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Tom Runnett
Sal Luciano, Town Manager

Town Planning Commission meets for its regular session on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Persons wishing to be heard or having an item to be placed on the agenda should make their request to the Clerk of Council by the final Monday of the month preceding the meeting.

Planning Commission Meeting Monday, May 18, 2015

PRESENT: Edwin Jarvis, Chairperson; Steven Pekary; Tony Williams and Tom Runnett

ABSENT: Michelle Covert; Lewis Keller and Sal Luciano, Town Manager

STAFF: Nancy Wilk, Assistant Town Clerk

GUESTS:

Edwin Jarvis called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. with a moment of silence.

Members reviewed the “draft” minutes from the April 20, 2015 meeting. *Tony Williams made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2015 meeting; Steven Pekary seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0 with none voting in the negative.*

Mr. Jarvis stated that the committee was still reviewing the comp plan and at the last meeting he requested that each member email their thoughts they would like to recommend.

Steven Pekary discussed his thoughts and objectives. He stated that in reviewing all the documents, the main goal of the Planning Commission would be their mission statement. The mission statement and the overall goal of the Planning Commission is *“The Mission of the Mineral Planning Commission is to provide plans and recommendations which improve the lives and property values of Mineral citizens and property owners while adhering to the Mineral Vision Statement”*. He felt that there needed to be a more concise mission statement and his recommendation would be *“We envision the Town of Mineral as a pleasant, rural residential community with capacity for commercial and residential growth. We also envision an active citizenship which is willing to volunteer and work toward a better town while achieving the above mission”*. He also stated that

we needed general demographics along with mapping tools and reviewed all his outlined bullets of the demographics he felt were needed. Mr. Jarvis stated that he liked his mission statement as it was more modern.

Mr. Pekary also reviewed his suggestions for increased revenue. Mr. Jarvis was concerned over the large number of abandoned vehicles and suggested that there be some type of tax placed on owners with abandoned cars that were not registered with DMV. This could also work on abandoned and/or unsightly properties where the Town would put a special assessment tax on the properties and give a specific amount of time to either renovate or tear down the property. Mr. Runnett stated that there are several properties that if they were torn, the owner would not be able to rebuild what was previously there due to the Town codes.

Mr. Jarvis questioned if Council had made any decisions if they would be selling the water/sewer system to LCWA. Tom Runnett stated that all parties involved were in negotiations.

Tony Williams suggested having Rhonda McGuill from BB&T come to a meeting and speak on grants for low tax loans which could possibly be incentives.

Tony Williams stated that having internet access was a huge deal for people wanting to come into the Town of Mineral. Tom Runnett stated that the installation of the antenna for CVA Link will be done soon and this will enable residents to purchase WIFI internet services from CVA Link. He also stated that having the DMV services here in Town was a major money maker; it foots the bills for many things.

Mr. Jarvis stated that looking at Sal Luciano's suggestions; his focus was on Walton Park. Mr. Runnett informed members of the possibility of Walton Park being considered for an ADA Park and discussed the details.

The next meeting date was scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Jarvis called for a motion for adjournment. ***Tom Runnett made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Steven Pekary seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0 with none voting in the negative. Meeting adjourned.***