

July 26, 2005 meeting,

The Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen had a special meeting on Tuesday, July 26, 2005 at 5:30 P.M. at the Town Hall Board Room. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the following item: presentation on economic development and land use planning – Joe Minicozzi, AICP. Mayor Joe Collins presided. Aldermen Verlin Curtis, Edwin Hall, Billy Mashburn, Charles Roper, Bob Scott and Jim Williamson were present.

Presentation on economic development and land use planning – Joe Minicozzi, ASCP

Joe Minicozzi said I work out of Asheville. He gave a Power Point presentation. He said the Board needs to preserve the downtown area. He said Asheville gives tax credits to the property owners for preserving historical property. He said the first step would be to develop a vision statement. He said you are growing a lot and it needs to be controlled. Rebecca Crawford said I have been asked to do a comprehensive land use plan. She said I need to know what type of plan the Board wants. She said the zoning codes need to be updated. She said we need to decide what downtown needs to look like in twenty years. Mrs. Crawford said what will be our impact with the new property? She said we could set up a steering committee made up of board members and community members. Alderman Curtis said if we move town hall to the new property why would that be negative. Mr. Minicozzi said that is a departure from the growth of the past. Alderman Curtis said the post office is on Depot Street. He said Southwestern Community College and the public library are outside town. Mrs. Crawford said as your planner I would recommend not moving the town hall outside the downtown area. She said we need to keep a municipal anchor in the downtown area. She said there is a lot of traffic through town hall now. No action was taken.

Adjournment

Mayor Collins adjourned the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Joe Collins, Mayor

Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk