

Mount Jackson
Planning Commission Special Meeting (Joint Public Hearing)
May 12, 2020

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Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Mount Jackson Planning Commission was held May 12, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the council chambers at 5901 Main Street. Vice-chair Anita Miller called the meeting to order remotely through Zoom. Commissioner Jim Hines was present; Commissioner Dennis Andrick attended electronically through Zoom. Chairman Larry Ambrose and Commissioner Evelyn Burner were absent. Also, in attendance, Neil Showalter, Town Manager; Joseph S. Paxton, Consultant; and Debbie Stover, Town Clerk. Dave Moore from Cornerstone Technology was present to video record the meeting. There were no visitors.

Joint Public Hearing

Ordinance O-06-2020 to Amend Chapter 66 Zoning, Sections 66-1 through 66-390 and Sections 66-426 through 66-510 of the Code of the Town of Mount Jackson to Update and Streamline the Town's Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Showalter reminded the public, they are welcome to submit questions or comments on the Towns website link <http://www.mountjackson.com/speaker-card-online/>, or email townoffice@mountjackson.com, or mail to the Town of Mount Jackson, PO Box 487, Mount Jackson, VA 22842. The submissions for tonight's hearing(s) are due by May 26, 2020.

Mr. Paxton stated there were two changes from the joint work session on April 23. First, in Table 1 in Section 66-32 is regarding the setback in the A-1 district. It was proposed to be 100 feet to encourage agricultural character in that area. However, it was discussed in the work session, that the areas currently zoned A-1 were annexed into the Town and a number of those areas already have structures within the 100 foot setback. Mr. Paxton stated staff informally asked the Planning Commission and Council who generally agree, to revise that setback to 50 feet for the proposed ordinance. Second, in discussions with Councilmember Good, staff agreed that the definition of basement was unclear. It is revised in the draft ordinance to be defined as "a story completely underground or partly underground and having 50% or more of its height below grade. Also, the exposed wall area shall be counted towards the height restriction."

There were no public comments.

Mayor Pifer closed the public hearing.

Vice-Chair Anita Miller called for adjournment of the Planning Commission, motion by Commissioner Andrick, the Planning Commission meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Commissioner Andrick			
Commissioner Miller			
Commissioner Hines			
			Commissioner Burner
			Commissioner Ambrose

3 AYES, 2 ABSENT, motion carried

Submitted by: Debbie Stover, Town Clerk