

Minutes 01/13/2020
The Town Of Hot Springs, NC
Planning & Zoning Board
Board of Adjustments Meeting
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Board members present Jeff Jameson, Julie Hochwender, Lisa Hicks, Ben Houser, Mildred Shelton, Tim Arnett. Karen Kiahana present for training

Meeting called to order @ 7:05 pm by Ben for planning and Zoning.

Minutes presented by Julie for December 09, 2019 meeting canceled November 11, 2019 for holiday. By laws state we have to have a quorum of three for vote see section 3 sub section B in ordinance and applications. Julie called for Minutes approval, first by Lisa second by Jeff for all in favor.

Old Business:

Food truck vending is tabled for more information.

Solar Farm: Julie updated the board that Ron the town attorney will be reviewing the situation at hand and advise what direction the town will need to move forward in.

New business: Ben asked for meeting agenda time for public comment and agenda comment for all board meetings have a specific amount of time to speak. Public comment 2 minutes and agenda 5 minutes with Conditional use aloud 20 minutes. Ben asked for approval Tim first Jeff second . Ben asked about looking into ordinance being amended with pictures for some situations. Julie proposed ordinance being revised as well or rewritten in light of outdated rules and the new GS Chapter 160D which will be updating references to provisions in GS Chapter 160A and 153 and combining them together in the 160D. Julie stated the new chapter will have to be integrated into our ordinance by no later than January 01, 2021. Karen commented that our ordinance is back from 2014 and rewriting or revision should be looked into. Karen would be able to help with that process in the future.

Sandra Land from US Cellular presenting why we need a tower in Hot Springs. She needs everyone to call into 888-944-9400 technology department. Lots of protocol needed for states and counties. Reception being the issue in our area. The top of tower has been damaged and taken off, the current tower is not properly functioning, they are fighting for a new tower. Abby Norton asked Sandra why so we need a new tower when we have one. Sandra responded with the tower was damaged several years ago and has not been repaired which is why you are seeing less service for your area. Jeanne Gentry asked if they can talk with reporter, Sandra said they will have to look into what falls within their marketing and legal guidelines as to what they can do. Tim asked if they can put out a flyer she said they can look into that. Julie asked if 2G is out she said yes. Also was Google Fi going to play a part in looking into expanding the network. They are not sure of all the perimeters as this time.

Planning and zoning meeting called to order by Ben at 7:30 all in favor Board of Adjustments had no new or old business. Called to order at 7:39 Tim first Lisa second