 17, 2012**

**5:30 p.m.**

The Blowing Rock Planning and Zoning Board met on Thursday, May 17, 2012 for their regular scheduled meeting. Chairman Jim West called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members present were David Laughter, Brenda Fairbetter, Ray Pickett, David Harwood, Alice Roess and Lisa Stripling. Staff members present were Planning Director Kevin Rothrock and Administrative Assistant Tammy Bentley. Members Debbie di Santi and Doug Pegram were absent.

Chairman West asked if there were any changes to the minutes. There were none.

*Mr. Pickett made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Roess. All members were in favor of the motion.*

Chairman West asked if there were any items to add to the agenda. There were none.

### **Comprehensive Plan Survey**

Mr. Rothrock updated the Board on the survey. He stated that the sub-committee is not finished, but wanted input from the entire Board. The survey will be numbered in such a way to exclude multiple responses. Respondents will be notified in the June water bill to expect the survey. The survey will be primarily online with the option for a paper survey. He said he will contact NC State to get initial feedback from them, but the survey will be sent to them around July 1<sup>st</sup> and we hope to have the survey out by August 1<sup>st</sup>. NC State will analyze the responses so we have meaningful feedback from the survey.

The Board discussed the best way to survey business owners. Mr. Rothrock said business owners who do not own property in Blowing Rock will have the opportunity to participate and that the Staff can hand deliver surveys to business owners.

The Board then discussed the survey page by page.

Mr. Rothrock said that formatting and numbering errors would be corrected. The Board decided to eliminate the word “modest” from questions 12, 17, 19 and 49, and the word “oversight” from

question 29. Mr. Harwood suggested moving question 20 to 10 (h). Questions 30 and 31 will be reworded to read “I feel safe walking...” and “I feel my property is safe...”. The Board decided to delete questions 27 and move 28 to question 11 by adding “If Yes, what type”. The words “can and” will be deleted from question 46. Under question 48 “Has the installation of the parking decks alleviated any of the parking problem?” will be changed to “Has the installation of the parking decks improved parking?”. The Board decided to eliminate question 51.

Mr. Rothrock asked the Board to email him any other survey suggestions. Chairman West asked Mr. Rothrock to send the survey to NC State for their expert opinion. Mr. Rothrock will check with NC State. If they can't look at it soon, he will have another sub-committee meeting before he sends it to NC State.

Chairman West suggested adding what respondents think the use of the existing Blowing Rock Hospital property, on Chestnut Drive, should be after the facility relocates.

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

**Adjourn**

With no further business the Planning Board adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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Chairman West

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Tammy Bentley, Administrative Assistant