

**Town of Amherst
Planning Commission Minutes
July 6, 2011**

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 P.M. on July 6, 2011. It was noted that a quorum was present as indicated below:

P June Driskill	P William Jones
P Ted Finney	P Steve LaBar
P William Hathaway	P Richard Wydner
P Clifford Hart	

Office Manager Colan Davis was present in the capacity as Acting Secretary to the Commission.

Amherst Baptist Church Special Use Permit Application

A duly advertized public hearing on Amherst Baptist Church's Special Use Permit application was opened at 7:31 P.M. Mr. James Bryant, owner of 228 Lexington Turnpike Amherst VA, came forward to express concerns regarding safety. Mr. Larry Pollard representing Dr. David Clay, pastor of Amherst Baptist Church came forward to state that the Virginia State Police were in the process of doing a safety and security audit and that VDOT was in the process of doing a traffic study. There being no one further wishing to speak the hearing was closed at 7:43 P.M.

Mr. Hart made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the application contingent on favorable VDOT and State Police safety studies. The motion passed by vote of 7-0 according to the following:

June Driskill	Aye	William Jones	Aye
Ted Finney		Aye Steve LaBar	Aye
William Hathaway	Aye	Richard Wydner	Aye
Clifford Hart	Aye		

There was discussion about the double row of 5' high Leyland cypress trees on staggered 10' centers that were to be along the Sarver property line. These trees were listed as a condition for the February 11, 2004 special use permit. It was noted that these trees were not there during a recent site visit. Chairperson Driskill asked that the secretary send a letter to Amherst Baptist Church stating that there was still an outstanding condition from the February 11, 2004 special use permit.

The minutes of the June 1, 2011 Commission meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Wydner, seconded by Mr. Hart, and carried 7-0 according to the following:

June Driskill	Aye	William Jones	Aye
Ted Finney		Steve LaBar	Aye
William Hathaway	Aye	Richard Wydner	Aye
Clifford Hart	Aye		

The acting secretary reported that no updated information had been received from Family Dollar.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M. on a motion by Mr. Hathaway that was seconded by Mr. Jones and carried 7-0 according to the following:

June Driskill	Aye	William Jones	Aye
Ted Finney		Steve LaBar	Aye
William Hathaway	Aye	Richard Wydner	Aye
Clifford Hart	Aye		

June Driskill, Chairperson

Attest: _____