

Minutes of a called meeting of the Town of Marion Board of Zoning Appeals held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building on May 5, 2011 at 5:15 p. m.

PRESENT: Chairman Cameron Wolfe, Larry Carter, Dr. Henderson Graham, Bill Buchanan and Bill Smith, Board members; Zoning Administrator/Secretary Cecil Hicks; Deputy Clerk Cindy Stanley.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM: The meeting was called to order with 5 members present. The board has a quorum.

MINUTES: Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Dr. Graham and vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, the minutes from the October 14, 2010 meeting were approved as written and distributed.

VISITORS: Sam Kiser, Gina Glenn Cole, Richard David Cole, Alice Freeman, Isaac Freeman, Scott Simpson, Lindy White and Samantha Archer.

REQUEST TO INSTALL (BY VARIANCE) A LARGE TEMPORARY SIGN ON THE SITE ON NORTH MAIN STREET FROM MOUNTAIN STATES HEALTH ALLIANCE: Mr. Hicks reviewed the request with the board members. The sign is already installed. It will remain in place until completion of the new hospital. Discussion ensued. Mr. Carter moved that the variance be approved, the motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and by a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, the motion was approved.

REQUEST FOR A 19 FOOT VARIANCE TO THE FRONT YARD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT SETBACK ON A 20 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY FROM THE COUNTY OF SMYTH. ARTICLE 11.5 SETBACK REGULATIONS. Mr. Hicks reviewed the request with the board members. Representative for Smyth County, Mr. Sam Kiser, Thompson and Litton, spoke about the request. Mr. and Mrs. Cole, adjacent property owners spoke in opposition to the variance. However, after the presentation from Mr. Kiser, the property owners were satisfied that their best interest will be protected. Discussion Ensued. Mr. Smith moved that the variance be approved, the motion was seconded by Dr. Graham and by a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, the motion was approved.

Chairman Wolfe stated that Dr. Henderson Graham's term will expire on 9/13/11. Town Council has determined that Board of Zoning Appeals members have unlimited terms. Dr. Graham may serve another term if he so chooses. Dr. Graham indicated he would be interested in serving another term.

Chairman Wolfe recommended a regular meeting be scheduled for October 2011 to elect officers.

Upon motion, duly seconded and a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairman

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Secretary