

**Town of North Wilkesboro
Planning Board Minutes
February 13th at 5:30 pm**

Members Present: Church, Cox, Nichols, Turner, Queen and Long

BOA Present: Casey, Matthews, Hawn, Wilborn

Also Present: Meredith Detsch, Planning Director, Michael Parsons Board of Commissioner, three applicants- Holly Minton, Robert Hicks and Tim Byrd.

Chairman Church called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Motion to dispense the reading of the minutes and approve the January 16th 2020 rescheduled regular meeting minutes was made by Danny Long, seconded by Martha Nichols, and was unanimously approved 6-0.

Chairman Church called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Amy Cox moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ken Turner and was unanimously approved 6-0.

New Business:

Chairman Church explained each applicant would have five minutes to explain why they think they would be the best candidate for the vacant seat on the board. The first applicant is Robert Hicks. Mr. Hicks presented to the board his experience with Lowe's Home Improvement and working with them for many years. He had been the applicant presenting to the Planning Board versus a member as his experience with the board. He is willing to help any way he can and help bring development into the area. His other experience he brings is owning rental property and working with the Towns regarding those.

The next applicant called up to present was Tim Byrd. Mr. Byrd explained he has several rental properties in the Town and is experienced with the community. He explained he is a quick learner and has dealt with the Town also through his rental properties. He is quick on his feet and can be brought up to speed quickly.

The last applicant present at the meeting was Holly Minton. Holly explained she managed David's Car Care, her father's car business. Before working there, she focused on the non-profit sector and earned a Master's in Public Administration. Her undergraduate degree was political science. She volunteered with the High Country Community Health Board. She explained she is excellent at researching based on her schooling background and understands government and bureaucrats. She also explained she would bring a different perspective as she was potentially the youngest member and has grant writing experience.

The last applicant was not at the meeting. The board discussed tabling the item until they could also hear from him. Martha Nichols moved to table the item until they could interview the last candidate and Ken Turner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

The next item on the agenda was the introduction of 160D, updates to the Zoning Ordinance. Meredith Detsch explained that the state government was combining the two enabling legislative statutes into one chapter, 160D. County government 153A and Municipal government 160A would be combined into the new 160D. The state has given all governments one year to update

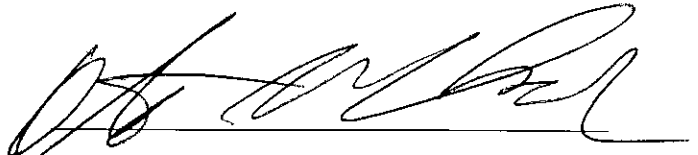
their Zoning Ordinance and year and a half for the Comprehensive Plan. The Town of North Wilkesboro just recently updated their Comprehensive Plan so only minor references would be needed. If the Town did not have a Comprehensive Plan they could either create one or would lose authority to have a Zoning Ordinance per the new statute. A checklist was given to all board members outlining the changes. Quick references were mentioned including age of mobile homes, Board of Adjustment and Planning Board updates and Historic Districts which will not apply to the Town currently. The board asked Meredith to bring more examples at the March meeting and to hold a workshop in the near future too. The board looked over the staff reports and wanted updates to some of the housing cases which Meredith provided.

With no further business, Chairman Church called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Martha Nichols moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 pm and Ronald Queen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Respectively submitted,

Meredith Detsch, Planning Director





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Martha Nichols, Planning Board Vice-Chairwomen