

Town of Burnsville
Planning Board Meeting 10-17-11

On October 17, 2011 the planning board held a meeting at town hall. In attendance were board members Randy Banks, Jayme Maier, Chuck Aldridge, Harrison Tyner, and interim chairman Dean Gates. Also in attendance were public works director/planning board secretary Anthony Hensley, Division of Community Assistance Planner Ron Hancock, council member Ron Powell, and others.

Interim chairman Dean Gates called the meeting to order. Chuck Aldridge made a motion to approve the minutes, and Randy Banks seconded, with all approving.

Dean Gates spoke about his research of the signage rules along the North Carolina scenic by-way.

Ron Hancock asked members to introduce themselves and talk about their experience. Then he updated the members that were not present at the September 29, 2011 meeting.

Dean Gates asked that public comment be moved to the top of the agenda for all meetings.

Members Chuck Aldridge and Harrison Tyner took the oath of office and were sworn in by Minnie Powell.

Public comment: Lucy Doll thanked the members for stepping forward. She said she had attended most of the council meeting since starting the alcohol sales campaign 2years ago. Ellen Denker spoke on behalf of NCSTEP and the historical preservation. Armin Wessel said big box stores can fit our look if we had design standards. He also asked the board to keep the dark skies moving. Ron Powell gave an update on the NCSTEP program.

Randy Banks nominated Harrison Tyner as permanent chairman. Tyner respectfully declined. Chuck Aldridge nominated Randy Banks and Randy respectfully declined. Chuck Aldridge made a motion to elect Dean Gates as chairman. Harrison Tyner seconded the motion, and all approved. Randy Banks made a motion to elect Chuck Aldridge as vice chairman. The motion was seconded by Harrison Tyner, and all approved.

Following a discussion, and due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the board decided to have their next meeting on Monday November 14, 2011 at 6:15 in the upstairs board room of town hall. Chuck Aldridge made a motion to set a planning board training date and time of Saturday December 3, 2011 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm at the town hall. The motion was seconded by Randy Banks and all approved.

Chuck Aldridge asked to whom NCSTEP questions could be directed and Ron Powell volunteered to field them.

Randy Banks suggested that part of the training be riding around town in a group to look at our issues. He asked staff to coordinate a transportation van for this event.

Chuck Aldridge asked about the town's interest in looking at annexation, or if they were currently doing so. A discussion followed.

Directives and work plan for next meeting: 1.) Sign ordinance review 2.) Commercial district ordinance review.

Chuck Aldridge made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Harrison Tyner, and all approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Anthony Hensley, Planning Board Secretary