

1 **COLUMBUS PLANNING BOARD**  
2 **Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
3 **Thursday October 10, 2013**  
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5 The Town of Columbus Planning Board met on Thursday, October 10, 2013, at 4:30 p.m., at the  
6 Columbus Town Hall, 95 Walker Street, Columbus, North Carolina.  
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8 **Board Members Present:** Kathleen Nowakowski  
9 Mary Shambaugh  
10 Joan Scoggins  
11 Jimmi Buell  
12 Bevin Corbin

13 **Board Members Absent:**  
14 Chris Rome

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16 **Staff Present:** Jonathan Kanipe, Town Manager  
17 Devon LaFromboise, Town Clerk  
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19 **ROLL CALL AND RECOGNITION OF QUORUM**  
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21 The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. A roll call was taken and the Chairman  
22 acknowledged all present except Chris Rome. Mrs. Scoggins made a motion to approve the minutes of  
23 the June 13, 2013 meeting as written, Mrs. Shambaugh seconded the motion, motion carried.  
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25 There were no public comments.  
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27 **Electronic Gaming Terminals:**

28 Manager Kanipe gave the Planning Board some background regarding the Electronic Gaming Terminals.  
29 The purpose of a new ordinance is to cap the maximum number of gaming terminals in each location. Due to  
30 litigation in areas of the state, the Town of Columbus had to reduce the privilege license cost, thus opening the  
31 door for additional terminals. There are two restrictions being considered: cap the number of terminals at 6  
32 machines per location and requiring one parking space per machine. Parking schedules already exist so any  
33 change would be an amendment to the ordinance. Some terminals will be grandfathered in due to existing  
34 operation. Manager Kanipe asked the Planning Board for thoughts and questions regarding the gaming terminals.

35 Mrs. Nowakowski inquired about current terminal operations. Manager Kanipe briefly reviewed the  
36 history and current operation of the terminals. Mrs. Shambaugh and Manager Kanipe discussed the use of the  
37 Burger King/Shell Station and how parking would be considered for both the gas station and the restaurant.

38 A draft copy of the ordinance should be available for review during the November Planning Board  
39 meeting. Operation of these gaming machines is still dependent on the decisions of the District Attorney's Office.  
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41 **Soil and Erosion Control Program:**

42 The Town of Columbus does not have the staff to maintain and enforce a soil and erosion control  
43 program. The Town Council has approved an interlocal agreement with Henderson County to allow  
44 Henderson County to administer the program. This will ensure proper enforcement for compliance and  
45 safety. Manager Kanipe feels this will allow Columbus to keep local control of the program.

46 Mrs. Shambaugh questioned the application of the program in conjunction with Polk County.  
47 Manager Kanipe went into a detailed discussion of the relation with Polk County and explained how the  
48 interlocal agreement is viewed as more of an outside contractor who provides services to the Town.  
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50 **Handmade in America Program:**

51 Manager Kanipe reviewed the Handmade in America Town of Columbus Assessment that was

1 released in September. The assessment was a comprehensive review of the Town and included ideas on  
2 how to move forward with the program. There will be different meetings for the various programs led by  
3 Handmade in America in the coming months. These meetings will be advertised and open to public.  
4 This is a long term project for the Town.

5 Ms. Buell and Manager Kanipe expounded on some of the success stories shared through the  
6 Handmade in America Program.

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8 Bevin Corbin introduced himself, gave a brief background of his service in the U.S. Army, his  
9 carpentry experience, and his thoughts of town development.

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11 Ernie Kan gave a historical account of the writing of the strictness of the soil and erosion  
12 program. The strictness was to prevent further erosion issues.

13 There being no further business, Mrs. Scoggins made a motion to adjourn, Mrs. Shambaugh  
14 seconded the motion, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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18 Kathleen Nowakowski  
19 Chairman

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23 Clerk