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Some sent copies of their documentation to Planner Debbie Flynn, but the information was never passed along to the trustees. When several members of the board expressed irritation that they didn't have all the

information in their packets to make a clear decision, Flynn said, "I wasn't directed to do so."

Moreland said every contract includes verbiage to the effect that there is no guarantee adjacent properties will remain as initially shown on the plans.

Trustee Jim Romanello encouraged all residents to email concerns to the trustees directly using their public email addresses. He acknowledged the plan meets the town's requirements for development but said voting tonight without the residents' documents was unfortunate.

Trustee Mitch LaKind said, "How do we represent the citizens if they are communicating to the town and we aren't allowed to know about it?"

However, Clark said she didn't see any reason to withhold approval, noting the promises of salespeople can't come into play. She suggested residents could retain an attorney, "but that is not our concern."

Trustee Ron Stephens was concerned about the expectation set for the residents by the developers. "I don't think it's appropriate to say one thing and then do something different," he said. Stephens also conceded his hands were tied in voting for approval since the developer has met the town's building requirements.

Residents even claimed to have been threatened by Classic Homes employees that trees would be clear cut

if homeowners didn't come out in favor of this amendment. Moreland said Classic has never committed to a density range.

When Stephens exclaimed, "We've done everything by the book," it was obvious the board could do nothing except approve the request.

The request passed 5-2 with Stephens and Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Elliott voting against.

First part of transponder replacement project approved

Public Works Director Tom Tharnish asked the board to approve \$67,690 for a Meter Transponder Replacement Project. The money will be spent on labor for contractor Ratliff Utilities to replace 967 meter transponders. Data will automatically populate into the meter and billing systems, giving customers access to their meter readings. The project will be done by the end of the year.

Tharnish will bring a second request to the board so that they can approve the equipment required to complete the project.

The request passed 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

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Town of Monument Planning Open House, May 11

Monument updating land development code

By Allison Robenstein

Over the past 30 years, the Town of Monument has been updating zoning codes piecemeal, but this has proven ineffective. The Board of Trustees approved town staff to undertake a complete update to the zoning, subdivision, and signage code provisions. The objective is to implement the goals of the 2017 Comprehensive Plan. The project started in the fall of 2019, and final approval is expected during the June 7 Board of Trustees meeting.

Both residential and commercial zoning codes were updated, condensing them into one document for ease of use.

The project is funded in part through a state Department of Local Affairs grant. To get more information about

the project, see www.plan-tools.com/Plan-Tools-Projects.asp.

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Above: On May 11, Monument Planner Debbie Flynn, right, talks with a resident about the land development code project that the town has been working on since the fall of 2019. Photo by Allison Robenstein.

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Dated: May 18, 2021
/s/ Tiffiney Upchurch, Secretary
Board of Education
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