

Planning and Zoning Board

Minutes

Thursday, July 18, 2013

5:30 p.m.

The Blowing Rock Planning and Zoning Board met on Thursday, July 18, 2013 for their regular scheduled meeting. Members present were Ray Pickett, David Laughter, Lisa Stripling and Natalie Bovino. Members Jim West, Alice Roess, Doug Pegram, David Harwood and Debbie di Santi were absent. Staff members present were Planning Director Kevin Rothrock, Administrative Assistant Tammy Bentley and Intern John Smith. Vice Chair Pickett noted that there was no quorum.

The Board discussed the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Rothrock outlined the process with public information meetings scheduled for the last week of August, 2013 and completing the process in the spring of 2014.

The Board discussed the status of several projects in town including the old Cheeseburger property and the new location for Mellow Mushroom. The Board also discussed the progress of the Highway 321 widening process and the fact that businesses on the highway are negatively impacted by the construction.

Mr. Pickett asked Mr. Rothrock if the parking by the Edgewood Cottage could be timed as local workers are parking there all day. Mr. Rothrock responded that those spaces belong to Edgewood Cottage. Mr. Pickett asked Mr. Rothrock to see if there is an answer, since the spaces are being occupied all day by workers and are not available to patrons of Edgewood Cottage or BRAHM.

Mr. Laughter asked for an update on the Town Manager position. Mr. Rothrock said the Town Council is narrowing down their top candidates and plan to meet during the first full week of August to begin the search process.

The meeting ended at 5:50 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Pickett

Tammy Bentley, Administrative Assistant