**Caswell County Planning Department**

**Planning Board Meeting**

January 23, 2018

Members Present:

Russell Johnston *Chairman,* Michael Poteat *Vice-Chairman*, Keith Blalock, Ron Richmond, Don Swann, Ray Shaffner, and Steven Harris.

Members Absent:

Jason Daniel and Bill Carter

Mr. Johnston called the meeting to order at 1:01pm, and welcomed everyone.

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Harris moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Blalock. The motion carried unanimously.

Election of the 2018 Chair and Vice-Chair

Mr. Johnston opened the floor for nominations for Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Caswell County Planning Board.

Mr. Blalock nominated Mr. Johnston for Chairman

Mr. Harris moved to closed nominations for Chairman, seconded by Mr. Swann. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Swann and Mr. Blalock nominated Mr. Poteat for Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Johnston moved to close nominations for Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mr. Harris. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

There was no public comments

Approval of October 2017 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Swann moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Harris. The motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business

UDO Review-Articles 5 & 6

Article 5

Ms. Denison asked the Board if there was anything they would like to add to the Articles, if there is anything missing, or if any new definitions needed to be added. With time there would be a need for more definitions because in the future there would be more development in the area and things should be more defined.

Mr. Johnston questioned if there had been anyone interested in bed and breakfasts. Ms. Denison replied no.

Mr. Johnston questioned Mr. Harris if he had received any updates on the stocking of the red drum. Mr. Harris replied they were planning on stocking in October 2017, but there was no evidence that they had.

Mr. Johnston question about the Industrial Facility in the UDO and if are there any interest. Ms. Denison replied that there are no interest but there could be interest in the near future.

Mr. Johnston suggested if there was any interest or if there was an issue to bring it back to the Board.

Ms. Denison informed the Board had interest in the old country store in Leasburg as far as wanting to re-open it, and it might need to be rezoned to Recreation Business District. Mr. Johnston asked what the proposed use. Ms. Denison replied that it would likely be “Sale of souvenirs, fishing equipment, food and drinks, sporting goods, and gasoline and oil”. Mr. Johnston stated that this would be great for the County, and the area. Ms. Denison stated that she did not think there would be any issues with it, because it was originally a store in the past. Her only concern might be with parking. Mr. Harris stated that it should not be an issue they have plenty of space for parking.

Article 6

Ms. Denison asked the Board if they thought if anything was too restrictive, and if anything needed to be added or changed. Mr. Johnston stated that they didn’t see an issue with Article 6.

Article 7

Ms. Denison opened the floor for discussion on Article 7, Nonconforming Situations. Ms. Denison said her main interactions with this portion of the UDO were with lot size or layout for existing lots. Mr. Johnston asked what if the lot was already platted before the ordinance. Ms. Denison responded that it depends on what they are doing and the location. Mr. Johnston asked new construction has to go through building inspections first. Ms. Denison replied yes.

Mr. Johnson suggested in order to give the Board more time to review Article 7 and they would go over it at the next Board meeting.

Article 9 Part VI

Ms. Denison stated that she and Donnie Powell had been working on the County’s Cluster Development for The Cottages at Hyco which is adjacent to The Harbor subdivision. Ms. Denison said that the UDO required Environmental Health’s approval but the signature on the plat had not been included as a certificate when the UDO was adopted. Ms. Denison recommended adding a Certificate to the UDO for that purpose. Mr. Johnston stated that it sounds like as a formality that Environmental Health will approve. Ms. Denison stated yes this is a way to protect the buyer of lots, by saying they have they have the potential to meet the requirements of Environmental Health.

Mr. Poteat motioned to approve proposed amendment to Article 9, Part VI. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shaffner. The motion carried unanimously.

Planning Board Updates

Construction on Highway 86

Ms. Denison went over a brief summary of the construction of NC Highway 86 that was addressed at the previous Planning Board meeting. Ms. Denison said that she and Mr. Owen had been in contact; and attended several meetings with the DOT, and the Town of Yanceyville trying to prioritize projects. Ms. Denison said in addition to the approved NC Highway 86 North projects, there is potential for improvements on NC Highway 86 South. Mr. Johnston stated that he saw a survey crew on Highway 86 North and questioned if they were in the process of starting construction. Ms. Denison replied yes they normally contract out for surveying for acquiring right-of-way and it could be a year or more before construction beings.

Benshae Metals

Ms. Denison stated that she had been in contact with Benshae Metals, and they are still in the process of cleaning up. She is hoping to go over to visit next week, and make sure they are meeting all their proper requirements. She hopes to update the Board at the next meeting. Mr. Blalock stated it seems like things are starting out on the right foot. He asked Ms. Denison if they are considering putting in a turning lane because people in the community had complained about the traffic. Ms. Denison replied not that she was aware of but she will mention it to them.

Other Business

Mr. Johnston asked Ms. Denison if she had a list of state organizations who give grants. Ms. Denison replied that she does not have a potential list but she would try to get a list. Also she stated she does a lot of work with Cori Lindsay the Economic Developer for the County. Mr. Johnston stated that in the past the Board would help local businesses, or help bring in businesses; that’s something he would like to see at the next Board meeting.

Ms. Denison informed the Board that she had been attending meetings with Danville and Pittsylvania County and they are very pleased with the Caswell Creator Network and its success thus far.

Mr. Johnston asked Ms. Denison to please keep the Board updated on new projects.

Adjournment

At 1:32pm Mr. Swann moved, seconded by Mr. Harris to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

*Ashley Kirby, Administrative Assistant, prepared the minutes above.*