

# Chatham County Planning Board Minutes February 5, 2013



The Chatham County Planning Board met in regular session on the above date in the Henry H. Dunlap, Jr. Building Classroom, Pittsboro, North Carolina.

Members present were as follows:

Present:

Karl Ernst, Chairman  
B. J. Copeland, Vice-Chair  
Philip Bienvenue  
James Elza  
Tom Glendinning  
Mike Grigg  
Dwayne Howard  
Donna Kelly

Absent:

Deepa Sanyal  
Cecil Wilson  
Philip Canterbury

Planning Department:

Jason Sullivan, Planning Director  
Angela Birchett, Zoning Administrator  
Kimberly Tyson, Clerk to the Board

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Glendinning delivered the invocation and afterwards the Chairman invited everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Ernst called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

The clerk stated that a quorum was present to begin the meeting (8 members).

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

See Item V. below.

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: Consideration of a request of approval of the January 8, 2013 Planning Board minutes.

Board members had no objections to above items IV. and V and were considered approved as submitted.

VI. PUBLIC INPUT SESSION: Fifteen-minute time of public input for issues not on agenda. Speakers limited to three minutes each.

There were no requests to speak at this time.

VII. ZONING AND ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS:

Public hearing request by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners to amend Sections 7.2, 10.5, 10.6, 10.7, 10.8, 15.4, and 15.11 of the Zoning Ordinance to (1) establish standards for off-premise directional signs in the zoned areas of the county for businesses, churches, parks, historic properties, schools, and other places of public assembly and (2) provide a reduction in building setbacks in business zoning districts with permission of the adjoining property owners and when the adjoining property has the same zoning classification.

Mr. Sullivan reviewed the agenda notes on amending Sections 7.2, 10.5, 10.6, 10.7, 10.8, 15.4, and 15.11 of the Zoning Ordinance and reviewed agenda notes on reducing the building setbacks in business zoning districts. He gave a brief history of off-premise directional signs and spoke about building setbacks in business zoning districts.

Board discussion followed.

Motion to approve:

Mr. Copeland made a motion; seconded by Mr. Glendinning to separate the request into two sections. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously (8 members).

Motion to approve:

Mr. Copeland made a motion; seconded by Mr. Grigg to approve staff recommendation to amend Sections 7.2, 15.4, and 15.11 of the Zoning Ordinance to establish standards for off-premise directional signs in the zoned areas of the county for businesses, churches, parks, historic properties, schools, and other places of public assembly. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously (8 members).

Motion to approve:

Mr. Copeland made a motion; seconded by Mr. Elza to postpone reductions in building setbacks in business zoning districts with permission of the adjoining property owners and when the adjoining property has the same zoning classification, until March 5, 2013 meeting, allowing staff to present additional information. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously (8 members).

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

No reports were submitted.

IX. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

1. Minor Subdivisions/Exempt Maps

Mr. Sullivan referred to the report that was included in the packet.

2. Chatham County Board of Commissioners Public Hearing

Mr. Sullivan stated that a public hearing for a cell tower will be held at the February 18, 2013 Commissioners' meeting.

X. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

1. Election of Planning Board Chair and Vice-Chair

