

## **Planning and Zoning Board**

### **Minutes**

**Thursday, February 21, 2013**

**5:30 p.m.**

The Blowing Rock Planning and Zoning Board met on Thursday, February 21, 2013 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, David Harwood, Doug Pegram, Alice Roess, Debbie di Santi and Lisa Stripling. Staff members present were Town Manager Scott Hildebran, Planning Director Kevin Rothrock and Administrative Assistant Tammy Bentley. Chairman West asked if there were any changes to the minutes. There were none.

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

Chairman West recognized Natalie Bovino as the ETJ member, pending county approval.

### **Installation of Board Members**

Mr. Laughter, Mr. Pickett, and Ms. di Santi were re-sworn to the Board.

### **Land Use Ordinance Amendment – Blowing Rock Appearance Advisory Commission**

Mr. Rothrock gave the staff report. The Board discussed the amendment. Ms. Roess, a current member of the Appearance Advisory Commission, said that the Commission does not meet monthly and suggested changing Section 16.3.6.2 to read “shall meet as needed”.

*Ms. Roess made a motion to approve the amendment with the meeting times revised. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stripling. **All members were in favor of the motion.***

### **Other Business**

Mr. Rothrock gave the Board a “state of the Town” update. He asked if all members had looked at the survey results available online. The Town plans to hire an outside consultant to assist with the visioning meetings with plans to revise the Comprehensive Plan by the end of this year or early next year.

The Board discussed the 321 widening project and Mr. Rothrock informed the Board that Up on the Hill planned to request an extension of their CUP from Town Council. He also told the Board that new construction for single family homes was picking up. There have been 3 new homes permitted since last fall and more were in the “pipeline”. He also updated the Board on the status of the Salt Bin and Wastewater Treatment Plant jobs.

Ms. di Santi asked if anything could be done to the gully (across from Meadowbrook Inn on Main Street) created by the recent torrential rains. Mr. Hildebran said that NCDOT is responsible and thought it would be addressed as the widening project progresses.

Chairman West reminded the Board that next month the new member will be sworn in and asked that members think about sub-committee assignments. He also stated that Ms. Bovino will participate in an orientation and encouraged members to participate. Mr. Rothrock will notify the members of the orientation date and time.

*With no further business Ms. di Santi 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 6:15 p.m.

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Chairman West

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Tammy Bentley, Administrative Assistant