To: Board of Commissioners  
Planning Board

From: Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator

Date: March 13, 2020

Re: CUP #418  
Dawn Blackburn, applicant  
Parcel ID# 02782

The following information is for use by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and Planning Board at their joint meeting/public hearing on April 6, 2020.

REQUEST

The applicant is requesting a conditional use permit to allow a former church to be used to host wedding and other events in the R-T (Transitional Residential) district. An event venue is classified under recreation. Under the Unified Development Ordinance, private recreation facilities are permitted in the R-T district where approved by the Board of Commissioners through the issuance of a conditional use permit.

A site plan has been submitted as part of the application. The applicant is proposing the following conditions:

1) The maximum number of attendees at any event shall be 96.
2) No parking shall be allowed along Old Plank Road.
3) A driveway permit shall be obtained from NCDOT.

The 2,112-square-foot church building previously served as a place of worship for New Hope United Methodist Church, which closed in 2018. The applicant and her husband purchased the property from the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.

SITE AREA AND DESCRIPTION

The 0.85-acre parcel is located at 5795 Old Plank Road, on the east side of Old Plank Road about 2,400 feet north of Ingleside Farm Road in Catawba Springs Township. It is surrounded by property zoned R-T. Land uses in this area are primarily residential. The subject property is part of an area designated by the Lincoln County Land Use Plan as Large Lot Residential, suitable for primarily single-detached detached homes, with a church, community center, and a pool and amenities listed among secondary land uses.
Applicant  **Dawn Blackburn**  
Application No.  **CUP #418**

Location  **5795 Old Plank Road**  
Parcel #  **02782**

Zoning District  **R-T**  
Proposed Use  **private recreational facility (event venue)**

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The use will not materially endanger the public health or safety if located where proposed and developed according to plan.  
   - YES__________________  
   - NO____________________

   FACTUAL REASONS CITED:
   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________

2. The use meets all required conditions and specifications.  
   - YES ______________  
   - NO _______________

   FACTUAL REASONS CITED:
   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________

3. The use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property unless the use is a public necessity.  
   - YES _______________  
   - NO _______________

   FACTUAL REASONS CITED:
   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________

4. The location and character of use, if developed according to the plan as submitted and approved, will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located and will be in general conformity with the Land Use Plan for the area in question.  
   - YES ________________  
   - NO ________________

   FACTUAL REASONS CITED:
   ____________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________
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After having held a Public Hearing on   ___________ ____________________  and in light of the Findings of Facts listed herein, the following action was taken by the Lincoln County Planning Board:

__________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________

In recommending such Conditional Use, the following conditions were recommended by the Lincoln County Planning Board:

______________________________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________________________
PART I
Applicant Name  Dawn Blackburn
Applicant Address  5795 Old Plank Rd
Applicant Phone Number  704-307-9681
Property Owner Name  Barrett & Dawn Blackburn
Property Owner Address  5795 Old Plank Rd
Property Owner Phone Number  704-307-9681

PART II
Property Location  5795 Old Plank Rd, Iron Station, NC 28080
Property ID (10 digits)  36082529289  Property size  0.85 acres
Parcel # (5 digits)  02782  Deed Book(s)  2853  Page(s)  968

PART III
Existing Zoning District  R-T

Briefly describe how the property is being used and any existing structures.

A Church Chapel and fellowship hall

Briefly explain the proposed use and/or structure which would require a Conditional Use Permit.

To host weddings and other events

APPLICATION FEE (less than 2 acres $250, 2+ acres $500)
MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE PROCESSING.

I hereby certify that all knowledge of the information provided for this application and attachments is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

[Signature]
Applicant's Signature  Date  2-20-2020
APPLICANT’S PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT
FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Application No.  CUP #418  Applicant  Dawn Blackburn
Property location  5795 Old Plank Road  Parcel#  02782
Zoning District  R-T  Proposed Conditional Use  private recreation
facility for hosting weddings and other events

PROPOSED FINDINGS

1. The use will not materially endanger the public health or safety if located where proposed and developed according to plan.

No changes to the property are proposed. A building that formerly served as a church will be used to host events. Attendance will be limited to a maximum of 96 people. Adequate parking areas are available on-site. No parking will be allowed along Old Plank Road. A driveway permit will be obtained from NCDOT.

2. The use meets all required conditions and specifications.

A private recreation facility, a classification that includes a venue for weddings and other events, is a conditional use in the R-T district.

3. The use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property unless the use is a public necessity.

No major changes to this property are proposed. The church building will be preserved and continue to serve the community.

4. The location and character of use, if developed according to the plan as submitted and approved, will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located and will be in general conformity with the Land Use Plan for the area in question.

The church building has been a part of this area for decades. This property is located in an area designated by the Lincoln County Land Use Plan as Large Lot Residential, a classification that lists a community center as a secondary use.
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—all values for Tax Year 2020——
Conditional Use Permit #418
subject property is outlined in blue
Applicant's Proposed Conditions:
1) The maximum number of attendees at any event shall be 96 (3 x number of parking spaces).
2) No parking shall be allowed along Old Plank Road.
3) A driveway permit shall be obtained from NCDOT.