

Board of Aldermen
Interviews for Zoning and Planning Board
Town Hall Board Room, Maggie Valley Town Hall
Tuesday February 6, 2024, 9:30am

Members Present:

Mayor Mike Eveland, Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Owens, Alderman John Hinton, Alderman Tim Wise, Alderman Phillip Wight

Staff Present:

Town Clerk Kathy Johnson, Town Planner Sam Cullen

Others Present:

Jared Lee

Media Present:

Aarik Long

Brionna Dellara

Called to Order

Mayor Mike Eveland called the meeting to order at 9:31 am on Tuesday February 6, 2024, in the Maggie Valley Town Hall Boardroom 3987 Soco Road, Maggie Valley, NC 28751.

Mayor Eveland welcomed Applicant Jared Lee and asked for him to begin by telling the Board about himself.

Jared Lee said he has lived in Maggie for about thirteen years and is passionate about the care for the community. He said as for growth, he does not have all the answers. He works in a retail shop during the winter months and deals with a lot of tourists. He said in the summer months he gets to speak with a lot of locals about different subjects that come up around Maggie. He has previous time on the Planning Board and Zoning Board.

Mayor Eveland thanked Mr. Lee for his years of service that were spent on the Planning and Zoning Boards.

Alderman Jim Owens stated he has had multiple conversations with Mr. Lee over the past few years and he knows where his heart is and knows that he loves Maggie Valley. Mr. Owens stated he has zero reservations about the job he would do.

Alderman John Hinton stated he has also spent time with Mr. Lee and over the years got to know him. He also has zero reservations about the job Mr. Lee would do. He feels Mr. Lee has been an asset to the Town and will continue to be an asset.

Alderman Phillip Wight said he appreciates Mr. Lee's commitment and dedication to the community.

Mayor Eveland said the final decision for the vacancies will be at the Tuesday February 13, Board of Alderman meeting.

Alderman Tim Wise stated he agrees with everything that has been said.

Applicant Lee said in the past he was removed from the Planning Board and no one from the Town ever gave him an explanation as to why he was removed. He was told by the Mountaineer that he was removed because of immaturity. He expressed concern about Board Members being removed with no explanation from the Board of Aldermen.

Mayor Eveland said when Mr. Lee was removed from the Planning Board, it was not the Boards intent for it to happen the way it did. He said the Board trusted Mr. Lee and that is why he was asked to be on the Zoning Board at that time, because it is a Quasi-Judicial Board.

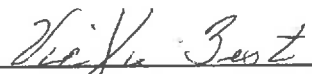
Alderman Jim Owens said his removal from the planning Board had nothing to do with Mr. Lee's ability, performance or mindset.

Alderman Phillip Wight said he was glad he could ask the question and he liked Mr. Lee's character and feels Mr. Lee is a "standup guy" and is compassionate about the community.

Mayor Eveland adjourned the meeting at 9:49 am.

Attest: 

Mayor Mike Eveland



Vickie Best, Town Manager



Kathy Johnson, Town Clerk

