

Town of Mills River  
Minutes of the Planning Board  
Tuesday, April 2, 2019

The Town of Mills River Planning Board met on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at 7:00 PM in the Mills River Town Hall. Board members present were: Brian Kimball, Cheryl Janoski, Randy Austin, Dennis Wilson, Ryan Perry, Sherri Hill, Matt Holloway, and Jim Foster. Carolyn Moore was absent (excused). 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:** Randy Austin requested that an item be added at the end of the meeting. He would like each Planning Board member to express their primary topic for the “Making Mills River” steering committee to address.

Ryan Perry made a motion to approve the minutes from March 5, 2019; the motion was seconded by Dennis Wilson and the motion passed by unanimous verbal assent.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Old Business:**

A. Rules of Procedure Discussion – Town Planner Brian Burgess

At the Board’s February meeting, Town Planner Brian Burgess asked that the Planning Board look at their rules of procedure adopted by Town Council and decide whether they wanted to adopt those rules as their own. There were no changes put forth from the Board.

Brian Kimball made a motion to abandon the Planning Board’s present rules. Randy Austin seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous verbal assent.

Brian Kimball made a motion to adopt the Town Council Rules of Procedure for the Planning Board. Cheryl Janoski seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous verbal assent.

**New Business:**

A. “Making Mills River” Topics – Randy Austin

Planning Board Member Randy Austin polled the other members of the Board for their top priorities. They are as follows:

Ryan Perry: Highway 280 corridor

Cheryl Janoski: Highway 280 zoning and design standards

Sherri Hill: Highway 280/191 area and design standards; the Mixed Use zoning district

Brian Kimball: generally, where do the citizens of Mills River want to be in the future

Jim Foster: Everything already mentioned, especially the Mixed Use zoning district as well as the housing issue

Matt Holloway: 280 corridor and what is necessary to preserve the rural nature of the Town away from that corridor

Dennis Wilson: Zoning in its entirety as well as a dedicated senior citizen's facility

There was much additional discussion about the new website, public outreach, the timeline for meeting and draft plans.

### **Additional Items**

The budget workshop is complete; the first "Making Mills River steering committee meeting is tomorrow night (Wednesday, April 3); Mark Burroughs has been hired as the Interim Manager for the Town and has started work; Town Council has cut the Mills River tax rate by a penny to \$0.08 cents for the fiscal year 2019-2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Aurelie Taylor, CTC  
Tax Collector/Deputy Town Clerk