

TOWN OF EMMITSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

JULY 27, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE: PAT BOYLE CHAIRPERSON , JOYCE ROSENSTEEL
VICE CHAIRPERSON, JOHN HOWARD SECRETARY, KEITH
SUERDIECK, STEVE STARLIPER (ALT), CLIFF SWEENEY, BD. LIAISON

STAFF: SUE CIPPERLY

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairperson Boyle.

Pledge of Allegiance

Disposition of the meeting minutes for May 12, 2015 and May 26, 2015. A motion to approve the minutes for these meetings was made by Joyce Rosensteel and seconded by John Howard. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

OPENING STATEMENT BY THE CHAIR: The chairperson addressed the public present for the meeting and thanked them for attending and showing interest in their community.

OLD BUSINESS: Review of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update and public hearing and comment on the plan update.

A presentation was provided by Town Staff to the public on the Comprehensive Plan Update process, information was provided on changes to the plan and updated information and data which is included in the plan revision. In addition it was announced that comments from Frederick County are expected the week of August 3, 2015. At the conclusion of the presentation members of the public were invited to the podium to speak. The following provided comments:

Sarah Miller: Provided comments in support of the re-zoning of 514 E. Main St.

Bill O'Toole: Provided comments in support of the re-zoning of 514 E. Main St.

Chris Wivell: Provided comments in support of the re-zoning of 514 E. Main St.

Cathy Bodat: Provided comments in support of the re-zoning of 514 E. Main St.

Joseph Ritz III: Suggested the road connection of Northgate to Irishtown Rd be included in connectivity section of the plan. Suggested the 40 undeveloped lots in Emmitt Ridge II be referenced in the plan revision.

NEW BUSINESS: Review of two additional statements to be included in the plan revision as suggested by the Town Commission. One statement dealt with the potential requirement of the development of multi-use trails and the second dealt with potential bike routes. The planning commission members had considerable comment on these suggestions, and although no opposition to the concept was raised it was suggested that new wording be developed to develop goals for the comprehensive plan to develop feasibility studies for both of these issues.

Agenda Items for next meeting: As of the meeting date there were no new submittals. The next meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2015 at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM

John Howard, Secretary