

JACKSON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

MINUTES

Date: August 10, 2023								
Time Begin: 6:02 p.m.								
Time End: 6:56 p.m.								
Location: Department on Aging, Heritage Room								
Members	Present	Absent		Present	Absent		Present	Absent
Emily Moss	X		Nathan Shepherd	X		Thomas Taulbee	X	
Sandy Davis	X		Ollin Dunford		X	Beverly Crespo	X	
Brian Barwatt	X		Joyce Cooper	X		Elmer Rhodie Humbert	X	
Adam Holt		X	Ken Brown		X			

Staff Present:

Michael Poston- Planning Director
 Anna Harkins- Planner I
 Allison Kelley- Administrative Assistant III

Call to Order and Quorum Check

Chairman Thomas Taulbee called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and a quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda

Joyce Cooper made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Elmer Rhodie Humbert seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

Nathan Shepherd made a motion to approve July 13, 2023 minutes as written. Beverly Crespo seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Greg Galloway: Mr. Galloway stated he grew up in Cullowhee and was the last graduating class of Cullowhee High School but now lives in Tuckasegee. He stated the Board had recently passed some new regulations on cell towers, and was interested to know if there were any plans to try to coordinate efforts for more coverage in the areas where there is no service.

New Business

a) Development regulations discussion

Mr. Poston stated they discussed in detail at the last meeting the County’s development regulations. He inquired how the Board wanted to move forward with looking into potentially updating and modernizing some of these development regulation standards. Nathan Shepherd inquired if they should begin looking into updating signage in the County. Mr. Poston stated they could start having conversations regarding any of these topics the Board wants to prioritize and develop a work plan to move through these topics.

Beverly Crespo inquired if the general state statute 160D would be a guiding document. Mr. Poston stated the state legislator passed G.S. 160D that is our enabling statutes that tell us what counties are allowed to do and options in managing land development. He stated everything

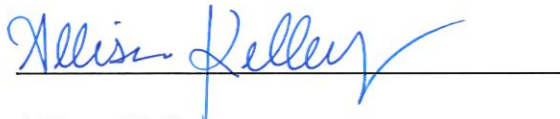
that is in G.S. 160D was allowed in the old G.S. 153A with some changes of merging the counties enabling statutes that were housed in G.S. 153A. In addition, he stated these statutes give municipalities, cities, and counties certain powers. Ms. Crespo inquired if the Board could review G.S. 160D to discuss at the next meeting. Mr. Poston stated they could and staff would send out the link for the document to the Board to review and discuss at the next meeting. In addition, he asked the Board to move their regular scheduled October meeting from the 12th to the 16th as staff will be out of town at a conference. The Board unanimously agreed to move the meeting date to October 16th.

Ms. Harkins stated she is still working on finalizing the Outdoor Lighting Ordinance, which will be forthcoming to the Board at a later meeting. Currently, CodeWright Planners is working on a Cashiers ordinance rewrite where modern lighting would be addressed that we may want to incorporate within this ordinance.

Adjournment

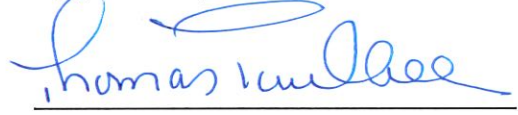
With no further business, Nathan Shepherd made a motion to adjourn. Elmer Rhodie Humbert seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Submitted by:



Allison Kelley
Administrative Assistant – Planning

Approved by:



Thomas Taulbee
Planning Board Chairman