

**TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
MEETING MINUTES**

**May 1, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) of the Town of Rocky Mount, Virginia met at the Rocky Mount Municipal Building on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., with Chair Susan Hapgood calling the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT

- Susan Hapgood, Chair
- Jason Altice, Vice Chair
- Lucy Goode
- Carol Tuning
- Bud Blanchard

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

- None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

- Jessica Angle, Zoning Administrator
- Cherie Compton, Board of Zoning Appeals Clerk
- John Boitnott, Town Attorney

ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Chair)

Chair Hapgood opened the floor for nominations for Chair

Motion: To nominate Susan Hapgood for Chair

Motion By: Member Carol Tuning

Seconded By: Member Lucy Goode

Hearing no further nominations Chair Susan Hapgood closed the floor for nominations.

Action: Approved by unanimous vote to elect Susan Hapgood as Chair for the Board of Zoning Appeals

ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Vice Chair)

Chair Susan Hapgood opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair

Motion: To nominate Jason Altice for Vice Chair

Motion By: Member Bud Blanchard

Seconded By: Member Carol Tuning

PUBLIC HEARING:

The applicant, Sheetz, Inc. has applied for a variance for Franklin County Tax Map and Parcel Number 2030008202, commonly known as 265 Old Franklin Tpke, Rocky Mount, Virginia. The applicant seeks a variance of Article 7-5-7 (A) (2) of the Town of Rocky Mount Zoning Ordinance, which requires a setback of 15 feet for all compressed air connections. The applicant is seeking a reduced setback for the air machines.

Zoning Administrator Jessica Angle presented the staff report. Applicant, Kelley Brown from Sheetz, Inc was present and answered questions from BZA members.

Hearing no further comments, Chair Susan Hapgood asked for a motion.

Motion: To approve the request for the variance for Franklin County Tax Map and Parcel Number 2030008202, commonly known as 265 Old Franklin Tpke.

Motion By: Member Carol Tuning

Second By: Member Lucy Goode

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote

NEW BUSINESS

Members were presented with the 2023 and 2024 Annual Report of the Board of Zoning Appeals for review.

BOARD CONCERNS

Chair Susan Hapgood asked about the former Jones Flower shop and Carilion. An open discussion ensued.

STAFF UPDATES

Zoning Administrator Jessica Angle stated the new Zoning & Subdivision Ordinance was adopted October 2024, and recommended members review changes. An open discussion ensued.

Hearing no further comments, Chair Susan Hapgood asked for a motion to adjourn.