

**Town of Pittsboro
Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2009**

Members Present-Chairman Ken Hoyle, Freda Alston, Harold Howard, Jimmy Collins, Karl Shaffer, Ethel Farrell

Call to Order- Chairman Hoyle called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Approval of July 16, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes-Alston made a motion to recommend approval. Farrell seconded. A vote was taken; unanimously approved.

New Business

1. Moratorium 2009

Monroe stated that the Planning Board needed to reconsider the Moratorium that is set to expire in October 2009. Monroe made a recommendation to the Board to approve the moratorium based upon the current state of the wastewater system capacity levels. **Farrell made a motion to recommend approval, Collins seconded. A vote was taken; unanimously approved.**

2. Land Use Plan Discussion

Monroe stated that there has been a lot of information gathered regarding the Land Use Plan and Mr. Paul Black from Triangle J Council of Governments would be speaking about this topic in further detail. Mr. Paul Black then began by explaining the process of gathering and interpreting the information that his team had received through various means such as focus groups, surveys, etc. He then briefly explained the contents of the different sections of the Land Use Plan. Mr. Black described the ten goals within the Land Use Plan and if/how they related to issues that were brought up by the committee. Mr. Black then explained how the action matrix is where the "money meets the road" which is where he would like the Planning Board to focus their attention, because this is where staff puts the plan in place, such as applying for grants, buying property, etc.

The Maps portion includes information gathered from three different focus groups. The three focus groups included members of the development community, utilities and infrastructure, and an environmental focus group. Mr. Black mentioned the fact that the public did not receive the maps well. He felt that the public was not ready to see such drastic change; he further explained that this was twenty years or so in the future. Mr. Black did mention that he is merely the spokesman for the public; they are the ones who said what they wanted to see through focus groups etc. Mr. Hoyle stated that the Planning Board is now finally seeing this after almost 3 1/2 years after

Mr. Black beginning the project, and that in fact things have changed since then. Mr. Hoyle then commented that a lot of good data had been gathered from this, but that he is not happy with it. Mr. Hoyle stated that he had always felt that the Planning Board should produce a document that anyone off the street could come in, pick up and read without a lot of extra information and this was not it. Mr. Black replied by saying that they supply posters to put around town so the public would have an easier time understanding it. Ms. Farrell agreed with Mr. Hoyle's sentiment. Mr. Shaffer asked if this were adopted would the Subdivision and Zoning ordinances have to be changed to dovetail into this plan. Monroe responded that it would have to be changed if the Planning Board and the Board of Commissioners decided to move forward. Mr. Shaffer stated that he didn't know where to go from here. Monroe suggested that the Planning Board consider the action matrix. The Planning Board members agreed to table the discussion until October. **Farrell made a motion to recommend tabling the discussion until October, Collins seconded. A vote was taken; unanimously approved.**

3. Land Use Plan Implementation Matrix

Monroe suggested postponing the Land Use Plan Implementation Matrix. Alston made a motion to recommend postponing the Implementation Matrix, Farrell seconded. A vote was taken; unanimously approved.

Board Member Concerns-none at this time.

Adjourn-Motion to adjourn entered at 7:53 p.m.