December 2024 MINUTES

Attendees: Mayor Joe Slaton, Chairman; Board Members: Randy Canup, Richard Cary, George Gaines; Planning and Zoning Administrator Ron Wallace, Town Clerk/Finance Officer Suzanne Hedden, Secretary; Fannie Watson.

Chairman Slaton called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Mr. Cary made a motion to approve minutes of October 1, 2024 meeting; Mr. Gaines seconded the motion; motion approved.

Ms. Fannie Watson was in attendance, and, to begin the meeting, Mayor Slaton asked her to state her concerns. She expressed concern about a residence across the Hiawassee River from the subdivision (McGlamery Farms) where she lives. The owners have constructed a storage/accessory building that is the same size as their house. She called Building Inspector Anthony Stillwell and was informed that the landowner received a building permit at his office. Mayor Slaton will make an appointment with Mr. Stillwell, provide a map of the ETJ, and, stress to him the importance of contacting our Planning & Zoning Administrator before issuing a building permit.

Mayor Slaton informed the board members that when the information was presented to the Town Council concerning changing the maximum size of an accessory building from twenty-five percent (25%) to one-hundred percent (100%) of the size of the residence, it was met with opposition. The Council members did not approve the change. Mayor Slaton feels that with construction expenses escalating, houses are going to be constructed smaller in size. With permission from the Planning & Zoning Board, he will be glad to take the same information back to the Town Council. If the Council approves, it would then go to a public hearing. Mr. Cary stated that he feels this is a logical decision. Mr. Canup made a motion to take the information back to the Council; Mr. Gaines seconded the motion; motion approved.

Mr. Gaines made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm; Mr. Canup seconded the motion; meeting adjourned.

Joe Slaton, Chairman

ATTEST: Hedden Secretary