

MOUNT JACKSON
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
September 3, 2015

Chairperson Good called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed the guests. Commissioners in attendance included: Mses. Diehl, Fadely, A. Miller and Messrs. Hackenbracht and Hand. Kevin Fauber, Town Manager was also present.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

MINUTES- Commissioner Hand MOVED, seconded by Commissioner Fadely, to APPROVE the minutes of the July 6, 2015 Regular Meeting.

VOTE:

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NAY

ABSENT

Commissioner Bowyer

Commissioner Diehl

“ Fadely

“ Hand

“ Hackenbracht

“ A. Miller

5 AYE, 1 ABSENT, motion carried

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Chairperson Good, Consultant Mr. Milt Herd, and Kevin Fauber sketched out a plan during a previous online conference call on the investigation of the current Comprehensive Plan. Two committees will be formed: the Task Force committee will include some Council members and some Commissioners. This group will serve as a Board of Directors. A Revision/Focus committee will also include some Council members and Commissioners as well as town and county volunteers and businesses owners forming a diverse group. The importance of a survey was mentioned. Commissioner Diehl will look into Survey Monkey as a possible resource to gather this data. It was determined that while the entire 2006 Comprehensive Plan needs to be looked over, only specific chapters need to be revised. The Commissioners agreed to work on specific chapters: Environment & Conservation- Commissioner A. Miller, Land-Use Design-Chairperson B. Good and Town Government & Community Facilities-Commissioner Hackenbracht.

Kevin Fauber reported that a letter has been received from Steve Baker, member of the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors. This letter was supportive to the town on the recent decisions of annexation. “The town is doing the right thing, (legally)”.

Mr. Fauber also reported that Carrie Chenery from Shenandoah Valley Partnership offered help from an economic standpoint from herself and staff. This would be a good resource for the town. The Northern Shenandoah Valley Commission can also be a strong resource for data especially hard to get data from small towns.

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: Variance request to Section 66-201 has been granted to Holtzman Oil Corporation to demolish the old laundry mat building and replace it with a new building attached to the existing garage. The footprint of the building remains the same.

Commissioner Hackenbracht gave the Town Council report. "In regard to the Water Treatment Plant, Town Council will hold a public hearing September 8, 2015 on a bond issue with VRA loaning the town \$700K. It is expected that council will approve this then it will go out to bid. It is hoped that the plant will be a functional entity this time next year."

Kevin Fauber included that the street light globes have been set and the connection to power has been made. This completes the project for this phase.

The sidewalk project at Orkney Drive near the funeral home has been approved. Waiting on the contractor. In regard to the big sidewalk project, VDOT wants borings placed into Rt. 11 in the culvert area near 7-Eleven. A request has been made to VDOT to waive these requirements.

A mid-October opening is the goal for Family Dollar.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: None

Commissioner Fadely MOVED to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Hand.
Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Submitted:

Heather M. Taylor, Town Clerk