Town of Beech Mountain

Planning Board Minutes
September 5, 2006

Call to Order

Chairman Paul O'Connell called the meeting to order at 9:20 am. Other Board Members present were Adolfo Sanmartino and Andy Porter. Also present were Mayor Rick Owen, and Town Council member Gil Adams.

1. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was accepted as presented.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman O'Connell moved to approve the August 1, 2006 minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Porter, motion carried unanimously.

3. Sign Ordinance

The Board discussed implications of changing various aspects of the sign ordinance. All board members agreed that the town needed more explicit instructions about colors that can be used, materials signs can be constructed from, and most importantly a defined color scheme for backgrounds of signs because the term earth tone is too vague. Mr. Sanmartino agreed to look into color palettes that represent the colors the term earth tone was intended to imply.
Mr. Sanmartino moved for the Board to work on the sign ordinance, seconded by Mr. O'Connell, motion carried unanimously. Board Members agreed to discuss Ordinance changes and additions at the next meeting.

4. Open Burning Ordinance

Chairman O'Connell explained that the open burning ordinance was discussed last meeting. Staff reported that North Carolina Law is more stringent than the current Open Burning Ordinance the town has adopted. Mr. Porter expressed concern over how residents will dispose of brush that is normally burned. Mayor Owen explained that the town has a chipper that could be used. After discussion, Chairman O'Connell moved to recommend to Town Council, to prohibit open burning in the town, seconded by Mr. Sanmartino, the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further business, Mr. Sanmartino moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. O'Connell, motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted

Keith Cook
Secretary to the Board