

**TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2014 – 6:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Chairman William Alexander.

Attendance: Lowndes - present Krall - present

APPROVE MINUTES FROM APRIL 22, 2014 M/S Lowndes/Alexander to approve the minutes as submitted. All yea

REVIEW OF PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICATIONS RECEIVED TO FILL TWO VACANCIES The commissioners have received four applications by the due date of May 8, 2014: Dominique Turnbull, Eric Caldwell, Trajn Boughan and Dick Bratton. Chairman Alexander asked the candidates to speak to why they would like to join the Planning Commission. Commissioners Lowndes and Krall spoke highly of Turnbull who served as a commissioner from 2004 to 2011 and worked on the 2007 Comp Plan update. Bratton stated he had served on the commission for 8 years and 4 years as the Chair. He felt that with the pending update of the Comprehensive Plan and possible future annexations, he would like to be involved with the commission. He stated that he worked on the 1996 and 2007 Comp Plan updates. Caldwell would bring enthusiasm and an engineering background and the love of the community should he be appointed. Boughan stated that she is a professional planner with a PhD in architecture; works with state government codes and would like to bring GIS to the town infrastructure. **M/S Alexander/Lowndes to extend the application process to fill the vacant positions to Thursday, May 22, 2014 at the close of business day. The commissioners will review applications at their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2014. All yea**

DISCUSSION OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS FIRE REGULATIONS - The Clerk was requested to research the actions of the Board in 2013 concerning fire regulations and to obtain a copy of the notes from prior commissioner Cameron Thorne. Trails Chairman Bratton offered to add some language to the trails' map brochures to alert hikers to the prevailing fire danger in the mountains. The clerk did find that the Board of Trustees adopted an ordinance in 2013 addressing open fires and open burning within the Town. Bratton mentioned that the Planning Commission will be working on the updates to the Comprehensive Plan and could address and recommend stricter fire codes at that time.

NEW BUSINESS – Commissioner Lowndes stated that he did not realize that there were no codes for trails in Green Mountain Falls. He suggested that the commissioners may want to review or discuss criteria on how close a trail can be constructed to a residence. **No** other new business was presented.

CORRESPONDENCE – Dick Bratton emailed a letter of recommendation for Dominique Turnbull to Chairman Alexander. There was no other correspondence received that required commissioner discussion or action.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Chairman William Alexander

ATTEST: _____
Chris Frandina, Town Clerk