

**Town of Amherst
Planning Commission Minutes
September 6, 2017**

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 174 S. Main Street at 7:30 p.m. on September 6, 2017. It was noted that a quorum was present as indicated below:

Present – June Driskill	
Absent - Kevin Belcher	Present – Clifford Hart
Present – Ted Finney	Present – Kenneth Bunch
Present – William Jones	Present – Mike Mozingo

The vacant seat was filled by Mr. Mike Mozingo. Also in capacity were Town Attorney, Tom Berry, Office Manager, Tracie Wright, and Interim Town Manager, Pete Huber.

The minutes from the August 2, 2017, Commission meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Hart and seconded by Mr. Finney, and carried a 6-0 according to the following:

Aye – June Driskill	
Absent - Kevin Belcher	Aye – Clifford Hart
Aye – Ted Finney	Aye – Kenneth Bunch
Aye – William Jones	Aye – Mike Mozingo

Rezoning Application

A rezoning application was submitted by Blue Ridge Realty Holdings to rezone parcels 96A4A49 and 96A4A50 from R2 to CBD. After several questions regarding the entrance and VDOT issues, Tom Berry reminded the Commission that the request at this time was simply for rezoning and the Town could address those issues at a later date. Mrs. Driskill approved to advertise for a Public Hearing on this matter to be held at the October 4, 2017 Planning Commission meeting.

Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance Updates

A proposed series of revisions to the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance were provided to the Commission and discussed at the August meeting with Sections 18.1-506 and 18.1-804 needing further discussion. After discussion, it was agreed that if it was not required to be changed then to leave those sections as they currently are.

Concerns of the Commissioner

Mrs. Driskill asked if everyone received her information that she sent out regarding the County Updates. The Town Commission is concerned about the approval of a Conservation Easement by the Amherst County Planning Commission for land joining the land on 60 West. Tom Berry suggested that a letter from the Town Commission and Town Council be prepared and given to the Amherst County Board of Supervisors expressing the Town’s concerns on this decision.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Mozingo, seconded by Mr. Hart and carried 6-0 according to the following:

Aye – June Driskill
Absent - Kevin Belcher
Aye – Ted Finney
Aye – William Jones

Aye – Clifford Hart
Aye – Kenneth Bunch
Aye – Mike Mozingo

June Driskill, Chairperson

Attest: _____
William Thomas Berry, Town Attorney