

**Town of Amherst
Planning Commission Minutes
July 5, 2006**

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 July 5, 2005.

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

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

(One seat is vacant)

Town Manager Jack Hobbs was present in his capacity as Secretary to the Commission. Chairperson Driskill congratulated Messrs. Campbell, Garrette and LaBar on their reappointments and Richard Wydner on his appointment to the Commission; there is one seat still vacant.

Ambriar Area Study

Cayce Dagenhart from the Region 2000 Local Government Council came forward to give a presentation on access management and discussed the status of the Ambriar study project.

Regional Land Use and Transportation Planning Integration Study

Bob White from the Region 2000 Local Government Council gave a brief presentation on the PDC's work on a strategy to better coordinate land use planning and transportation planning.

Downtown Revitalization Study

Aaron Arnett from Arnett Muldrow and Associates came forward to meet the Commissioners, explain his approach to the downtown revitalization study issue, and begin getting community feedback from community leaders.

The minutes of the May 3, 2006 Commission meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Garrette, and carried 6-0 according to the following:

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

Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance Revisions

The Secretary reported on outstanding issues on the update and improvement of the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance which include:

- Language to limit/reduce light pollution
- Language on rezoning notice signs
- Central business district zoning language and zone boundaries to include Rt. 60

- Changing the timetable for required action on rezoning applications
- Zoning application fees

The Secretary suggested that the number of planning activities currently underway in the Town, county and region would help support a comprehensive plan effort that could begin the next six to twelve months.

There being no further business, Mr. Wydner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. LaBar and carried 6-0 according to the following to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM:

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

June Driskill, Chairperson

Attest: _____