

Town of Mills River
Minutes of the Planning Board
Tuesday, February 5, 2019

The Town of Mills River Planning Board met on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 7:00 PM in the Mills River Town Hall. Board members present were: Brian Kimball, Cheryl Janoski, Randy Austin, Dennis Wilson, Carolyn Moore, Sherri Hill, Matt Holloway, and Jim Foster. Ryan Perry was absent. Also in attendance were Town Planner Brian Burgess, and Tax Collector/Deputy Town Clerk Aurelie Taylor. There are no open seats on the Board.

Chairman Brian Kimball called the meeting to order and those present stood and gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustments/Additions to Agenda: None.

Dennis Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes from January 2, 2019; the motion was seconded by Jim Foster and the motion passed by unanimous verbal assent.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business:

A. Rules of Order Update - Town Planner Brian Burgess

Town Planner Brian Burgess explained that at the last Town Council meeting, the Town Clerk presented a resolution for uniform Rules of Procedure for Committees and Boards to the Council, which adopted the resolution. Planning Board is the only board that already has their own rules of procedure, and the only real difference between their rules and the newly adopted rules is the inclusion of a telecommunication policy. Brian invited the Planning Board to read over the new rules and decide whether they want to make up their own definition of telecommunications.

B. Land Use Appeals – Town Planner Brian Burgess

Town Planner Brian Burgess gave some background on the subject, which began with the appeal by a group of High Vista residents appealing Planning Board's decision in November. Brain discovered that not only is the process of appealing a decision vague, but is present in at least six places in the Town ordinances. He suggested that the explanation of the process be made more concise and appear in one place in the ordinances. He will evaluate and write suggested language and bring this back to Planning Board.

Additional Items

The Town Council held their visioning session in January and approved the comprehensive plan project. Brian needs a name for it before launching a website, and plans to present a proposed steering committee to Town Council at their February 28 meeting.

As there was no further business to discuss, Jim Foster made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carolyn Moore seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous verbal assent.

Respectfully submitted,

Aurelie Taylor, CTC
Tax Collector/Deputy Town Clerk