

MINUTES OF THE WHITSETT PLANNING BOARD

May 7, 2024

Whitsett Town Hall

The meeting of the Whitsett Planning Board was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 7, 2024, at the Whitsett Town Hall. Those in attendance were Planning Board Chairperson Karen Horne, Board members Lane Williamson, Milton Covington, Tyler Harris, Bob Handwerk, and Dr. Matt Martin, Council Member Liaison Craig York. Also in attendance was Barbara York, Town Clerk. Patrick Hickey also joined us. He has applied to be an alternate and we are waiting for Council approval.

Planning Board Chairperson Karen Horne called the meeting to order at 6:00, noted that a quorum was present and asked for a volunteer to do the invocation. Milton Covington gave the invocation.

REGULAR MEETING

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Chairperson Karen Horne asked if there were any speakers from the floor and there were none.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Adoption of April 2, 2024, Minutes

- Chairperson Horne asked if there was a motion to approve the April 2, 2024, minutes. The motion to accept the minutes was made by Planning Board Member Milton Covington and seconded by Board Member Dr. Matt Martin. The minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Review and Adoption of Development Ordinances Article 5 Changes

- Chairperson Horne reviewed that the Board had started the discussion on this topic last month and asked the Board members to review these to streamline the minor subdivision process before tonight's meeting. She had emailed everyone a copy that was updated to what Guilford County has approved. Our attorney has reviewed this also and has made some corrections. After some discussion, Council Member Lane Williamson made a motion to adopt the revisions to the Development Ordinances, Article 5, subdivisions and procedures which define minor subdivision processes and major subdivision processes. Council Member Milton Covington seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed Nuisance Ordinances

- **Abandoned / Junk Vehicles**
- **Nuisances and Abatement on Private Property**

Chairperson Horne also emailed the Board some nuisance ordinances as seen above that she had found during her research regarding some of the town issues that the Board has been debating while being addressed. The Board members have discussed the need to have private residents who have junk cars and unkept yards to get them cleaned so the community of Whitsett can look inviting and kept up. The Board discussed what constitutes a messy yard or too many junk cars, as well as who is going to enforce these ordinances. At this time, the Town does not have the money budgeted to hire an enforcement officer. This topic has been discussed many times in the past and no one has produced any proposals as to what we can do about this issue. This Board did discuss some kinder ways of getting citizens to comply with these issues such as contacting the owner and saying we noticed an issue on their property and the Town could suggest a company that may be able to help the citizen with the problem. Chairperson Horne will report to the Town Council what we would like to see happen in our community (example: Enforcement Officer) to resolve this problem.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Planning Board member Milton Covington made a motion to adjourn. Tyler Harris seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Whitsett Planning Board is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 6:00p.m. at the Whitsett Town Hall.

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Chairman Karen Horne

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Vice Chair Person Lane Williamson