

Agenda
May 7, 2024

REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN OF COLUMBUS
BOARD OF PLANNING AND ADJUSTMENT

RULES FOR PERSONS ADDRESSING BOARD MEMBERS

1. Each speaker will identify himself or herself by giving his or her **name and place of residence**.
2. Each speaker will be limited to speaking one time on any topic. When you are finished speaking, please step away from the podium and be seated.
3. Each speaker will be limited to **three (3) minutes** and each group's representative will be limited to a **maximum of ten (10) total minutes**. Each group is encouraged to designate a single spokesperson for their group.
4. Each speaker will confine himself or herself to the general question before the Council and avoid irrelevant comments.
5. Each person entering the Council Chamber will wear a mask until they get to their seat.

PUBLIC MEETING
(6:00 PM)

Planning Board

1. Planning Board Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Approval of the minutes of the April 2, 2024 Regular Planning Board Meeting.
 4. Discussion regarding a subdivision plan that will be submitted soon.
 5. Board Member Comments
 6. Adjourn
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1 **COLUMBUS PLANNING BOARD & BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS**
2 **Minutes of Regular Meeting**
3 **Tuesday, April 2, 2024**

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5 The Town of Columbus Planning Board and Board of Adjustments met on
6 Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 6:09 p.m. in the Columbus Town Hall Council Chambers.

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8 **Roll Call**

9 Mark Blanton, Chairman
10 Ernie Kan, Voting Alternate Member

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12 **Staff Present:**

13 Timothy J. Barth, Town Manager
14 Stephanie Serrano, Administrative Assistant

15 The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. A roll call was taken, and Chairman, Mark Blanton
16 acknowledged all present with the exception of Chairwoman, Cathy Elliott, Board Member,
17 Marshall Watkins, Board Member, Virginia Green, and Board Member, Jimmi Buell.

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19 **Approval of the minutes of the March 5, 2024, Regular Planning Board Meeting**

20 Mrs. Kan recommended changing line item#46 to “Mr. Barth stated that it is probable the
21 company would both finance and *sell* the homes”.

22 Mrs. Kan recommended changing line item#46 to “Mrs. Kan stated that *she is concerned* that
23 these homes will resemble the home developments in Boiling Springs, where trees are clear-cut,
24 and identical homes are placed next to each other.”

25 Mrs. Kan recommended removing the *duplicated sentence* located in line items #106-109.

26 Mrs. Kan recommended *adding a space* between line item #98 and line item #99.

27 Mrs. Kan recommended changing line items #118-119 to “Mr. Barth added that *both tanks will*
28 *be capable of holding a total of a million gallons, each holding the* capacity of 500,000
29 gallons”.

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31 **Discussion Regarding Preliminary Potential Housing Plan**

32 There were no matters for discussion, and no comments were made.

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34 **Board Member Comments**

35 Mrs. Kan asked whether individuals without land ownership could request special permits.
36 Mr. Barth stated that special permits could only be requested by the landowner, stating that those
37 without land ownership were ineligible to make such requests. Mrs. Kan asked about the lack of
38 enforcement of a special permit request in regards to the area behind the coffee shop, Open
39 Road, at 915 West Mills Street, Columbus, NC. Mr. Barth stated that in this specific scenario,
40 these individuals had the opportunity to buy the land, allowing them to make specific requests.

41 Mrs. Kan asked if there was an expiration for participation in the Planning Board class. Mr.
42 Barth stated that the class remains active as the law is continually evolving. Mr. Barth added that
43 legal changes occur every 4 to 5 years, but assured that he would check when the class would be
44 offered again.

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46 There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Blanton made a declaration to
47 adjourn at 6:22 PM.

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Mark Blanton, Chairman

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Stephanie Serrano, Administrative Assistant

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