



# Town of Sedalia

## Planning Board Meeting / Zoom

### May 20, 2021 / 7:00 PM

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### Minutes

**Note:** The meeting was held virtually via Zoom to comply with state and local requests to reduce public gatherings due to coronavirus/COVID-19.

**Call to Order:** Planning Board Chair Serita Faison called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Moment of Silence:** Time was allotted for a moment of silence.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Time was allotted for the Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call:** Members present included Serita Faison (Chair), Marian Jeffries (Vice-Chair) Calvin Atkins, and Ed Piotrowski.

**Absent:** Monroe Smith

**MOTION** to approve the agenda was made by Planning Board member Piotrowski and seconded by Vice-Chair Jeffries. Motion carried.

**MOTION** to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was made by Vice-Chair Jeffries and seconded by Planning Board member Piotrowski. Motion carried.

### Business / Reports/ Discussions

#### I. Public Hearing

The Planning Board meeting was paused to hold a Public Hearing on the proposed revisions to the Town of Sedalia Development Ordinance. Revisions included the Chapter 160D – New Land Use Laws, and Town updates to the ordinance. Chair Faison opened the Public Hearing with an explanation of the purpose of the Chapter 160D laws and the requirement of these to be incorporated into local developmental regulations. The revised Town of Sedalia Development Ordinance will be effective July 1, 2021.

The hearing is for the public to review the proposed revisions, ask questions, and make comments and/or suggestions for change before the Development Ordinance is voted on, adopted, and becomes effective. There will be a limited time after the Public Hearing for persons to submit comments and/or questions before the final vote. Chair Faison displayed the Chapter 160D additions and revisions as required by the State. These additions and revisions were highlighted in green. Also, there were additions and revisions proposed by the Town of Sedalia. These were highlighted in yellow.

The Planning Board reviewed all the proposed revisions. No comments were received on the proposed Chapter 160D revisions. Under Section 2.1-1 Gaming Establishments, Adult, Vice-Chair Jeffries suggested that 'No weapons allowed' be added. All Planning Board members agreed. It was noted that Solar Collectors (Accessory; Roof mounted) was one of the Town's addition also. No other questions or comments were received. The Planning Board must wait a minimum of 24 hours following the Public Hearing to vote on the proposed revisions to the Development Ordinance. Therefore, the Planning Board will meet on Friday, May 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm to vote on adopting the proposed revisions to the Development Ordinance.

## **II. In-Person Meetings**

The most recent update from the North Carolina Governor, Roy Cooper relaxes or lifts restrictions. It allows more indoor gatherings and no mask. There was discussion regarding the Planning Board members' thoughts on resuming in person meetings starting in July.

All Planning Board members would like to resume meeting in person. However, not everyone has been vaccinated so it was felt masks would need to be worn for protection. There were concerns that even vaccinated people can still contract the virus or one of the variants, and it was important to minimize the risk of spreading or contracting the virus. Planning Board member, Ed Piotrowski expressed concern stating he would not be wearing a mask, and would continue to attend meetings virtually if needed. It was suggested the Town ask other municipalities what they are doing regarding indoor gatherings, and to get guidance from the Mayor and Town Council regarding resuming in person meetings. Also, it was suggested procedural guidelines regarding distancing, cleaning, disinfecting, etc. be developed for resuming in person meetings. Chair Faison stated this will be a topic of discussion for the Town Council agenda meeting on Monday.

## **III. American Rescue Plan**

It was noted Councilwoman Wrenwick attended a meeting about funds for municipalities as related to The North Carolina Pandemic Recovery Office. A form is required for the Town to register for receiving funds. Clerk Dungee is completing the form.

## **IV. Citizens Comments**

\*Serita Faison, 6102 Bogues Way, stated an application was received from Mr. Robert Jones to rejoin the Planning Board. Chair Faison indicated she will contact him regarding his application and ask him to attend the July meeting to introduce himself and share his interest in returning to the Planning Board. Also, Chair Faison asked Michelle Williamson to consider joining the Planning Board. She accepted the invitation.

\*Marian Jeffries, 609 Sedalia Road, asked about the Jennie Drive memo/email. It is unclear what is going on and there will be an update later.

**V. Announcements**

All regular scheduled meetings are held via Zoom until further notice. Each meeting will begin at 7:00pm. Interested participants must contact the Town Hall to be added to the town emailing list to receive meeting invitations.

- The next Agenda Meeting will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup>
- The Town Hall will be closed May 31<sup>st</sup> to observe Memorial Day
- The next Town Council Meeting will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup> which will be the second public hearing to consider adoption of the development ordinance revisions.
- The next Planning Board Meeting will be held on June 17<sup>th</sup>

Meeting adjourned

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Serita Faison, Chairman

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