



**Planning Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.**

Chair Wiehe called the Regular Planning Board Meeting to order at 3:02 PM on April 8, 2025.

The following attended in person at Town Hall, 441 White Pine Drive, Laurel Park NC 28739:

- Chair Wiehe
- Co-Chair Licisyn
- Secretary Pieper
- Costlow
- Gregg
- Eaves
- Rainey
- Regional Planner - Finkle
- Town Manager - Reeves
- Assistant to Town Manager/Zoning - Hollis
- Town Clerk -Banks

The following were absent:

- Malak
- Hansen

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion to approve by given by Scott Gregg, and a seconded by Costlow. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Peiper made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 14, 2025, meeting. Seconded by Gregg. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. There was no introduction of new member Mary Malak as she did not attend the meeting.
- b. Organizing for Comp Plan – Discussion on what transitions there has been in Laurel Park since the last Comp Plan, Where the comp plan is headed, reaching out to see what the needs of Laurel Park are, Final draft of new comp plan is needed by 4/1/26. Have budgeted Land of Sky for 500 staffing hours and the contract is not to exceed \$30,000.
- c. Thoughts on Town Center – Ingles, who has purchased most of the available parcels in the Town Center zoning district will not budge on selling any part of the land nor disclose potential development plans. The additional vacant parcel between Coates and YAM is owned by individuals not interested in selling or developing. This means the vision of the Town Center as outlined in the previous Comprehensive Plan is at risk of coming to fruition.
- d. Storm Water Education – There was a discussion and L. Costlow gave some insight and mentioned putting together a presentation and presenting it at one of Chief Trotter's Community Classes to inform citizens.
- e. Sustainability – Organizational due to disconnect with Council. Environmental due to climatic changes and increased stormwater runoff. Financial due to property tax assumptions and lack of a commercial tax base.

ADJOURNMENT

Being that there were no additional items on the agenda, Chair Weihe asked for a motion to adjourn at 4:16 PM. Gregg made the motion, seconded by Pieper. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Philip Wiehe, Chair

Date

Jeffrey Pieper, Secretary

Date