

**Town of Amherst Planning Commission  
Minutes  
May 3, 2023**

A meeting of the Town of Amherst Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson June Driskill on May 3, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Town Hall at 174 S. Main Street.

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

P	June Driskill	P	Michael Driskill
P	William Jones	P	John Vandervelde
P	Anne Webster Day	P	Nathaniel Holden Chase
P	Clifford Hart		

Town Manager Sara McGuffin, and Clerk of Council Vicki K. Hunt in her capacity as Secretary, were also present.

The Chair opened the floor for citizen comments.

Manly Rucker and John Wimer were present to comment and answer questions on the application of Rutledge Development, LLC for a special use permit for a temporary contractor storage yard on property at Route 60 and the railroad tracks. Tom Howell and Beth Brown were also present to answer questions.

There being no one else present to speak, no further comments were made.

Mr. Hart made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Driskill to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2023, meeting.

There being no discussion, the motion carried 7-0 according to the following:

June Driskill	Aye	Anne Webster Day	Aye
Michael Driskill	Aye	John Vandervelde	Aye
William Jones	Aye	Nathaniel Holden Chase	Aye
Clifford Hart	Aye		

Town Manager McGuffin gave a report on an Application for Rezoning submitted by McDonald’s Corporation to rezone 2,193 square feet of property adjacent to the existing McDonalds (Tax Map No. 96A4-A-174) from T-1 to B-2 for the purpose of adding a 2<sup>nd</sup> drive-thru. Staff recommended setting a public hearing on the rezoning request, and consideration of applicant’s site plan.

Mr. Vandervelde made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Hart to set a public hearing on the submitted request to rezone the property and consideration of the applicant’s site plan at its June 7, 2023, meeting, as recommended by staff.

After discussion, the motion carried 7-0 according to the following:

June Driskill	Aye	Anne Webster Day	Aye
Michael Driskill	Aye	John Vandervelde	Aye
William Jones	Aye	Nathaniel Holden Chase	Aye
Clifford Hart	Aye		

Town Manager McGuffin gave a report on a request for a Special Use Permit by Rutledge Development LLC for a temporary contractor storage yard located at their property at Route 60 and the railroad tracks (no address). Staff recommended setting a public hearing on the request.

Mr. Driskill made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Day to set a public hearing on the submitted request for a special use permit at its June 7, 2023, meeting, as recommended by staff.

After discussion, the motion carried 7-0 according to the following:

June Driskill	Aye		Anne Webster Day	Aye
Michael Driskill	Aye		John Vandervele	Aye
William Jones	Aye		Nathaniel Holden Chase	Aye
Clifford Hart	Aye			

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Driskill which was seconded by Mr. Vandervele and carried 7-0, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM, according to the following:

June Driskill	Aye		Anne Webster Day	Aye
Michael Driskill	Aye		John Vandervele	Aye
William Jones	Aye		Nathaniel Holden Chase	Aye
Clifford Hart	Aye			

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June Driskill, Chairperson

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