

**Smithfield Planning Board
Minutes
Thursday, December 7, 2006
7:00 P.M., Town Hall, Council Room**

Members Present:

Max Gardner
Joe Patterson
Eddie Foy
Ed Self
Leo Fetzer
Mike Gibbons
Chris Howell
Harold Mitchell

Members Absent:

Suzanne Carter

Staff Present:

Mark Helmer
Latanya Merritt

Chairman Gardner opened the public meeting and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation led by Chairman Gardner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 2, 2006.

Mr. Patterson made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Fetzer to approve the minutes as written. The vote was unanimous.

RZ-06-08 First Presbyterian Church: The applicant is requesting to rezone 2 tracts of land totaling approximately .41 acres from R-8 (Residential) to O&I (Office and Institutional) zoning district. The properties are located on Church Street approximately 230 feet east of its intersection with South Third Street. The properties are further identified as NCPIN# 169418-40-3683 and 169418-40-2521.

Mr. Helmer asked the Board to review the petition and recommend action to the Town Council for the approval of a zoning reclassification request.

Mr. Self asked why would the applicant request this property to be rezoned O&I and not request the property to be rezoned.

Mr. Helmer stated that the Planning Board at November 2, 2006 meeting recommended that the property with the sanctuary be rezoned to O&I. Mr. Helmer stated that the case has already gone before Town Council and approved.

Chairman Gardner asked if there were any more questions or comments?

Chairman Gardner closed the public hearing.

All members found the rezoning request to be in conformance with the comprehensive land use plan.

Mr. Self made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Patterson to approve the request to rezone 2 tracts of land from R-8 to O&I. The vote was unanimous.

Old Business.

Mr. Helmer stated that a 3-day audio-conference has been scheduled for all Boards to attend. The first conference was last night and the next two conferences are scheduled for January 17, 2007 and April 25, 2007 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Helmer stated that the January 17, 2007 audio-conference would discuss the processes of site plan review and subdivision review, all of which are duties of the Planning Board. The April 25, 2007 audio-conference will discuss zoning Board of Adjustment. He encouraged the Board members to attend both conferences.

Mr. Helmer announced that Mr. Fetzer would be resigning.

Mr. Fetzer stated that he has tremendously enjoyed being on the Board. He stated that he has learned a lot and this has been the best Board he has ever worked with. He thanked the Board and stated that he would definitely miss everyone.

Chairman stated that the Board would definitely miss Mr. Fetzer.

New Business.

There was none.

Adjournment.

Being nothing further, the meeting was adjourned. The next Planning Board meeting will be held on January 11, 2007.