

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 29, 2023 10:00 A.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS & ZOOM MEETING

DIAL: +1 646 558 8656 US & INCLUDE THE MEETING ID: 456-920-3798 & PRESS#.

JOIN ONLINE AT: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4569203798>.

Committee responsibilities - Code Enforcement and Zoning, Future Zoning, Housing, Planning, Preservation/HARB, Downtown, Comprehensive Plan and Strategic Plan.

Committee Members: Toni Bell (Chair), Jim Huber and Nicholas McGaw.

Citizens to be heard:

1. Discussion of CRS educational piece- Charles Fritz. Document will be provided at the meeting.
2. Discussion if Council would like to hold a dumpster day in Bloomsburg.
3. Review of the code enforcement active status report from 10/01/2019- 8/28/2023. Note: will work with the software to provide on one page format.
4. Review of the code enforcement permit report from 8/01/2023- 8/28/2023.
5. Update on the food truck ordinance- Michael Reffeor.
 - Discussion of roving.
 - Discussion of alcohol.
6. Approval of the minutes from the 7/25/2023 meeting.
7. Review of the flood task force minutes from 8/23/2023.

Old business:

8. Pre-approved housing structures- on hold with zoning changes.
9. Buyout plan- received mapping back from LIVIC Civil, SEDA-COG's input (8/30).
10. Open garbage containers- legal. Direction from Committee on 7/25/2023.
11. Commercial buildings- third monitoring ordinance- legal. Direction from Committee on 7/25/2023.
12. NSR/ RRU ordinance- legal.
13. Fire alarm system- September Council meeting.

Next meeting: September 20, 2023.

8/1/2023 - 08/28/2023

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2023151	8/24/2023	Zoning	Fencing yard at gate at 712 Poplar St	10,000	05E02 22800000	712 POPLAR ST
2023150	8/24/2023	Zoning	Replacing 3 gates on 708 Poplar St	10,000	05E02 22900000	708 POPLAR ST
2023145	8/25/2023	Building	Construction of above ground pool 38 x 18	18,500	05E18 00800000	214 HEMLOCK LN
2023142	8/25/2023	Building	Interior Renovation to add 4 offices in open work space for new realtor agency	3,000	05W03 22103000	420 W FIFTH ST
2023139	8/21/2023	Demolition	Demo Residential house and place property into the recreation park use of Town owned property	9,600	05W09 01001000	416 FORT MCCLURE BLVD
2023137	8/2/2023	Zoning	Replace existing concrete sidewalk/steps with new stone/pavers in same footprint.	8,000	05E01 04000000	170 E ELEVENTH ST

Permit Report

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MOORE MICHAEL J & DAWN	217 WILSON AVE
ANSTADT STEPHEN	708 POPLAR ST
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MCDEAVITT JAMES DAVID	214 HEMLOCK LANE
BLACK BEAR LP	23 LONG VIEW DR
BENSON ADELAIDE L	416 FORT MCCLURE BLVD
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2023132	8/7/2023	Building	Fix/repair a existing deck	7,000	05W03 15300000	525 WEST ST
2023131	8/1/2023	Building	-Remove metal ridge vent. - Repair 2 rotted depressions and buckled shingles in the ridge area. - Install a new shingle ridge vent to prevent future issues.	1,800	05E05 15900000	375377 FETTERMAN AVE
2023125	8/4/2023	Building	Renovation of pizza shop for new pizza shop. Front counter, existing furnace replacement with ductwork, fire barrier, glass door, commercial front seating area with roll up garage door	23,913	05E04 01301000	5860 E MAIN ST

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MVRN TWO LLC	PO BOX 1059
DAVIS SCOTT	525 WEST ST
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Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 25, 2023 10:00 a.m.
Town Hall or via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., present were Council Members Toni Bell, Nick McGaw, Jim Huber, Jim Garman, Vince DeMelfi, Manager/ Secretary/ Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Director of Code Enforcement Mike Reffeor, Fire Chief Scott McBride, Director of Governmental Services Charles Fritz and Administrative Assistant Christine Meeker. Also present were MJ Mahon, Cleve Hummel, Dawn Moore, Michael Burger, Courtney LoPiccolo.

Ed Sabo came before the Committee to discuss the proposed zoning ordinance rewrite. Following is a list of issues that may warrant further review. 1. The proposed MX1 district does not allow for student housing. 2. Expansion of housing to include the ability to "build up" in the MX1 district had been stopped by the limitation of building height. 3. Parking of RV's on a residential lot must be looked at, owners must be allowed to plug in their vehicles to charge batteries, equipment, etc. 4. Commercial vehicle parking requires discussion, owner/operators parking their vehicles.

Michael Burger from SEDA-COG updated the Committee on the 2023 Fair Housing exercise program, Tool Kit Welcome Back will kick off on August 11-12, 2023. The program will consist of distribution of information to municipalities and service organizations that will then be posted on social media, libraries, websites and printed. This will provide information to help with housing issues such as landlord/tenant problems, LGBTQ issues, etc.

Discussion of garbage and trash throughout the town continued from the April meeting. The Committee would like to move forward on recommending lids on dumpsters that must be closeable and fencing and screening of trash receptacles. Recycling requirements would include cardboard to be placed in a container or bundled and extra pickups following events such as block party, homecoming or move in/out weekends.

The Committee reviewed the code enforcement active status and permit reports for the month.

M. Reffeor requested direction from the Committee on the allowing of food trucks/ice cream trucks to be roving versus set up in a certain spot. Committee would like to see pros and cons for discussion at the next Committee meeting.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, the Committee approved the minutes from the May 30, 2023 meeting with no corrections.

Flood task force minutes were reviewed with no action required.

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, the Committee recommends Council approve the update to the fire ordinance.

Discussion of monitored panel alarm systems in commercial buildings has come up again due to a problem at a commercial residential structure. Chief McBride stressed the importance of fire alarm systems that have the ability to automatic call out to a third party in the event of a smoke/fire/heat event. On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, the Committee recommends Council move forward with the solicitor review and prepare the ordinance for enactment.

It is the general consensus of the Committee to proceed with applying for the next round of multimodal grants for the 7th Street rehab and Market Street connectivity projects.

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

Notes taken by Christine Meeker, reviewed by Lisa Dooley.

TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG FLOOD TASK FORCE

Minutes 8-23-23

Members present: Charles Fritz, Kyle Bauman, Ryan Eck, and Eric Stahley.

The meeting was called to order by Charles Fritz at 12:00 p.m.

The minutes of the 5-10-2023 Flood Task Force were reviewed and approved.

Website review- The Committee reviewed a new website www.nationfloodservices.com formerly floodtools.com which provides flood insurance information for carriers, agents, and homeowners. A link will be added to the Town's flood page. Another good resource www.suppliesforemergency.com discusses buying a house in a flood zone.

Know your line – The Committee reviewed a national campaign of community signage that depicts the height of the highest flood event in the community at various locations throughout the community. The Committee would like to revisit the proposal to do this given by Barry Isett again.

New recertification date – C. Fritz noted that the 5 year recertification has been rescheduled for January 11, 2024.

Siren Test- Note to follow up with Police department about the annual test of the flood alert sirens and voice commands. Normally this is scheduled for the Monday after the Fair.

Table top exercise - the required annual table top exercise of a flood event must be planned and scheduled.

Mapping – C. Fritz noted that a new Repetitive loss map has been made. E. Stahley noted that FEMA is hosting a meeting on the updated FIRM on Tuesday September 5th 10:00 a.m. at Sawmill Road.

PPI outreach- The Committee reviewed the PPI plan of outreach for compliance. Current outreach to all citizens in the calendar (mail in December), a direct mail letter to the RL areas extending to the entire SFHA (to be mailed in September), a direct mailer to Levee Protected properties (planned for October), outreach to Realtors (done in the spring), planned table top handouts at Community days and the Bloomsburg Fair.

Updates: R. Eck noted that the 30 day wait period for flood insurance is unless it is due to a loan closing. A new owner can get flood insurance for the new home at the time of the closing. R. Eck also noted adding a word to beware the flood insurance required with a home mortgage is typically only enough to cover the loan amount on the property to satisfy mortgage company interest. Additional coverage may be needed to provide adequate reimbursement to the homeowner for contents and more. K. Bauman would like to expand the information of the type of development that requires a flood permit (short or long form). K. Bauman brought up the possibility of conducting a walk and talk with homeowners during flood awareness week next year to bring information to homeowners or renters about the flood hazard. C. Fritz noted that community outreach on flood zones and flood insurance was done on August 1, 2023 at the National Night Out event.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m. The next Flood Task Force meeting will be tentatively scheduled for October 10, 2023 12:00pm at Town Hall and through Zoom.