

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
FEBRUARY 19, 2018**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on February 19, 2018, at 5:45 p.m., Justice & Administration Building, Room A201, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Brian McMahan, Chairman
Charles Elders, Vice Chair
Boyce Deitz, Commissioner
Mickey Luker, Commissioner
Ron Mau, Commissioner

Don Adams, County Manager
Heather C. Baker, County Attorney
Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board

Chairman McMahan called the public hearing to order and stated the purpose was to receive public input concerning a rezoning application from Walter and Gail Debnam for 25 Mudpuppy Lane (7559-46-7965) in Cullowhee.

John Jeleniewski, Senior Planner, stated that the Planning Department received a rezoning (map amendment) application from Jack and Gail Debnam to change the zoning designation of property they owned located at 25 Mudpuppy Lane from Residential Single Family to Commercial. The Cullowhee Planning Council held a public hearing for this application at their December 4, 2017 meeting and recommended the rezoning unanimously at their January 8, 2018 meeting. The Planning Board held their public hearing on the application on January 18, 2018 and recommended approving the application by a 5-1 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jeff Brotherton of Cullowhee, stated he was the property owner of 44 Mudpuppy Lane, which was directly behind the subject property. He purchased the property from the Mr. Debnam and he had never indicated that he had any intent to have a commercial business at the subject property, even though Mr. Debnam stated to the Planning Board that he always had a commercial design in mind for the property. Also, during the review process and public hearings of the Cullowhee Community Planning Area Development Standards, Mr. Debnam did not comment. If he had known that Mr. Debnam would seek commercial designation, he would have sold his home a long time ago. Because he had not sold the property, he was now opposing the rezone action in an attempt to save his property as he felt that he would be bound in by commercial property.

There being no further public comments, Commissioner Elders moved that the public hearing be adjourned. Commissioner Deitz seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Attest:

Approved:

Angela M. Winchester, Clerk

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman