

Planning Board
September 10, 2012
Council Chambers
Minutes & General Account

Planning Board Members Present: Eddie Oakley Vice Chair, Art Wise, Sarah Glanville, John Capes (Alternate for Kerry Miller), John Fete (Alternate for Dot Perdue)

Lynn Montgomery, Town Council Liaison

Staff Present: Chuck Smith and Martha Wolfe

Visitors Present: Carol Brooks of the Jamestown News

1. Call to Order – Eddie Oakley called the meeting to order. Oakley stated that Kerry Miller was unable to attend the meeting. Therefore, Oakley will preside over the meeting.
2. Approval of minutes from January 9th, 2012 meeting of the Planning Board and the Town Council and approval of minutes from the Regular Planning Board meeting January 9th, 2012 – Art Wise made a motion to approve the minutes as written. John Capes made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
3. Public Hearing to consider amendment to the Table of Permitted Uses in the Land Development Ordinance – The Town Manager stated that Matthew Johnson was unable to attend this meeting due to medical reasons. Smith presented the amendment to the Land Development Ordinance. This amendment is to allow a Police Station in the Industrial (IND) district. This change requires an amendment to the Permitted Use Table to allow the use of Police Station in the IND Zoning District.

The Planning Board reviewed the zoning district map and the industrial zoning districts. The Town Manager stated there is great interest in opening a Sheriff's Office on Hillstone Drive which is zoned industrial.

Oakley officially opened the Public Hearing. There was no one present to speak for or against the amendment. Oakley closed the Public Hearing.

Planning Board Member John Capes made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to the Table of Permitted Uses to allow the usage of Police Station in the Industrial Zoning District (IND). Art Wise made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Smith stated this Planning Board recommendation will be given to the Town Council at the September meeting. The Town Council will be asked to set a public Hearing date for the October Council meeting.

4. Public Comment Period – There was no one present to speak.
5. Other Business – Oakley stated the Town Manager has some business to present to the Planning Board regarding the 2020 Land Development Plan. Smith stated the 2020 Land Development Plan was developed in 2007. He recommended to the Planning Board a review of this Plan. His suggestion was to review several chapters at each monthly meeting. He stated minor revisions could be made to the LDP to bring it up to date. However, any major changes to the Plan would need to go through the Public Hearing process and Council approval.

The Planning Board members agreed to this process. The first assignment is to read and review pages 1-25 and discuss at the October 8th, 2012 meeting.

Still under other business, John Capes asked for an overview of the East Fork Rd. Pedestrian Bridge Project. Smith stated this project is still one that the Town is working on the design and funding. This has been discussed for many years. The budget for the project came in at over a million dollars, far exceeding the Town's budget. Staff continues to work with HPMPO, City of High Point and Guilford County to seek joint funding for the project.

Still under other business, Martha Wolfe handed out a brochure from State Employees Credit Union (SECU). She reported that Town volunteers, including Boards & Commissions, are eligible to become members of the Local Government Federal Credit Union. The LGFCU is housed in the SECU building. They recently opened a new building on High Point Rd. If any Planning Board member is interested, please go to the Credit Union for information.

Art Wise made a motion to adjourn. John Capes made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 6:50 pm.