

*The Zoning Board of the Town of Murphy met for their regular scheduled meeting on October 7, 2020 in City Hall.*

Those present were: Frank Dickey, Noland Smith, Blake Hughes, and John Fowler. Secretary P.J. Siler, Town Manager Chad Simons, Town Attorney Mack Cowan, and Mayor Rick Ramsey were also present.

**Approval of the Minutes**

**Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Dickey to approve the September 2, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Parking Restrictions for Medical Facilities**

The Board discussed how to approach the issue of regulating clinics such as methadone clinics in the future. Town Attorney Mack Cowan said the state does not distinguish methadone clinics from other medical facilities such as private practices and urgent care facilities. Mr. Cowan said the Town would have to prohibit all medical facilities if they were going to prevent methadone clinics.

The Board discussed the matter at length.

**Motion was made by Dickey, seconded by Fowler to ban all medical facilities from the General Business District, and to require at least 50 parking spaces per employee for medical facilities in H-B Highway Business. Motion Carried. Vote: 3 to 1. Noland Smith voted no.**

**Update from Zoning Administrator**

Mr. Dickey informed the Board about a permit issued to Mark Dickey for a 10x12 building at his property on Valley River Avenue, and a day treatment program formed by Appalachian Community Services at Murphy Elementary School.

**Adjourn**

**Motion was made by Hughes, seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary