

**WALKERTOWN PLANNING BOARD MEETING  
WALKERTOWN LIBRARY AUDITORIUM**

JANUARY 5, 2010 3:00 P.M.  
1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY OF MONTH

**MINUTES**

Chairman Al Slater called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with Larry Marshall, Kevin Briggs, Don Whitaker, and Robert Butler serving on the Board. Also present were Lynn McKinnie, Bo Houff, Scott Snow, and Gary Roberts.

The agenda was approved as presented by motion of Mr. Whitaker, seconded by Mr. Marshall.

The October 6, 2009 minutes were approved as presented by motion of Mr. Briggs, seconded by Mr. Butler.

**PUBLIC SESSION** - Please limit your talk to 3 minutes. Non-Agenda Items only.

Public Session was opened and closed at 3:03 p.m. with no speakers.

**BUSINESS AT HAND**

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON - **RESOLUTION**

Chairman Al Slater, whose term ended December 31<sup>ST</sup>, was again nominated for Chairperson by Mr. Marshall. This motion was seconded by Mr. Butler and Mr. Slater was elected as Chairperson of the Planning Board by a unanimous vote.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON - **RESOLUTION**

On a motion by Mr. Butler, Larry Marshall was nominated for the position of Vice-Chairperson, and seconded in his motion by Mr. Briggs. The Board unanimously approved Mr. Marshall as Vice-Chair.

3. MEETING DISCUSSION

CHANGE OF TIME OF MEETING ???

ALTERNATE BETWEEN DAY AND NIGHT MEETINGS??

**RESOLUTION: SETTING PLANNING BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2010**

Discussion about rearranging the Planning Board meeting schedules was met with some trepidation by the members. Some felt that changing the meetings to the evenings would allow more citizens to attend and others felt that the change would be too much of a hardship on the staff who must attend. In the end, it was decided to leave the meeting schedule as is – 3:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month – until June, 2010.

**Mr. Butler moved to leave the meeting schedule as is until June, 2010 – with Mr. Marshall seconding, and the Board approving.**

4. DISCUSSION OF UDO TEXT AMENDMENTS - **GARY ROBERTS**

Mr. Roberts gave a very brief overview of what the UDO text amendments would consist of. He said they were based on several text amendments Winston-Salem had discussed and approved in the recent past. He stressed to the Board that the Town of Walkertown was under no obligation to adopt any of the amendments – it would be just for consistency sake. As of now, he said, the amendments were 51 pages long and even he had not had the chance to read over and tweak the ordinances. He asked that a joint meeting between the Town Council and the Planning Board be set up in February to go through the text amendments and tweak them to fit in with Walkertown’s ideas. After the initial joint meeting, there would be a Public Hearing for citizens to have their say. The Public Hearing should take place in March. Mr. Roberts will email the text amendments to Lynn, who will then copy and distribute to each member a copy. Mr. Roberts then briefly informed the Board of the various issues to be covered by these amendments.

5. CONTINUANCE OF FAÇADE ORDINANCE DELIBERATIONS

Mr. Slater continued the discussion of the façade ordinance.....

Attorney Houff explained that the Board should word the ordinance for “exclusive” materials that could be used – because if you use exclusive, you exactly what can be used. If you try and describe the various materials that are excluded or included, you open the potential for challenges – lawsuits. He said exclusive is better, however, the ordinance may have to be amended as future, newer materials come out. Mr. Roberts said that the ordinance must be clear enough so that Inspections and Permits can know what is and is not allowed. To the question of whether or not tractor trailers can be used for storage, Mr. Houff said it “can be yes” – you can regulate where on the site, screening, the lot size, how far back, etc....

The term “building” must be strictly defined in the ordinance. What triggers a façade ordinance to come into play? It could be building permits and/or new construction, among other things.

This discussion will continue at future meetings.

**PUBLIC SESSION** (IF NEEDED) Any item.

Public Session was opened and closed at 4:15 p.m. with no speakers.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**2010 MEETING SCHEDULE - TO BE DECIDED AT MEETING**  
**LIBRARY @ 3:00 P.M.FIRST TUESDAY OF MONTH**

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