

**Town of Amherst  
Planning Commission Minutes  
January 7, 2009**

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 January 7, 2009. It was noted that a quorum was present as indicated below:

P June Driskill	P Steve LaBar
A William Hathaway	A Mike Mozingo
P William Jones	P Richard Wydner

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

It was noted that Mr. Garrette had resigned from the Commission so there is one vacant seat.

The minutes of the December 3, 2008 Commission meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Wydner, seconded by Mr. LaBar, and carried 4-0 according to the following:

June Driskill	Aye	Steve LaBar	Aye
William Hathaway	Absent	Mike Mozingo	Absent
William Jones	Aye	Richard Wydner	Aye

Transportation/Pedestrian Plan

Scott Smith from the Region 2000 Local Government Council came forward to lead a discussion on his agency's transportation and pedestrian planning project. Discussion points on the pedestrian planning project included:

- Identification of pedestrian friendly and unfriendly zones
- Opportunities for bicycle pathways
- Sidewalk on U.S. Route 60 East, Union Hill Road and Second Street
- Sidewalk deficiencies in the downtown area, including crosswalk locations, handicap ramps, and gaps and blockages along older sidewalk sections

Next month's discussion on the pedestrian plan is to include a summary of prior discussions, some technical analyses, maps and a phased installation concept.

Mr. Smith indicated that work on the transportation portion of the plan should be ready to review next month.

Draft Comprehensive Plan

A summary of comments on the draft comprehensive plan document was reviewed. The Commission asked the Secretary to weave the comments and suggested responses into a revised draft document.

The Commissioners were reminded that they have been invited to a training session that is to be held on January 22 in Lynchburg.

The Secretary advised the Commissioners that work on the planning and zoning form update project is in the review stage with all forms posted on the Town's web site (www.amherstva.gov).

By consensus the Commission agreed to delay the election of officers until all seats on the Commission have been filled and all members are present.

There being no further business, Mr. Wydner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. LaBar and carried 4-0 according to the following to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 PM:

June Driskill	Aye	Steve LaBar	Aye
William Hathaway	Absent	Mike Mozingo	Absent
William Jones	Aye	Richard Wydner	Aye

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June Driskill, Chairperson

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_