

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 17, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

Acting Chairman Ed Sabo called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Commission members, Bonnie Crawford, Mike Mertz, John Thomas, and Steven Boughter. Also, in attendance were Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Bauman, Director of Code/Zoning Ken Roberts, Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Eric Ness, Jared Harris, Matt Hess, Aaron Eldred, Andy Keister, David Hill and Ron Wery.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by S. Boughter, seconded by B. Crawford and voted on unanimously, the minutes from the November 19, 2020 meeting were approved.

Vacancy Discussion

The commission interviewed Jared Harris and Aaron Eldred for the open position on the Commission. Mr. Harris is the director for MVRN student housing and stated that he would like to help things happen in Bloomsburg. Mr. Eldred is a recent graduate of Bloomsburg University with a concentration in Environmental Planning.

Engineer Discussion

Barry Isett, Inc submitted a letter of interest in the position of engineer for the planning commission. K. Bauman stated that he felt that Greg Hass and Carbon Engineering has done a very thorough and fair job. Motion to retain Carbon Engineering as the planning commission engineer was made by B. Crawford, seconded by S. Boughter and voted on unanimously to retain.

Mullberry Mill Apartments – Land Development

Submission Date: 12/17/20 – Ninety Day Deadline: 3/17/2020

Deadline for Action – Planning Commission by: 2/18/21 – Council 2/22/21

Andy Keister spoke as lead engineer for CSG development. The project consists of the construction of a four-story apartment building on 2.2 acres built for senior occupants. A crosswalk was discussed at Jefferson Street crossing W. 6th Street. Comments from Columbia County planning and Carbon Engineering have not been received as of this meeting. Therefore, no action was taken.

Lucille Strausser Lot Incorporation

Submission Date: 12/17/20 – Ninety Day Deadline: 3/17/2020

Deadline for Action – Planning Commission by: 2/18/21 – Council 2/22/21

This plan is a simple lot incorporation, comments have not been received from Columbia County Planning Commission. Therefore, no action was taken.

Comprehensive Plan Discussion

The commission discussed the update of the Town's comprehensive plan. There are two items that will need completion before the comp plan is amended. One is new 2020 census data that will be required, and the other is the certification of the floodwall. Staff will research possible grant funding through DCED to help with the process.

Chairman and Vice-Chairman Positions

Motion was made by B. Crawford, seconded by S. Boughter and voted on unanimously to retain Rick Bogar as commission chairperson.

Motion was made M. Mertz, seconded by B. Crawford and voted on unanimously to retain Ed Sabo as commission vice-chairperson. E. Sabo abstained from the vote.

Kyle Bauman updated the Commission on the letter that Town Council issued in support of CSG project at the Campese property at the top of Franklin Avenue. Mike Mertz stated he has concerns with the ingress and egress for any project in that area.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Notes taken by Christine Meeker & Lisa Dooley.