

**TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

The Black Mountain Historic Preservation Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in Town Hall at 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, North Carolina.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. with the following members present:

Susan Leive, Chair
Ron Collins, Vice Chair
Frank Cappelli

Absent:

Elaine Loutzenheiser
Matthew Turner

Staff:

Jennifer Tipton, Senior Admin

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. and duly constituted and opened for business with a quorum of three (3) regular members.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted by consensus.

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

There was one change to the minutes to add the word “the” to a sentence in the first paragraph under item one for new business. Ron Collins made a motion to adopt the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Frank Cappelli and approved by a vote of 3-0.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Black Mountain Standards Final Draft

Jennifer Tipton told the commission that this not the final, final draft and changes can still be made. The latest version has all changes and updates from the February meeting. Susan Leive asked if “significant rebuild” could be added to the table of contents on page three next to new construction. Ms. Leive also asked if the process to renew a certificate of appropriateness could be added to page thirty-eight so that applicants will know that a certificate is not just renewed but there is a process to go through.

Ron Collins asked about the forty foot height limit that was discussed at the February meeting and thought that it had been changed to thirty-five feet. The commission discussed the issue and decided to change the height limit from forty feet to thirty-five feet so that new or significantly rebuilt buildings will be more in scale with existing buildings downtown. The commission wants to discuss further and make sure that absent members get a chance to express their thoughts on the matter.

Mr. Collins asked about murals and how they are addressed in the historic district. Currently there are not any standards for murals. Seeing as they are a growing trend, Ms. Tipton

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said she will incorporate some language for the commission to review and will make sure it relates back to the paint standards in regards to painting unpainted brick.

Ms. Tipton told the commission that after the standards are finished and adopted, there is not much else in terms of business so she suggested that the commission might want to look at restarting discussions on the walking tour and the coloring book. The commission will look at doing this after the standards have been finished and adopted.

VI. COMMUNICATION FROM HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

None.

VII. COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. by consensus.

Prepared by:

Susan Leive, Chair

Jennifer Tipton, Senior Admin