

**Town of Amherst
Planning Commission Minutes
June 6, 2007**

A meeting of the Town of Amherst Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson June Driskill in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 7:30 PM on June 6, 2007.

It was noted that a quorum was present as indicated below:

P Jason Campbell	A William Jones
P June Driskill	P Steve LaBar
A Lyle Garrette	P Richard Wydner
P William Hathaway	

Town Manager Jack Hobbs was present in his capacity as Secretary to the Commission.

The minutes of the May 2, 2007 Commission meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Wydner, seconded by Mr. Hathaway, and carried 5-0 according to the following:

Jason Campbell	Aye	William Jones	Absent
June Driskill	Aye	Steve LaBar	Aye
Lyle Garrette	Absent	Richard Wydner	Aye
William Hathaway	Aye		

Amherst County Comprehensive Plan

Amherst County Planning Director Jeremy Bryant gave a presentation on the county's recent comprehensive planning process and the proposed future land use designations near the Town of Amherst. The Commission agreed by consensus to support the future land use plan in the future Town water and sewer service areas, to express concern about the ability of the Town to support the growth in those areas from a water and sewer utility capacity standpoint, and to suggest that the County lakes should be used to support the Town's water system as those areas are developed or during drought situations. The Chair was asked to express these recommendations to the Town Council in a letter to the Mayor. After some discussion on ways the Town and county could support each other's planning efforts, the Commission thanked Mr. Bryant for his presentation.

Ambriar Comprehensive Plan Amendment

There was some discussion with Barry Thompson and Eddie Thacker on the development of the Ambriar area. By consensus, the Commission asked the Secretary to advertise a hearing on a

comprehensive plan amendment, based on the one proposed in the Ambriar study, for the July 3 meeting.

Flood Plain Ordinance Update

By consensus, the Commission asked the Secretary to advertise a hearing on an amendment to the floodplain ordinance, as recommended by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and required by FEMA, for the July 3 meeting.

Front Setbacks and Issue

By consensus, the Commission asked the Secretary to advertise a hearing on an amendment to Section 18.1-804 (Minimum yard requirements) and Section 18.1-601.02 (Nonconforming structures) for the July 3 meeting.

The Secretary reported that:

- A. The Cash/Dawson/Arnold rezoning request was approved by the Town Council on May 9, 2007.
- B. The Hwong variance request was approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals on May 15, 2007.
- C. The first work on the Comprehensive Plan update project is due from the planning district commission by the end of June; and
- D. The Town Council had reappointed Mr. Wydner and Mr. Jones to 4-year terms on the Commission.

Mr. Campbell reported that the Town Council had a discussion on May 9, 2007 regarding the reduction of restrictions on what is allowed in the residential zones by expanding upon the special use permit uses listed in Table 7.1.

There being no further business, Mr. Hathaway made a motion that was seconded by Mr. LaBar and carried 5-0 according to the following to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM:

Jason Campbell	Aye	William Jones	Absent
June Driskill	Aye	Steve LaBar	Aye
Lyle Garrette	Absent	Richard Wydner	Aye
William Hathaway	Aye		

June Driskill, Chairperson

Attest: _____