Minutes Regular Meeting of the Elon Planning Board

October 19, 2021 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Conducted via Zoom and In-Person Elon, North Carolina

Attendees: Jim Beasley, John Harmon, Karla Leath, Mark Podolle. Diane Gill and Ralph Harwood joined via zoom.

Staff present: Pamela DeSoto and Mary Kathryn Harward

Community Audience: Aiesha Dawn Leath

Item A - Chairman Beasley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Item B - New Business

Item B-i – Approval of Minutes

Ms. DeSoto presented the board with minutes from August 17th and September 21st, 2021, for approval.

- Mr. Podolle made a motion to approve the August 17th minutes, with Mr. Harmon seconding the motion, and was approved unanimously by the board.
- Mr. Harmon made a motion to approve the September 21st minutes, with Mr. Podolle seconding the motion, and was approved unanimously by the board.

Item B-ii – Review and Recommendation: Consideration of Replacement Appointments for Two Planning Board Regular Member Seats, Reappointment of Diane Gill to Continue Serving as the Planning Board ETJ Representative, and Possible Appointment to Fill the In-Town Alternate Planning Board Member Position

Consideration of the following appointments and reappointment to the Planning Board as follows:

- To fill the seat being vacated by the mid-term resignation of Ms. Leath due to her relocation outside of the jurisdiction, with a term to expire in December of 2022;
- To fill the seat being vacated by the end of term resignation of Mr. Harwood, with a term to expire in December of 2025;
- To reappoint Diane Gill to fill the ETJ position, with a term to expire in December of 2025;
- Appoint to fill an In-town Alternate position, should the current Alternate Phil Owens be appointed to Regular Member status, with an expiration date of December 2023.

Ms. DeSoto recommended to the board Aiesha Dawn Leath and Phil Owens eligible to occupy the two open positions, and Ralph Harwood to take the alternate position that Phil Owens currently occupies, as no additional applications are on file. Chairman Beasley suggested that due to Mr. Owen's history as an alternate and accumulation of experience with town procedures, he be chosen to fill the seat expiring in 2025 and Aeisha to fill the seat expiring in 2022 to gain experience as a board member, and then be moved to a longer-term position if desired. Mr. Harmon motioned to approve Mr. Beasley's suggestion, and Mr. Podolle seconded the motion. The motion was then approved unanimously by the board. The appointing of Aeisha Leath and

Phil Owens will be sent to the Board of Alderman, and Ms. DeSoto voiced her plans to meet with Aeisha to give her more information about membership on the board.

Item C - Items from Board Members

There were no items from Board members.

Item D - Board of Aldermen Updates

Ms. DeSoto briefly reviewed the Board of Alderman meeting that occurred on October 12th, 2021.

Item E - Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Podolle and seconded by Mr. Harmon. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Mary Kathryn Harward, Planner Minutes were completed in Draft form on October 26th, 2021 Minutes were approved on November 16, 2021