

# **Garrett County Planning Commission Minutes**

## **January 2, 2019**

### **I. Call to order**

Tony Doerr called to order the regular meeting of the Garrett County Planning Commission at 1:30 in the Commissioners Public Meeting Room in the Garrett County Courthouse.

### **II. Attendance**

The following Commission members were present: Tony Doerr, Jeff Conner, Jeff Messenger, Tim Schwinabart, Liz Georg, Bruce Swift and Bill Weissgerber

The following staff from the Garrett County Department of Planning & Land Management were present: Bruce Metz and Chad Fike.

The following staff from Comprehensive Plan consulting firm AECOM were present: Chet Parsons.

### **III. Approval of Minutes from last meeting**

The minutes were approved as presented by a unanimous vote.

### **IV. New Business**

a) **Major Subdivision/PRD/Waiver** -None

b) **Zoning Appeals Cases**

**SE-471-** an application submitted by John Kyle P. Newsome & Kristi A. (Spicknall) Newsome for a Special Exception for an Electric Power Generating Solar Array. The property is located at 3573 Sand Flat Road, tax map 66, parcel 76 & 506, grid 14 and is zoned Lake Residential 2 (LR2). The Commission offered no comment

**SE-472-** an application submitted by Hugh D. Umbel T/A Legacy Home Corp. for MB Vacations, LLC, for a Special Exception for a 8 bedroom Transient Vacation Rental Unit. The property is located at Lakefront Links Drive, Swanton, tax map 59, parcel 611, lot 47 & 48 and is zoned Lake Residential 1 (LR1). The Commission offered no comment.

c) **Signage Committee** –

The Planning Commission discussed questions that were previously presented to the group by Jonathan Kessler, Chairman of the Signage Committee. Commission members discussed concerns about signs such as limiting blinking and flashing signs and ensuring

that any new regulations do not overregulate businesses. At this juncture, the Commission did not feel they had enough information to provide formal answers to the questions submitted by Mr. Kessler.

d) **Comprehensive Plan – Progress Update**

Chet Parsons provided a brief update about the Comprehensive Plan. AECOM continues to work on the Environmental and Land Use sections. Completion of the Plan is still anticipated by spring. The Planning Commission did not have any formal comments about the most recent drafts of the Plan.

**V. Adjournment**

Tony Doerr adjourned the meeting at 2:10.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Chad Fike, Assistant Director