

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Marion Planning Commission held in the Municipal Building at 5:15 p. m. on May 14, 2012.

INVOCATION: Mr. Hicks rendered the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Wolfe called the meeting to order.

VISITORS: Charles Wassum.

PRESENT: Chairman Cameron Wolfe, Larry Carter, Alice Freeman, Ben Reedy, Jim Barker, Town Engineer Cecil Hicks, Deputy Clerk Anita Catron, Town Attorney Mark Fenyk, and Lieutenant Rex Anders.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Ramsey and Dan Surface.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM: The meeting was called to order, and with 5 voting members present, the Commission has a quorum.

MINUTES: Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Barker and vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, the minutes of the last meeting held April 9, 2012 were approved as written and distributed.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY: No Report.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES: No Report.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: No Report.

REVIEW OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Chairman Wolfe stated this was a review of the Comprehensive Plan, so they may make suggestions and changes. He then asked for any comments from commission members. Discussion ensued. A list of suggested changes was compiled for Mr. Armbrister. After discussion, Mr. Hicks was asked to contact Ms. Sally Morgan with Smyth County, and request she meet with Commission Members to discuss how the Town and Smyth County can work together to accomplish some of the goals in the Comprehensive Plan. Commission Members would also like for Mr. Armbrister to attend the next Planning Commission meeting to review these requested changes.

REPLACEMENT FOR MR. LARRY CARTER: Chairman Wolfe reminded members that Mr. Carter has been elected to Town Council, and will be leaving Planning Commission. Members will need to make recommendations for someone to replace him. Mr. Fenyk stated that Mr. Carter may attend the June meeting because he will not go on Council until July 1st. He also stated that Mr. Carter can no longer serve on The Board of Zoning Appeals.

INFORMATIONAL LETTER FROM MOUNT ROGERS COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD: Mr. Wolfe informed commissioners of an informational letter from Mount Rogers Community Services Board. Mr. Wolfe stated he would excuse himself from this part of the meeting because of a possible conflict of interest. With the absence of Vice-Chairman Ramsey, he asked for nominations for someone to act as chairman in his absence. Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Barker and a vote of 4 AYES and 0 NOES, Mrs. Freeman was voted Chairman. Mrs. Freeman began review by reading the letter from Lisa Moore,

Executive Director Of Mount Rogers Community Services Board. This letter was a clarification from the Mount Rogers Community Services Board Office, stating their standing as a Healthcare provider with Medicaid, Medicare and other Commercial Insurance companies they bill, and receive payment from, for services provided. Mrs. Freeman then requested Mr. Hicks and Mr. Wolfe to review other information with Planning Commission from Mount Rogers Community Services Board concerning changes they are making on the property. Mr. Hicks had a new site plan draft for members to review, and asked Mr. Wolfe to discuss certain changes to the property layout, and the reasons for these changes. The trash containers will be moved over to allow for trash trucks to enter the site. To the back of the building, they plan to put a gazebo or accessory building to allow for a smoking or break area for employees. They will also be making changes to allow for an ambulance area, and plan to put asphalt over a existing gravel parking area and a new entrance that will allow for better ingress and egress. Mr. Hicks asked if these plans also include a fence around the lots that are not currently buffered with trees to separate this from any neighboring property. Mr. Wolfe explained how this will be done. Discussion ensued. After discussion, Mrs. Freeman inquired why these site plans were presented as this is on property that belongs to Mount Rogers Community Services Board, and what type of action is required by the Planning Commission. Mr. Wolfe stated this was for informational purposes only, and no action was required by the Planning Commission. Mrs. Freeman stated this would be accepted as an informational presentation that calls for no vote, and requested a copy of the letter from Ms. Moore be placed with the minutes. Mrs. Freeman then turned the meeting back to Chairman Wolfe.

Chairman Wolfe reminded members to have a list of recommendations to replace Mr. Carter ready for the next meeting. He asked for Mr. Hicks to have Mr. Armbrister attend the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2012 at 5:15 p.m.

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

Chairman

Secretary