

## **GREENSBORO PLANNING COMMISSION**

**January 16, 2018**

The meeting was opened at 7:13pm.

In attendance: Cheryl Jones, Steve Fleegle, and Helen Malay

Also in attendance: Kevin Reichart and William Schaffner

The minutes from the October 17, 2017 could not be approved, as there was no quorum.

### **Old Business**

#### Training

Town Manager, Jeannette Delude is going to be asked to conduct the Planning Commissioner Training at the committee's next meeting.

#### Board of Appeals

The results of the recent Board of Appeals hearings were reported as follows:

Rene Swafford's application for the use of a law office at her residence was granted. Her application for a Sign Variance was denied.

### **New Business**

Congratulations Kevin Reichart for your return to the Town Council. Committee members look forward to working with Kevin as Council Liaison for P and Z.

### **Informational Items**

#### House Bill 117/ Ca. Co. Ordinance 2017-02

The above documents were presented for review. There were many sections redacted from the House Bill document, so research will be done and a clear summary prepared for the next meeting. The accompanying Caroline County Ordinance will also be reviewed prior to the next meeting so that those portions that are of importance to the Town of Greensboro can be presented for discussion.

#### Recovery House

The Greensboro Hotel has been purchased by Cox Creek, LLC; an investment company owned by Terri Sprouse, the wife of Dr. Sprouse. Dr. Sprouse is moving forward with his recovery house and has begun renovation on the building.

Mr. Schaffner asked what, if anything, the Town has done in an effort to prevent the recovery house from becoming established. It was explained to Mr. Schaffner that the Town has no standing to forbid the use. The duty to provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities is a statutory requirement of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Recovering addicts *are* considered disabled and therefore protected.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Prepared by Helen Malay