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Planning and Zoning Board

Minutes

Thursday, January 15, 2015

5:00 p.m.

The Blowing Rock Planning and Zoning Board met on Thursday, January 15, 2015 for their regularly scheduled meeting. Chairman West called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Members present were David Laughter, Lisa Stripling, Alice Roess, Wes Carter, Genie Starnes, and Natalie Bovino. Member David Harwood was absent. Staff members present were Planning Director Kevin Rothrock and Administrative Assistant Tammy Bentley.

Chairman West asked if there were any changes to the December 18, 2014 meeting minutes. There were none. *Ms. Stripling made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Laughter. All members were in favor of the motion.*

Mr. Rothrock updated the Board on the Town Council's decision to send the Amendment to Sign Ordinance for Appalachian Ski Mountain back to the Planning Board for further study. The Council has requested that the Board look at the part of the ordinance for Highway 321 where the speed limit exceeds 35 mph so that the amendment applies to all of Highway 321. Mr. Rothrock added that the zoning sub-committee could meet before the February meeting to further study the amendment.

Mr. Brad Moretz told the Board that the purchase of the property is subject to approval of the sign and that he could not move forward without the approval.

The Board discussed the best way to expedite the process for the applicant and decided to hold an additional meeting prior to the February Town Council meeting. Mr. Rothrock told the Board that he could draft the proposed ordinance by January 29. The Board decided to hold a special meeting on Thursday, January 29th at 7pm to discuss a sign ordinance amendment.

Comprehensive Plan – Priorities List

Mr. Rothrock told the Board that the top 5 list is weighted based on the Board members responses and that the Short Term list is not ranked. He added that the top 5 list were budget driven and that many were in the budget.

The Board discussed both the priorities lists and decided to concentrate on the short term list. The Board also decided that each sub-committee should meet prior to the next meeting to be held on January 29th, to begin working on the priorities lists.

Other Business

*Ms. Roess made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Starnes. **All members were in favor of the motion.***

Chairman West adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Chairman Jim West

Tammy Bentley, Administrative Assistant