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COLUMBUS PLANNING BOARD

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Monday, March 9, 2015

The Town of Columbus Planning Board met on Monday, March 9, 2015 at 4:00 p.m., at the Columbus Town Hall, 95 Walker Street, Columbus, North Carolina.

Board Members Present: Mary Shambaugh
Bevin Corbin - Alternate
Chris Rome
Joan Scoggins

Board Members Absent: Jimmi Buell
Kathleen Nowakowski

Staff Present: Timothy J Barth, Town Manager
Bailey Nager, Town Attorney
Devon Gosnell, Town Clerk

ROLL CALL AND RECOGNITION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 p.m. A roll call was taken and the Vice Chairman acknowledged all present except Jimmi Buell and Kathleen Nowakowski. Mr. Rome made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2015 meeting as written, Mr. Corbin seconded the motion, motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Consideration of Approval of Zoning Amendment Secion 154 to Add Donation Boxes

Manager Barth explained to the board that Attorney Nager removed some unlawful wording. By law, the town cannot restrict the boxes to only allow nonprofit organizations to place them out for collections. The town must allow donation boxes for profit and nonprofit organizations.

Mr. Rome made a motion to recommend the ordinance amendment allowing donation boxes to the Columbus Town Council, Mrs. Shambaugh seconded, motion carried.

The Planning Board went into closed session.

Mr. Rome made a motion to approve the closed session minutes as written, Mr. Corbin seconded, motion carried.

The Planning Board returned to open session.


Mrs. Scoggins asked Manager Barth why the ordinance was needed at this time. Manager Barth explained that there have been 2 issues with donation boxes. One box was left at the Food Lion parking lot next to Macon Bank and the other box is now located at the Valero gas station at the Round-a-bout.

Mrs. Scoggins initiated a discussion regarding the Tryon International Equestrian Center. She felt all the planning boards should get together and have a tour of the center. Manager Barth will contact Kathy Ruth to coordinate a tour of the facility on a Monday or Tuesday within the month of March.

49 Mr. Corbin initiated a discussion regarding the signage at the Round-a-bout. He felt the signs are getting
50 too big and are becoming a distraction. Manager Barth will contact the local office of the Department of
51 Transportation to find out about their removal.

52 Town Clerk Gosnell asked Mr. Rome if he would be willing to continue to serve on the Planning Board.
53 Mr. Rome agreed to serve an additional two year term. Town Clerk Gosnell asked Mr. Corbin if he
54 would be willing to continue to serve as an alternate for the Planning Board. Mr. Corbin agreed to
55 continue to serve for a one year term. Town Clerk Gosnell will contact Kathy Nowakowski and ask if
56 she would also like to continue her term as Chair.

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58 There being no further business, Mr. Rome made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Corbin seconded the
59 motion, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

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