

**Town of Amherst
Industrial Development Authority
August 6, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Town of Amherst Industrial Development Authority was called to order by Chairman Lewis Addison on August 6, 2018, at 5:15 PM in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 174 S. Main Street. It was noted that a quorum was present as follows:

P	Lewis Addison	P	Sharon W. Turner
P	Jacob Bailey	P	Kim Stein
A	Gary Jennings	P	Richard Wydner
P	C. Manly Rucker, III		

Town Manager Sara E. Carter, in her capacity as Secretary to the Authority, and Clerk of Council Vicki Hunt were present.

Tim Ware, Alex Motley, Carter Massie and Jason Buendorf, came forward on behalf of the Amherst Mountain Biking Club seeking use of L. Barnes Brockman, Sr. Business and Industrial Park for multi-use bike trails primarily along the mostly wooded back area of the industrial park, presenting a proposal that included how bike trails can increase land value and help stimulate tourism thereby leading to an increased economic impact on the Town of Amherst through trip and travel-related spending and outdoor-related recreational product sales.

Kathryn "Katie" Conner, VDP, Development Specialist, Partnership Marketing, from the Virginia Tourism Corporation, came forward to share examples of the economic impact on nearby communities due to the establishment of bike trails and encouraged the Authority to solicit information from other rural communities on their experience on matters such as safety requiring EMS or police presence that they may have encountered.

Mr. Rucker made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Bailey that the Authority agrees to recommend to Town Council that Amherst Mountain Biking Club be allowed to establish a multi-use bike trail system in L. Barnes Brockman, Sr. Business and Industrial Park.

After discussion on matters of liability, police presence, EMS access to bike trails, and possible future cost to the Town, Mr. Rucker amended his motion which was seconded by Mr. Bailey that the Authority agrees to recommend to Town Council that the Amherst Mountain Biking Club be allowed to establish a multi-use bike trail system in L. Barnes Brockman, Sr. Business and Industrial Park subject to an agreement between the Town of Amherst and Amherst Mountain Biking Club stating the responsibilities of the parties, including issues of liability, maintenance, and movement of the established bike trail to accommodate new businesses.

The motion carried 6-0-1 according to the following:

Lewis Addison	Aye	Sharon Turner	Aye
Manley Rucker	Aye	Kim Stein	Aye
Jacob Bailey	Aye	Richard Wydner	Aye

Gary Jennings Absent

On a motion by Mr. Rucker which was seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried 6-0-1, the minutes of the March 5, 2018, meeting were approved. Mrs. Turner and Messrs. Addison, Bailey, Rucker, Wydner and Stein voted "Aye". Mr. Jennings was absent.

At 6:16 PM Mr. Wydner made the following motion which was seconded by Mrs. Turner and carried 6-0-1 with Mrs. Turner and Messrs. Addison, Bailey, Rucker, Wydner and Stein voting in favor and Mr. Jennings absent: I move that the Industrial Development Authority convene in closed session pursuant to §2.2-3711A.5 of the Code of Virginia, relating to a prospective business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

At 6:27 PM Mr. Wydner made a motion seconded by Mr. Bailey, that the Authority adjourn the closed session and enter open session, certifying to the best of each member's knowledge that (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Title 2.2, Chapter 37 and §15.2-2907 of the Code of Virginia and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the session. The motion 6-0-1 via the roll call method with Mrs. Turner and Messrs. Addison, Bailey, Rucker, Wydner and Stein voted "Aye". Mr. Jennings was absent.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.

Lewis Addison, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Secretary