

**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting of the**  
**Elon Planning Board**

**January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Conducted via Zoom and In-Person**

**Tuesday, 6:00 pm**

**Elon, NC**

Attendees via Zoom: Jim Beasley, Dianne Gill, Ralph Harwood, Mark Podolle, Mayor Emily Sharpe, and Philip Owens.

Attendees in person: Aeisha Dawn Leath, Karla Leath, and Janice (mother of Karla Leath).

Staff present: Pamela DeSoto and Mary Kathryn Harward

**Item A-** Chairman Beasley called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

**Item B- New Business**

**Item B-i-** Swearing in of Aeisha Dawn Leath as board member at 6:04pm.

**Item B-ii-** Approval of Minutes

Ms. Desoto presented the board with minutes from the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, 2021 for approval

- Mr. Podolle made a motion to approve the November minutes; Ms. Gill seconded the motion; the motion was approved unanimously by the board.

**Item B-iii-** LDO text amendment #22-02

Ms. Desoto presented the Board with a presentation containing the details for an LDO Text Amendment regarding the decriminalization of certain local ordinances, enacted by the NC General Assembly. The text amendment would make Elon's LDO language consistent with the statutory language that removes the default misdemeanor treatment of city and county ordinance violations, creates a list of certain types of ordinances that are prohibited from criminal enforcement, and requires ordinances to specify what ordinances are criminally enforced.

- The first section to be amended is section 6.11, and the second section is 8.3.3.3 (subsections 8.3.3.3.A and 8.3.3.3.E).
- The Board was informed that amendments to the Town Code of Ordinances will also be made but are currently being drafted. Such amendments to the Town Code of Ordinances are not required to receive a recommendation from the Planning Board.
- Board member Phil Owens questioned if there had ever been a criminal charge for land use, to which Ms. Desoto replied that there had not been in the last 4 years she had been with the Town of Elon.

- **MOTIONS**

- LDO #22-02 (is/is not) consistent with comprehensive plans that have been adopted by the Town of Elon.
  - *Mr. Podolle made a statement that the changes are consistent; Mr. Owens seconded the statement; all were in favor.*
- LDO #22-02 (is/is not) reasonable and in the public interest
  - *Ms. Gill made a statement that the changes are reasonable and in the public interest; Mr. Owens seconded the statement; all were in favor.*
- The Town of Elon Planning Board recommends (approval/denial) of LDO #22-02 to the Elon Board of Alderman
  - *Mr. Owens made a motion to recommend the approval of LDO #22-02 changes; Mr. Podolle seconded the motion; all in favor.*
- Staff recommendation: The proposal is consistent with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, including the recommendation in the Plan that calls for the LDO to maintain compliance with state legislation. Approval of the proposal is reasonable and in the public interest in that it helps achieve these objectives.
  - *Mr. Owens made a motion to accept the statement as is stated; Ms. Gill seconded the motion; all were in favor.*

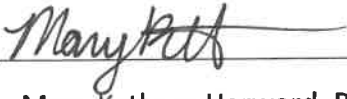
#### **Item C- Board of Alderman Updates**

- Two new members were seated on the Board of Alderman - Stephanie Bourland and Randy Orwig.
- Mary Kathryn was able to present the Town's Developments Map to the Board of Alderman, and the map is now live for public use. The map can be found on the Town's website.
- The decision was made for members of the Board of Alderman to rotate as liaisons to the Planning Board.
- The Colonnades Walkway project was approved a major development plan.
- The Town Manager Richard Roedner made a proposal to reinstitute the 80-hour paid sick leave policy for town employees.
- The Board of Alderman discussed the annual retreat dates.

#### **Item D- Motion to Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Dianne Gill and seconded by Mr. Podolle. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

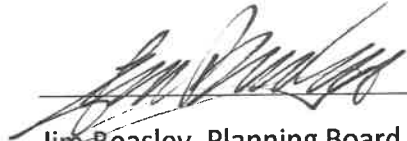
Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 pm.



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Mary Kathryn Harward, Planner

Minutes were completed in  
Draft form on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022



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Jim Beasley, Planning Board Chair

Minutes were approved on  
February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022