

Louisburg Planning Board
Meeting minutes: March 10, 2022

The Louisburg Planning Board met in the Conference Room located at 115 Industrial Drive on the evening of March 10, 2022 at 5:15 PM. Members present were: Ms. Fannie Perry, Mr. Tommy Harris, Ms. Geraldine Manley, Ms. Linda Keith and Ms. Bobbi Jo May. Mr. William Jones and Ms. Martha Davis were absent.

Mr. Philip Slayter, Town Planning Director was present.

Minutes Approval

The Chair requested a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13th minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Harris with a second by Ms. Manley to approve the minutes. The motion passed without objection.

Business Items

1. Request for Approval and Recommendation of the Draft 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Slayter was recognized by the Chair to begin reviewing the process and contents of the Draft Plan to date. He described that the Plan was the outgrowth of data collection which was used to define key development trends affecting Louisburg. He went on to state that surveys regarding public attitudes toward development were taken and presented to an ad hoc committee whose purpose was to provide direction drafting the Plan. The Committee composed of a cross-section of business and citizens of the Town assisted the consultant in preparing the current draft. The draft was later subject to review by the public during an informal drop-in session. This feedback is now before the Planning Board to consider whether to amend the Draft to include any or part of that feedback.

After discussing the process, Mr. Slayter began reviewing the various elements of the Plan and explaining how each subarea applies its own land use policies shaping the land use character of the area. Following his explanation, he opened the meeting to questions regarding the direction Plan took toward development. The Board members responded that they were in general agreement and supported the draft document. At which point, Mr. Slayter turned to the feedback that was taken at the informal drop-in and reviewed the points made by the public for Board acceptance or rejection.

Of the comments received, the Planning Board made a motion to amend the draft as follows:

- 1) Prepare a basic summary of the Plan for handouts
- 2) Add A Housing Strategy to Section 2 Vision Framework, p 23.
- 3) Adjust the Priority Ratings Higher for Tar River Projects to accelerate river development.

The motion to amend the draft Plan to accept these changes and recommend to Town Council for adoption was made by Ms. Keith with a second by Mr. Harris. Motion passed without objection.

While the meeting was a public meeting (advertised in the Franklin Times) for which the public was invited to speak, there was no audience in attendance who which to speak.

Adjournment

The Chair requested a motion to adjourn as the Board had no further business. A motion was made by Mr. Harris with a second by Ms. Keith to adjourn. With no objection the meeting adjourned.