

Town of Grantsboro Planning Board
Public Hearing and Meeting on August 15, 2023

The Grantsboro Planning Board met on Tuesday, August 15, 2023. Attending were: Lynn Hardison, Chair; and board members Ray Dixon, Stephen Lane, and Town Clerk Ray Lewis.

Hardison opened the public hearing, which was to receive comments and information concerning a zoning change for a proposed 42 unit multi-family housing project within the Town. The floor was first given to Beth Bucksot, economic development coordinator for Pamlico County. Ms. Bucksot shared information concerning the funding of the project that is being made available through federal funding. Bucksot also shared comments to clear up some misinformation concerning the housing units, particularly that they would not be low-income housing. These apartments would primarily target workforce renters, and perhaps retirees.

The floor was then given to Mark McCloskey from Eastpoint Homes. Mr. McCloskey was present to represent Eastpoint, and the developer of the proposed project, Halcon Development. McCloskey shared that the 2 story buildings would have 1, 2, and 3 bedroom apartments with rental rates between \$700 and \$1300. There would be a full time manager, and monthly maintenance of the facilities. If funding is approved, construction could begin in Spring of 2024.

There were a few questions asked of Ms. Bucksot and Mr. McCloskey concerning highway access, where some other projects were located, maintenance and upkeep, and management. The hearing was then closed.

Hardison reviewed the considerations in recommending the zoning change, and asked for a motion for a recommendation. Board member Lane asked to be recused from voting due to personal interests. With Lane being recused, there was not a quorum present, and no vote for the recommendation was taken. The matter was tabled, and another meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 17th at 6:00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.