

## Planning and Zoning Board

### Minutes

Thursday, October 20, 2016

5:30 p.m.

The Blowing Rock Planning and Zoning Board met on Thursday, October 20, 2016 for their regularly scheduled meeting. Chairman Harwood called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Members present were Kim Hartley, Genie Starnes, Joe Papa, Wes Carter, Mike Page, George Ellis, Natalie Bovino and Lisa Stripling. Staff members present were Planning Director Kevin Rothrock and Planning & Zoning Support Specialist Tammy Bentley.

Chairman Harwood asked if there were changes to the agenda. *Mr. Ellis made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Ms. Stripling. All members were in favor of the motion.*

Chairman Harwood asked if there were any changes to the August 18, 2016 meeting minutes. There were none. *Ms. Starnes made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Hartley. All members were in favor of the motion.*

Mr. Rothrock confirmed the members of the Zoning and Planning subcommittees. Ms. Stripling, Mr. Ellis, Chairman Harwood and Ms. Hartley are on the Planning subcommittee. Mr. Papa, Ms. Bovino, Mr. Carter and Mr. Page are on the Zoning subcommittee.

Mr. Rothrock informed the Board that he had failed to add Cluster Subdivisions to the agenda. He said that these were allowed at one time, but had been removed. Mr. Rothrock said that the Town Council had asked the Planning Board to revisit Cluster Subdivisions.

### Sign Ordinance Discussion

Mr. Rothrock told the Board that the sign ordinance needs to be changed to comply with the recent Supreme Court decisions in *Reed v. Town of Gilbert*, which regulates the content of signs.

Chairman Harwood said the Zoning subcommittee should look at the sign ordinance as signs are under zoning.

The Board discussed the existing sign ordinance. Mr. Rothrock said that now is a good time to carefully look at the ordinance and propose any other necessary changes. Mr. Rothrock asked the Board members to email their thoughts and suggestions to him.

Mr. Rothrock said he would research other communities' ordinances for more information and share with the subcommittee.

Ms. Bovino made a motion to refer updating the sign ordinance to the Zoning subcommittee, seconded by Ms. Stripling. **All members were in favor of the motion.**

### **Cluster Subdivisions**

Mr. Rothrock said he would convene with the Planning subcommittee regarding cluster subdivisions. He told the Board that there are a few tracts of property available in Town that may utilize a cluster subdivision.

Ms. Starnes made a motion to refer cluster subdivisions to the Planning subcommittee, seconded by Chairman Harwood. **All members were in favor of the motion.**

### **Other Business**

Mr. Rothrock updated the Board on several voluntary annexations petitions that were in process. Ms. Bovino told the Board that the patient move date for Chestnut Ridge is November 8, 2016.

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

Chairman Harwood adjourned the meeting at 6:05 pm.

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Chairman David Harwood

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