

BANNER ELK PLANNING BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, 03 AUGUST 2015
MINUTES

Members Present: Allen Bolick, BR Hoffman, Will Mauney, Meredith Olan, Joel Owen, Penny VonCanon

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

Others Present: Rebecca Bolick, Bill Dicks, Lauren Foster, Ted Silver, Charles B. VonCanon, Jr.

Chairman Joel Owen called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. The Chairman opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag and noted that there was a quorum present.

Consideration of the June 2015 Minutes

Chairman Owen asked if anyone had changes to the minutes from June 2015. Penny VonCanon moved to approve the minutes as submitted. BR Hoffman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Ordinance Amendment – New Zoning District – Civic Zoning District

Zoning Administrator Cheryl Buchanan introduced a new zoning district to the Planning Board. Ms. Buchanan said the old school property needs a zoning district that would allow the town, or any other government entity, to operate a property as any other landlord.

The language was reviewed by the Zoning Administrator and she advised the Board that the Town's Attorney had seen the text and had approved it with a few changes indicated in red. Included was additions to the table of uses, density requirements and steep slope density requirements. Will Mauney moved to recommend to Town Council to call for a Public Hearing to amend the Zoning Ordinance to add a new zoning district, the Civic Zoning District, and its associated language to the applicable sections. Allen Bolick seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Penny VonCanon moved to copy the setbacks and density requirements for the M/E and G/O to the CZD in Tables 308-2 and 308-3. BR Hoffman seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Rezoning of Historic Banner Elk School Property

Joel Owen moved to recommend to Town Council to call for a public hearing to rezone the Historic Banner Elk School property to CZD. Meredith Olan seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

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After much discussion, the Board decided to table this topic. The census of the Board is that they would like to see a visual of 500NIT before making a commitment to that number. Ms. Buchanan said she would contact the rep tomorrow to see if she can get them to come to Banner Elk and make a presentation on the brightness of the lights.

Meredith Olan moved to table this until the September 2015 meeting and the representative can make a presentation. Penny VonCanon seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

With no other material for the meeting, Meredith Olan moved to adjourn. BR Hoffman seconded the motion. Everyone was in agreement and the meeting came to a close at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully,

Cheryl Buchanan, Zoning Administrator.