

**Macon County Planning Board Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2000**

Sue Waldroop, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Members present included Marty Kimsey, Richard Baldwin, Milles Gregory, Joe Hamstra, Nancy Scott, Don Seagle, Lamar Sprinkle, and Joy Brown. Also present was Joe Stark and Byron McClure from the Planning Department. Bob Wright, Macon County Watershed Council member, was also in attendance.

Upon motion by Don Seagle and seconded by Richard Baldwin, the minutes for the September 19th Planning Board Meeting were unanimously adopted.

The first order of business was to discuss an amendment to the Planning Board By-Laws. The amendment was to help establish a decorum for future hearings. After consideration, a motion by Nancy Scott called for a provision under Article 6 to add Section 5 for this decorum. The motion was seconded by Susan Ervin and passed unanimously.

The Board next discussed some Land-Use issues. Conversation first turned to sedimentation and erosion control. Susan Ervin informed the Board about her contact with Phil Gibson from WNC Tomorrow. Byron McClure also briefed the Board about his discussion with Phil Gibson. Mr. Gibson serves on the Jackson County Planning Board and is a member of the N.C. Sediment Commission. Mr. Gibson had expressed a desire to speak to the Board at a future meeting if they so wished. After a lengthy discussion concerning sedimentation and erosion control, Susan Ervin motioned to have Phil Gibson, a member from the Watershed Council, and a member from Soil & Water Conservation to speak to the Board at the November meeting. The motion was seconded by Scott, and passed unanimously.

The Open Use District (Private Property Protection Plan) was brought up for discussion. After brief deliberation, the Board agreed that it would be good to see a sample ordinance in the near future. Because the November meeting agenda was already taken, Byron and Joe promised to have something for the Board at the December meeting.

Discussion turned to the Macon County Sign Ordinance. Milles Gregory briefed the Board on the need to look at amending the ordinance in the area of exemptions. The Board decided to maintain the exemptions only in the area of permits and fees. The signs described as exempted by the ordinance would not be exempt from setbacks, square footage requirements, as well as all other regulations in the ordinance.

With no further business, Chairperson Waldroop adjourned the meeting at 6:15 P.M.

Chairperson, Sue Waldroop