

Minutes of a Meeting of
The Liberty Planning Board
Held on July 12, 2023 5:30PM

Chairman: Kevin Bowman
Board: Jason Collins, David Staley, Dennis Hargis, Chris Turner, Kevin Bowman and
Marty Bare
Town Clerk: Jessica Brown
Town Manager: Scott Kidd
P & Z Consultant: Reynolds Neely

To Order

Kevin Bowman called the meeting to order at 5:35PM and thanked everyone for coming. Member Gail Emerson is unable to attend. Jesse Day with the PTRC is here and Sawyer Deltano, a student from A & T University who will be working on a student project in Liberty.

Member Oath of Office

Board Chair Kevin Bowman took his Oath of Office for another three year term.

Minutes

David Staley made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2023 meeting. Dennis Hargis seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The minutes were approved.

LDP Update Discussion - PTRC

Jesse Day of the PTRC came forward for the LDP Discussion. We received two hundred responses to the survey which is pretty good. People want Downtown to reflect our small town character. We will look at downtown on a map and discuss a growth strategy. We have a large agenda for our August meeting which could include a Special Meeting in late August. Board members gathered around the map. Downtown is the central business district. Kevin Bowman asked if we can do much through the railroad corridor. Mr. Day said there is a twenty five foot safety zone and then a lot of real estate beyond that in play. Town Manager Scott Kidd said we could do something with where the Chamber office is leased. Kevin Bowman asked if we could expand the downtown more? Town Manager Scott Kidd said B2 businesses didn't grow in the past as was thought which is why for example, there is a house behind the laundry mat. Kevin Bowman said the Chair Company and up should be included in downtown. Reynolds Neely said he is not an advocate for putting residential with business and industrial. David Staley said Goodwill, Corner Bar, and Carolina Water could be included downtown as well. Kevin Bowman said a lot of houses in Asheboro have been turned into businesses and offices. Mr. Day said he will bring the map back next month after he tweaks it. We will look at the Growth Strategy map next. Some definitions are Municipal Growth - existing infrastructure, Primary Growth Area - potential thoroughfare with high level incentives, and Secondary Growth - conservation. Mr. Neely said we want to build around these designations.

Manager's Report

Town Manager Scott Kidd said we are working with DEQ on the ability to extend sewer lines but until then subdivisions will have to wait.

Mr. Neely said our Pump station is in a flood zone. We must give ourselves a SUP (Special Use Permit) and create an ordinance amendment for Public Use which if it meets certain standards could pass. We did this in Asheboro which we are borrowing from and will discuss next month.

SNIAS water shed applies to economic development not a watershed ordinance which doesn't have any language that it is only for non residential use. There are still a lot of 160D updates to do.

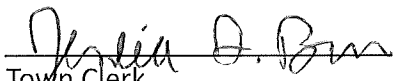
Citizen Comments

Sawyer Deltano came forward to speak. He is in his Senior year at A & T University and is doing a project for Landscape Architecture/Streetscape Design. He is looking at revitalizing Greensboro Street. He will present this project December 6th to his Professors and will give his findings to Liberty as well. He will look at pedestrian safety and expanding sidewalks and will provide 3D models with overviews and suggested uses.

Adjourn

There being no further Planning Board business to discuss David Staley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Hargis seconded the motion which passed unanimously.


Kevin Bowman, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Town Clerk