

TOWN OF BEECH MOUNTAIN
Planning Board Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2014
Beech Mountain Town Hall

Call to Order:

Board Member Pete Chamberlin called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM and acted as Chairman. Other Board Members present were John Hoffman, Max Riley, and Mike Chase. Also present, Town Manager, Randy Feierabend.

Pete welcomed Mike Chase aboard, filling the remainder of Matt LaVigne's term. Mike and Max are to be given a copy of the Long Range Plan.

Adoption of Agenda:

The agenda was adopted with the addition of Banners.

Approval of Minutes:

John made a motion to approve the October 28, 2014 minutes as presented; Max seconded and was carried unanimously.

Public Comment Period:

There were no public comments.

Dimensional Requirement Table Changes:

Randy explained there had been concern of changes to the Building Codes but no changes to the references for frontage and height (a recommendation of changes to Dimensional Requirements was provided). There was discussion.

Max made a motion to accept both amendments as proposed, to rectify the Codifiers Municipal Code error and reference the correct code section; motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Modification of Tree Ordinance:

There was discussion of tracts larger than 5 (five) acres. Jess Scott had recommended adding (E) to Section 154.359 Exemptions, to the Tree Ordinance. This does not allow clear cutting (more than 50%, equally distributed across the tract).

Max made a motion to add (E) to Section 154.359 of the Tree Ordinance; motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Electric Fences:

There was discussion of existing electric fences. Randy recommended researching further.

John made a motion to Table. There was no second.

John made a motion to ask for a moratorium from Town Council on electric fences for 180 (one hundred eighty) days to research further.

Architectural/Aesthetic Requirements for Commercial Corridor:

Commercial requirements were adopted.

Comprehensive Plan:

Randy suggested waiting for new Planner. Pete asked the Board Members to review the Long Range Plan and bring suggestions of what to concentrate on next.

Randy also recommended for the Planning Board to get a regular report from the new Planner to keep Department Heads on task and to be informed and able to implement the Comprehensive Plan.

Other Business:

- Directional Banners

These will be used for the Beech Mountain Club, Beech Mountain Resort, Buckeye Recreation Center, and several trail heads to help visitors get around. Randy and Mike explained the concept and reasoning behind possibly installing these banners. Mike said they are on hold until they get the okay from Mountain Electric to install the banners on the power poles. There was discussion.

- Next Planning Board Meeting January of 2015

Adjournment:

John made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 AM; motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dara Barnes