

Burke Planning Commission Minutes

8/11/16

In attendance:

James Bentley
David Ormiston
Sean Montague
Keith Clark
Alison Lowe
Rick Prescott

David opened the meeting at 6:05

Welcomed Alison Lowe from NVDA for a public hearing. She began by discussing East Burke and West Burke buildout projections. East Burke has very limited buildout potential, while West Burke has more buildout potential. The limiting factor in East Burke is lack of a centralized sewer system. Therefore, expanding the buildout boundaries would require changing the zoning boundaries to accommodate more potential open land that could be developed with independent sewage systems in compliance with state regulations. The group agreed that implementing a central sewage system is preferable than changing zoning boundaries, which would alter the character of the town with development on the mountain road, for example. It would preferable to encourage development in West Burke.

David raised the issue that the town plan has not been available for public input in ten years. Rick raised the issue that Burke Mountain has a functioning sewer system north of town that could accommodate the town.

David closed NVDA's public hearing at 6:35.

David opened the planning by passing out the minutes of the 7/14/16 meeting

Then, David dispersed a draft of the flood resiliency plan and review edits he had made as result of the last meeting.

James made the motion to approve the draft. Sean seconded. The group unanimously voted to approve the draft.

James then walked the group through the documents he found relating the the affordable and senior housing parts of the new town plan.

Population 65+ = 276 people

People with disabilities or special needs = 259

Racial and ethnic groups represented by local residents = American Community Survey - look at Burke Town website for links to

Families with children= see as above

Families on public assistance = 695

Families making less than 80% of median county income = ?

Income data for groups

Low income

Moderate income

Persons in poverty = 1690

Monthly cost for home ownership = \$1034

Monthly cost of rental = \$774

Number single family units = 820

Number multi-family units= 211

Mobile homes = 52

Special needs or accessible units =

Review language of industrial and business uses. David discussed the language used in the Sutton Town Plan.

James moved to approve the July 14 minutes and Rick seconded. James agreed to find missing data points before next meeting. Rick agreed to produce a draft affordable housing section for the next meeting. David agreed to complete that draft.

James made the motion to adjourn. Sean seconded.

The group agreed unanimously to adjourn.