BANNER ELK PLANNING BOARD WORKSHOP
MONDAY, 07 JULY 2014
MINUTES

Members Present: Allen Bolick, Will Mauney, Martha Laura Miller, and Penny VonCanon

Staff Present: Zoning Administrator Cheryl Buchanan, Town Manager Rick Owen

Others Present: Rebecca Bolick, Robert Casey, Dave Coutts, Dick Evans, Tony O'Harrow, Mr. & Mrs. Hoffman, Dave Ramsey, Fred Schmidt, Ted Silver, Richard and Tina Taylor, Michael Vacca, Charlie B. VonCanon, Jr.

Vice-Chairman Penny VonCanon called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. There were not enough members present to have a quorum.

The meeting was called to order and there was an explanation of what could and could not happen at the meeting due to the fact that there wasn't a quorum. There were several people from the community that had come to voice their concerns about the possibility of a planned residential development going in at Elk Creek.   Time was granted for each community member to speak and ask questions of the Board and the Zoning Administrator.

Those who spoke were Dave Evans, Tony O'Harrow, Rick Taylor, and Michael Vacca.

There were several questions that staff felt should be answered by the Town's Attorney, Four Eggers. These questions were:

Can the Town cut out the small section that encloses the two multifamily units and rezone that? The Zoning Administrator stated that she did not feel this was a wise planning practice.

There was some question that Planning Board Member Will Mauney would be a conflict of Interest since he lives adjacent to this development.

Can the existing multifamily buildings be grandfathered in? Can they get a variance for these two buildings?

If a member cannot be present, can they teleconference in?

A meeting was tentatively scheduled for the next day at noon, dependent on obtaining answers from the Attorney and if all the members could be present. Mrs. Buchanan was to confirm this with all parties.

Meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Buchanan, Zoning Administrator, Town of Banner Elk