



**TOWN OF BLUEFIELD
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
March 8, 2016
AGENDA**

- 6:30 p.m. **Work Session**
- 7:30 p.m. **Call to Order**
- 7:31 p.m. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**
- Pastor Steve Branch, Destiny Outreach Ministries
- 7:33 p.m. **Approval of Agenda**
- 7:34 p.m. **Consent Agenda**
- [February 9, 2016 Work Session Minutes](#)
 - [February 9, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes](#)
- 7:35 p.m. **Citizen Requests & Special Presentations**
- [2015 Audit Presentation](#) – Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates
- 7:50 p.m. **Committee Reports**
- Recreation Department Update – Greg Quesenberry
 - Police Department Update – Chief Gunter
- 8:00 p.m. **Unfinished Business & Reports**
- 8:01 p.m. **New Business and Reports**
- [Special Industry Request](#), VOTE – Mike Watson
 - [Schedule Joint Public Hearing: E-1 School Rezoning](#), VOTE – Mike Watson
 - [Schedule Joint Public Hearing: E-1 Bluefield College Rezoning](#), VOTE – Mike Watson
- 8:09 p.m. **Town Manager's Report**
- [E-Tickets](#), VOTE
 - [Time-off Request](#), VOTE
 - GHS Wrestling Resolutions, VOTE
- 8:14 p.m. **Citizen Comments**
- 8:19 p.m. **Council Comments**
- 8:31 p.m. **Attorney Report**
- 8:33 p.m. **Executive Session: Section 2.2-3711-A-1.7**
- 9:03 p.m. **Adjourn**

**Town of Bluefield
Town Council
February 9, 2016**

The Bluefield, Virginia Town Council held a regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall located at 112 Huffard Drive, Bluefield, Virginia.

PRESENT

Don Harris, Mayor
Anglis Trigg, Councilmember
Donnie Linkous, Councilmember
Jimmy Jones, Vice Mayor
Lee Riffe, Councilmember
Steve Danko, Councilmember

ALSO PRESENT

Mike Watson, Town Manager
Shane Gunter, Police Chief
Kim Hernandez, Executive Assistant
Lesley Catron, Town Clerk
Matt Freedman, Town Attorney
Billie Roberts, Comm. Dev. Coordinator
Chad Lambert, Building Inspector
2 Members of Public
1 Member of Media

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Chad Lambert, East End Baptist Church led the Invocation. Mayor Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice-Mayor Jones made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Danko seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Harris stated that there was one correction to the minutes that he had already discussed with staff.

Councilmember Linkous made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Trigg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

CITIZEN REQUESTS & SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building Department Update – Chad Lambert

Mr. Lambert stated that from July 1, 2015 to date there had been 50 permits issued and that each permit was a minimum of 7 inspections. He stated that total cost of construction for these was around \$1 million which was shared with the County for upgrades, new building, etc. He stated that one advantage was that permits issued had a 2% fee added which was paid to the Department of Housing and Community Development which helped to pay for their continuing education classes and travel expenses. He stated that there were 6 properties that were condemned or unfit by VA Code that he would be bringing back to council for a vote.

Mr. Danko asked how much money we received for these permits.

Mr. Lambert stated \$5,665.29. He stated that they had lowered the fees since his last update.

Mayor Harris asked if any of the properties were occupied.

Mr. Lambert stated no.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS & REPORTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS & REPORTS

Resolution: Supporting Limited Access/Control Change, VOTE – Billie Roberts

Mrs. Roberts asked council to approve the Resolution: Supporting Limited Access/Control Change on US 460, Opposite Commerce Drive.

Mayor Harris stated that there was one slight change and asked Mrs. Roberts to read the 3rd paragraph.

Mrs. Roberts read the following: WHEREAS, the Leatherwood Property is owned by Leatherwood Development.

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the Resolution: Supporting Limited Access/Control Change on US 460, Opposite Commerce Drive. Mr. Danko seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.



TOWN OF BLUEFIELD RESOLUTION

“Approval of Limited Access Control Change on US 460, Opposite Commerce Drive”

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board has requested approval of a limited access control change on U.S. Route 460 opposite Commerce Drive; and

WHEREAS, approval of the limited access control change would permit construction of access into the 1,079 acres development, referred to as the Leatherwood Property; and

WHEREAS, the Leatherwood Property is owned by Leatherwood Development; and

WHEREAS, the areas of Leatherwood Property that have been developed in earlier years along U.S. Route 460, have created hundreds of jobs for area residents and helped energize the town's economy.

WHEREAS, the proposed development of Leatherwood Property could potentially lead to growth opportunities, similar to Leatherwood's last development, which would be very beneficial to the town's economy, as well as the regional economy; and

WHEREAS, limited access control change on U.S. 460, opposite Commerce Drive would help access a new development and allow the town to offer new businesses to the region, including a movie theater, several restaurants, a community / convention center, hotels and retail shopping.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA, hereby approves and supports the limited access control change on U.S. Route 460, opposite of Commerce Drive, by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

Adopted this 9th day of February 2016.

Donald R. Harris, Mayor of Bluefield, VA

Lesley L. Catron, Town Clerk of Bluefield, VA

Square Foot Community Gardening – Billie Roberts

Mrs. Roberts stated that there would be a new project starting soon when the weather broke with Sue Carr and Greg Quesenberry. She stated that it would consist of square foot gardening and straw bales and would be located in the area downtown behind

the church that the Town owned. She stated that it would be built as 4X4 squares with 1ft sections inside and bottoms. She stated that each square would have 4 sets of 3 and that a small box would cost \$10 and they would discount if you had more than 1 box. She stated that it would be a great activity for senior citizens, kids, etc. to do because areas such as Deerfield did not allow gardens. She stated that the biggest concern was critter control which they were talking about now. She stated that Sue was very knowledgeable in such things and was researching it.

Mr. Riffe asked if what was grown would be sold at the Farmer's Market or kept.

Mrs. Roberts stated that they could do whatever they would like to do with it.

Mayor Harris stated that he thought it would be good.

Mrs. Roberts agreed.

Gas Company Rates & Charges Discussion – Mayor Harris

Mrs. Catron stated that she was asked to contact the Bluefield Gas Company about certain charges. She stated that she had spoken to two different people about the rates for Virginia. She stated that the customer charge of \$11.50 was for maintaining the lines up to the meter and that you were charged this amount whether or not you used the gas. She stated that the inventory carrying cost was a fee for inventory and that both individuals she had spoken with said the fees had been in place for a long time but they had gotten a new computer system in October 2014 that now showed the itemized charges. She stated that the bad debt and inventory fees were as old if not older than 2006. She stated that it cost \$95 for them to come and light your pilot light or \$148 if it was after hours.

Mr. Danko asked if this had been approved by the SCC.

Mayor Harris stated that he did not know.

Mrs. Catron stated that the rates changed quarterly.

Mayor Harris stated that the Town had not received notifications and that we had the right to oppose rate increases in Richmond. He asked Mrs. Catron if in her mind she felt like she had received an answer to her questions.

Mrs. Catron stated that from what they could tell it was 2006/2007 with the last report in 2014 becoming effective 6/30/2014 for those charges.

Mr. Danko suggested that they invite someone to come in and talk to them about this.

Mr. Linkous stated that it was a disgrace that these fees were hidden.

Mr. Watson stated that the rates they were seeing were similar to AEP because a utility company had a guaranteed certain rate of return and that AEP filed a fuel factor to adjust their rates every year. He stated now that the gas company was itemizing their bills, the customers were seeing these charges. He stated that they had to pay a certain rate to get the gas plus the add ons to get their return. He stated that staff could find out more if they wanted.

Mr. Danko asked if anyone had looked at past records to see what they were paying.

Mr. Watson stated that they charged a certain amount for so many therms and then bumped it up.

Mr. Linkous stated that the coal industry had been destroyed because they were never guaranteed a return.

Mayor Harris stated that they were elected to look out for the best interest of their residents and that he does not mind going to oppose rate hikes because it lets the citizens know that they are looking out for them. He stated that it was wrong when they were not made of aware of such fees.

Mr. Linkous stated that the Town had asked them years ago to inform us of rate hikes.

Mayor Harris stated that we have never received anything. He stated that it cost \$300 to reconnect plus \$95 to light your pilot. He stated that he had a 90 year old widow who needed help because she could not take care of the things herself and that it was their responsibility to help these residents. He stated that a letter needed to be sent to SCC to inform us of any utility rate hikes to allow us to oppose them.

Mr. Riffe asked if the bad debt fee was a percentage of the Town or all of Virginia.

Mr. Watson stated that staff could find out.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

VHDA Letter of Support (Harman Heights), VOTE

Mr. Watson stated that there was a letter of support in council's packet for Harman Heights which allowed them to apply for a tax credit.

Mr. Linkous made a motion to approve the VHDA Letter of Support for Harman Heights. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

ATV Trails

Mr. Watson stated that there was a copy of an article concerning the ATV Trails in council's packet and its benefits for the area.

Upcoming Events

Mr. Watson stated that there was a copy of upcoming events in the area and that no one could say there was nothing going on in our area.

Adult Daycare

Mr. Watson stated that staff had met with the Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens who were looking to put an Adult Daycare in the old Falls Mills School. He stated that it would have to be torn down and rebuilt and that they were applying for grants. He stated that it would be an adult daycare, assisted living and delivering meals and helping with medications. He stated that they offered over 20 programs and would meet at Town Hall on the first Thursday of every month to advise citizens of what they had to offer.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Riffe stated that he would be putting In God We Trust on his personal facebook account and would probably get some negativity because of it. He stated that he would also like to see our Police Department join in with the surrounding areas and put it on their vehicles.

Mr. Linkous stated that he had something pop up on his computer advising him to contact Comcast. He stated that he could not get out of it and that he called the 800 number for help. He stated that he asked the employee where he was located and was told in California. He stated that he could not understand why we could not have a local representative here.

Mr. Trigg had none.

Mr. Jones had none.

Mr. Danko had none.

Mayor Harris had none.

ATTORNEY REPORT

VDOT Conveyance of Right of Way "Bullet Bill Drive", VOTE (to accept realty and authorize mayor's execution of the document)

Mr. Freedman asked for a motion to accept the realty and authorize the mayor to sign the VDOT Conveyance of Right of Way for Bullet Bill Drive.

Mr. Linkous made a motion accept the realty and authorize the mayor to sign the VDOT Conveyance of Right of Way for Bullet Bill Drive. Mr. Riffe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

2016 Comprehensive Plan, VOTE

Mr. Freedman stated that there was a resolution from the Planning Commission to adopt the 2016 Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Linkous made a motion to adopt the 2016 Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Danko seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Trigg made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to *Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711-A-1.3 and Section 2.2-3711-A-1.7* and Mrs. Catron read:

Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

Councilmember Danko seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Council entered into Executive Session at 8:16 p.m.

Councilmember Linkous made a motion to enter out of Executive Session. Councilmember Riffe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Councilmember Danko made a motion to adopt the following resolution certifying the Executive Session and Mrs. Catron read:

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Bluefield, Virginia has convened an executive meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712-D of The Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Town Council of Bluefield, Virginia that such session was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of Bluefield, Virginia hereby certifies that, to the best of each members knowledge, (I) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Town Council.

Adopted this 9th day of February.

Councilmember Linkous seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilmember Riffe:	Yes
Councilmember Linkous:	Yes
Councilmember Trigg:	Yes
Mayor Harris:	Yes
Vice Mayor Jones:	Yes
Councilmember Danko:	Yes

The motion passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

ADJOURN

Mr. Jones made a motion to recess the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Mr. Danko seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Don Harris, Mayor

Lesley Catron, Town Clerk

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harris opened the Work Session at 7:06 p.m.

Mr. Watson stated that he had contacted AEP and had received a quote on the lights for downtown. He stated that staff had not spoken to everyone yet and that he would like to purchase the lights out of this year's budget. He stated that he and Mrs. Roberts had met with David and Charlie regarding the Welcome Center and had looked at different locations. He stated that on the left side of the Memorial would be better for parking and that later on the Welcome Center would like to put in something related to the Spearhead Trail to sell tickets, etc. He stated that if this location was good with council that staff would look at grading out that area. He stated that it would go back 30 ft and would include a 10ft porch.

Mr. Linkous stated that in his traveling that he had never had to hunt where a visitor's center was located because they were where everyone could see them and not on a back street. He stated that if they were going to do something, then he would like to see it done right and that he thought the building where Clay's was, would be the best place to put it.

Mayor Harris stated that the Wytheville Visitor's Center was remote and 3 blocks away from the downtown area. He stated that anywhere you went in downtown; you would be able to see the building.

Mr. Watson asked if council was ok with staff moving forward with it.

Council stated yes.

Mr. Watson stated within the next few weeks, that he would be scheduling a Budget Work Session. He went over the items on the budget. He stated that the Resolution Supporting Limited Access had one change that was made. He stated that Mrs. Roberts would be going over the Community Garden; council would be discussing questions concerning gas rates and charges. VHDA Letter of Support for Harman Heights was a letter to receive a tax credit to update and remodel Crescent View.

Mayor Harris asked Mr. Watson to contact the new owners and ask them to put in additional cameras.

Mr. Watson stated that he would. He stated that in council's packet was an article concerning the ATV Trails that he thought they would like to read, an upcoming events list, VDOT ROW for Bullet Bill Drive. He stated that staff had sent a deed to acquire this property and that this is where one of our new wells was dug. He stated that the last thing on the agenda was to adopt the 2016 Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Harris stated that he had passed out a copy of his gas bill and that he had been approached by Jack Gullion who lives on the 1600 block of Tazewell Avenue. He stated that there were some items of concern and that he would like Mr. Gullion to talk to council about.

Mr. Gullion stated that first of all he was ecstatic the way the Town handle the snow removal and suggested they be nominated for Hometown Heroes. He stated that he had noticed on his gas bill a charge for bad debt fee and that when he asked them what the charge was for, he was told that everyone had to pay it and it was a way to re-cooperate for anyone moving out of the area that did not pay their gas bill. He stated that if the gas company could apply this charge, then what would stop other utility companies from doing the same thing.

Mayor Harris stated that there was a \$30 flat fee commercial charge that they charged just to run their gas line to your meter per month whether you used the gas or not and that residential was being charged \$11.50 per month for this. He stated that the Town had problems with the gas company over the years and when APCO applied for any rate increase, we were notified but that we have never been notified when the gas company applied for a rate increase. He stated that the SCC was supposed to be neutral and look at the Town's interest. He stated that this flat fee was being charged whether you were using gas or not.

Mr. Linkous asked if WV was paying it.

Mayor Harris stated that he did not know and that they should not be able to pass these charges on to their customers because it was not right. He stated that he just wanted to let council know of this situation.

Mr. Gullion stated that the last 2 months, the fee for bad debt and inventory carrying had gone up. He asked will it continue to go up.

Mr. Linkous stated that it was probably based off of the current bill for the month. He stated that our current administration had shut us down in coal and railroad. He agreed that the same fees would happen with other utilities.

ADJOURN

Mayor Harris adjourned the Work Session at 7:34 p.m.

Don Harris, Mayor

Lesley Catron, Town Clerk



TOWN OF BLUEFIELD

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Office of Building, Zoning, and Property Maintenance

March 4, 2016

Re: Rezoning of Bluefield College to E-1

Dear Mike Watson,

I received a request to rezone three properties not previously included in the E-1 zoning of the campus to the current campus wide zoning of E-1. Based upon Planning Commissions recommendation it is my recommendation to schedule a joint public hearing to receive public feed back.

Thank You,

Kris Williams
Zoning Administrator

Town of Bluefield, Virginia Re-zoning Application

This application and accompanying information must be submitted in full before the Rezoning can be referred to the Planning Commission and Town Council for consideration. The application and accompanying information will become conditions of approval and be binding on the property if the rezoning is granted.

Full Name of Property/Structure Owner: Bluefield College

Mailing Address of Owner: 3000 College Ave., Bluefield, VA

Home Phone Number of Owner: _____

Work Phone Number of Owner: 276-326-4201

Fax Number of Owner (If Applicable): 276-326-4467

E-Mail Address of Owner (If Applicable): dolive@bluefield.edu

Contact Purchaser or Agent: David Olive

Mailing Address of Purchaser or Agent: Same

Phone Number of Purchaser of Agent: Same

Physical Location and/or Address of Property for Re-Zoning: _____

1) 30 College Ave. / Tax Map # 026A 01 000A, 0001

2) 2224 Cumberland Rd. / Tax Map # 026A 01 0002A

3) 11.5 Acre Track from Tierney Estate known as Part of Tr. #1, Worrell / Tax Map #
026 A 0004A

Tax Parcel Number(s): Provided above

Present Zoning District(s): _____

Overlay District(s): _____

Present Use of Property: 1) Offices 2) Campus housing 3) Recreational/Athletic

Special Use Requested: Rezoned to E1

Is this request for special Use allowed in Proposed Zone?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please provide the following information – attach separate pages if necessary:

Description of the proposed use or site modification: Activities associated with College operations.

Please demonstrate how the proposed use, when complemented with additional measures, if any, will be in harmony with the purposes of the specific district in which it will be placed.

This brings the listed properties into zoning alignment with other College parcels.

Please demonstrate how there will be no undue adverse impacts on the surrounding neighborhood in terms of public health, safety, or general welfare, and show the measure(s) to be taken to achieve such goals.

No changes from current activities.

The following items must accompany this application:

- ☐ The written consent of the owner or agent for the owner. If the applicant is the contract purchaser, the written consent of the owner is required.
 - ☐ Vicinity map (may be included on the site plan).
 - ☐ A list of adjacent property owners including properties across the street and their addresses, and the cost for the certified notices that must be mailed (See Zoning, Planning & Site Plan Fees).
 - ☐ The required application fee to be applied to the cost of advertising and expenses incidental to reviewing, publishing, and processing the application. Please make your check or money order payable to the **Town of Bluefield.**
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David W. Olive, President

PRINTED NAME OF OWNER/APPLICANT

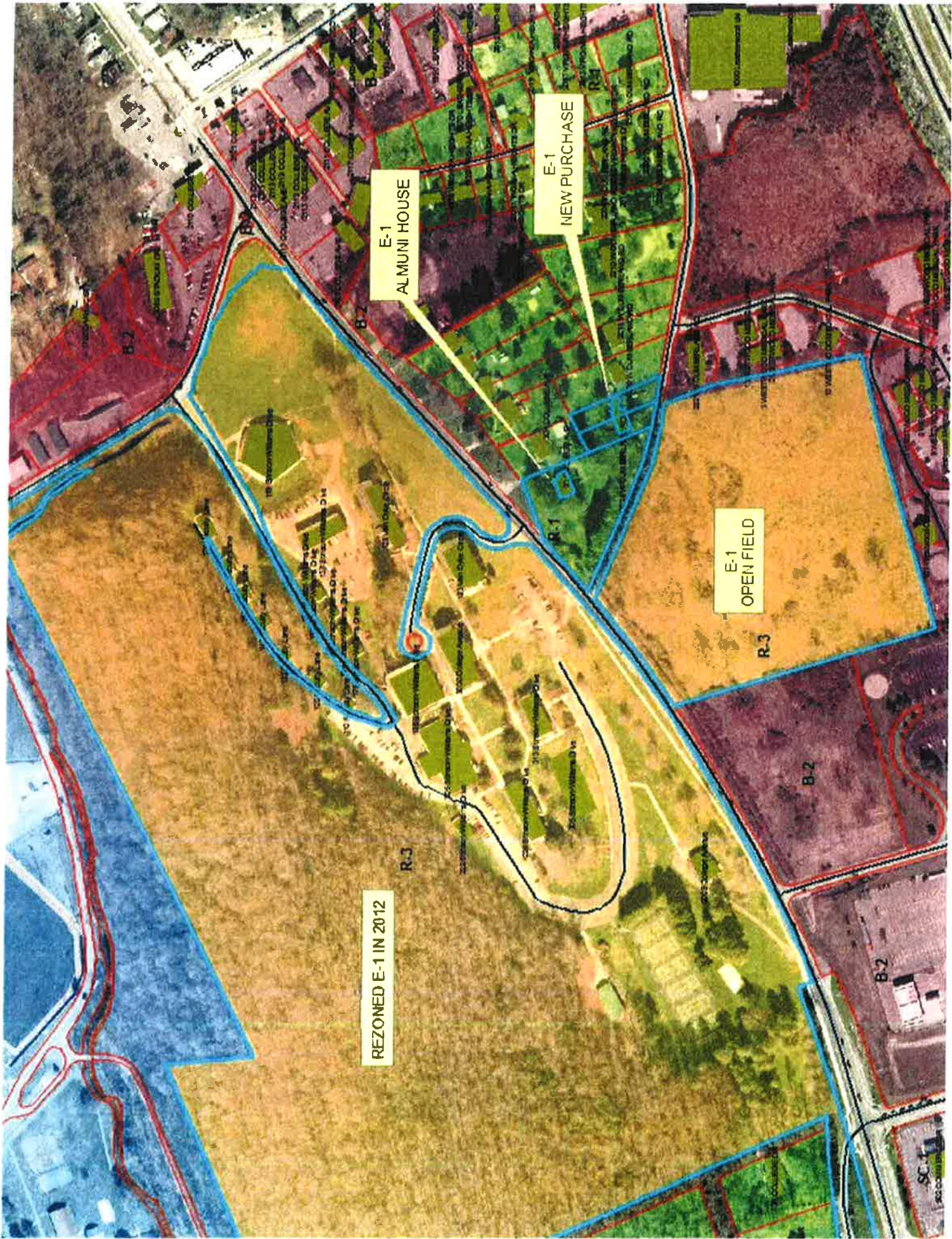
SIGNATURE OF OWNER/APPLICANT & DATE

REZONED E-1 IN 2012

E-1
ALUMNI HOUSE

E-1
NEW PURCHASE

E-1
OPEN FIELD



DIVISION 7.
Educational Institutions, DISTRICT E-1

Sec. 74-683. Statement of intent.

The regulations for the E-1 district are designed to establish and preserve the unique character of the variety of different uses that occur on Educational Institutions campus and property.

Sec. 74-684. Permitted uses.

Within the E-1 district, the following uses are permitted:

- (1) Administrative Offices related to the Educational Institution
- (2) Professional Services
- (3) Single Family Dwellings
- (4) Multifamily dwellings.
- (5) Rooming houses, boardinghouses, dormitories
- (6) Stadiums, Gymnasiums, Recreational Fields
- (7) Such other uses specifically approved by the town council on recommendation of the planning commission.

(Ord. of 6-26-2000, § 20-1201; Ord. of 9-26-2005; Ord. of 4-24-2006)

Sec. 74-685. Area regulations.

All buildings and uses in the E-1 district, unless otherwise specified in this chapter, shall comply with the following:

- (1) There is no minimum lots size for the E-1 district due to the variety of building that are located upon a property or campus

Sec. 74-686. Setback regulations.

The minimum depth of the front yard in the E-1 district shall be as follows:

- (1) *Arterial street.* Arterial streets shall be [setback] 40 feet from the lot line adjacent to such street.
- (2) *Collector street.* Collector streets shall be [setback] 30 feet from the lot line to such street.

The zoning administrator shall have the right to require more stringent setbacks so that all new structures are constructed to meet the existing neighborhood's setbacks.

(Ord. of 6-26-2000, § 20-1203; Ord. of 9-26-2005; Ord. of 4-24-2006)

Sec. 74-687. Frontage.

There is no minimum frontage for the E-1 district due to the variety of building that are located upon a property or campus

(Ord. of 6-26-2000, § 20-1204; Ord. of 9-26-2005; Ord. of 4-24-2006)

Sec. 74-688. Yard regulations.

(a) *Side yard.* No building in the E-1 district shall be located more than 15 feet to any adjoining property

(b) *Rear yard.* Each principal building in the E-1 district shall have a rear yard with a minimal of 25 feet.

(Ord. of 6-26-2000, § 20-1205; Ord. of 9-26-2005; Ord. of 4-24-2006)

Sec. 74-689. Height regulations.

All structures or buildings shall be limited to a height of 35 feet unless approved by the town council upon recommendation from the planning commission.

(Ord. of 6-26-2000, § 20-1206; Ord. of 9-26-2005; Ord. of 4-24-2006; Ord. of 3-23-2009)

Sec. 74-690. Maximum lot coverage.

There is no maximum lots size for the E-1 district due to the variety of building that are located upon a property or campus

(Ord. of 6-26-2000, § 20-1207; Ord. of 9-26-2005; Ord. of 4-24-2006)

Sec. 74-691. Off-street parking.

Off-street parking in the E-1 District shall be approved by Town Council upon recommendation of the Planning Commission based upon the requested use and demand for parking that will created with the new use.

(Ord. of 6-26-2000, § 20-1209; Ord. of 9-26-2005; Ord. of 4-24-2006)

Secs. 74-692--74-700. Reserved.

Sec. 74-1167. Signs for shopping, office, industrial centers, and educational institutions.

(a) *Generally.* Commercial, office or industrial uses located within a shopping, office or industrial center shall be authorized to erect signs based on the following:

- (1) Signs for individual establishments within such centers or parks shall be the same as for individuals or multiple businesses, as appropriate.
- (2) Center identification sign shall consist of one ground-mounted or monument-style sign per street frontage, with an area of one square foot per four linear feet of lot frontage on which the sign is to be erected, up to a maximum of 60 square feet. The center identification sign shall display only the name and address of the center and establishments located therein. No other ground-mounted signs shall be permitted on that same road frontage within the center. Exemption: Within a SC-1 district, due to its unique nature of development and multiple uses that can occur with the district, a departure from the provisions of this subsection may be made without destroying the intent of such provisions. Requests for any exception must be considered by the planning commission with a report made to the town council. Any exception thus authorized is to be stated in writing in the report of the zoning administrator to the town council with the reasoning on which the departure was justified set forth.

(Ord. of 6-26-2000, § 20-232)

(5) Electronic, LED reader board, flashing, animated or illuminated signs shall have a cyclical period of on-off phases of illumination or animation of greater than four seconds.

- a. The animated area shall be less than 25 square feet of area.
- b. Signs must be located in a business, industrial, educational or shopping center district only, only one double-faced sign shall be allowed per establishment and shall pertain to the business located on the property.
- c. All electronic, LED reader board, flashing, animated or illuminated sign permits shall be reviewed by the planning commission and approved by town council.

(Ord. of 6-26-2000, § 20-226; Ord. of 3-9-2009)

Memo

To: Town Council

From: Mike Watson

Date: 03/03/16

Re: E-Tickets



Council,

Over the past several months staff has looked into the possibility of adding an E-Ticket software to the Police Department. E-Tickets are electronically transmitted to the state when issued by a Police Officer. The E-Ticket software would allow Police Officers to print tickets and the e-ticket would automatically send to the judicial system once issued.

E-Tickets will save the Town approximately \$1,000 per year for the next five years. Staff has applied for a grant to assist in the purchase of the software; however, we have not received a response yet. I would like to request that \$26,207 be taken from Prior Year Reserves to purchase the E-Ticket software up front.

Thanks!

Mike



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Office of Building, Zoning, and Property Maintenance

March 4, 2016

Re: Rezoning of the schools to E-1

Dear Mike Watson,

Attached in your packet you will find a list of the local schools in the Town of Bluefield. The E-1 zoning district would better serve the local schools in our area. Based upon Planning Commissions recommendation it is my recommendation to schedule a joint public hearing to receive public feed back.

Thank You,

Kris Williams
Zoning Administrator



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Re: Local School and Current Zoning

Graham High School
210 Valley Dale Street
Bluefield, VA 24605
R-2

Graham Middle School
1 Academic Circle
Bluefield, VA 24605
R-3

Dudley Primary School
1840 Tazewell Avenue
Bluefield, VA 24605
R-2

Graham Intermediate School
808 Greever Avenue
Bluefield, VA 24605
R-2



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Office of Building, Zoning, and Property Maintenance

March 4, 2016

Re: Special Industry Request

Dear Mike Watson,

I received a request from Raj Chopra to consider a U-haul business and Offices as a permitted use in the M-2 district. Planning Commission recommended the approval of these businesses. The permitted use of these types of businesses are subject to approval from the Town Council as well.

Thank You,

Kris Williams
Zoning Administrator

Sec. 74-672. Permitted uses.

(a) Within the M-2 district, the following uses are permitted:

- (1) Boiler and tank works.
- (2) Brick, block, tile or pottery manufacturer.
- (3) Cement plants or related industries.
- (4) Chemical manufacturer and processing.
- (5) Dye plants.
- (6) Foundries.
- (7) Canning and packaging.
- (8) Furniture manufacturer.
- (9) Synthetic material manufacturer.
- (10) Machinery manufacturer.
- (11) Metal fabricating plants.
- (12) Quarries.
- (13) Warehousing and storage tanks provided no storage tank shall be closer than 200 feet to any property lines, other than a property line abutting a railroad right-of-way line.
- (14) Stockyards and slaughterhouses.
- (15) Truck terminals.
- (16) Coal yards.

(b) Any other industry must have special permission from the planning commission and the town council.

(Ord. of 6-26-2000, § 20-1901)

