

Mayor D. Dwayne Tuggle called a regular monthly meeting of the Amherst Town Council to order on January 11, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 174 S. Main Street. Council members André Higginbotham, Kenneth Watts, Mark A. Stinnett and Rachel Carton were present. Town Manager Jack Hobbs, Police Chief Robert Kimbrel, Deputy Town Manager for Public Works Jim Chandler, Office Manager Tracie Wright, and Deputy Town Clerk Vicki Hunt were present. It was noted that one seat on the Town Council is vacant.

Mayor Tuggle made opening remarks on behalf of the Council.

Mayor Tuggle opened the floor for citizen comments following recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ed Carton, 241 Hanger Road, came forward to offer a prayer as a citizen comment.

A duly advertised public hearing on the pavement markings that VDOT would install after the planned 2017 repaving of North and South Main Streets and Rt 60 from the traffic circle to the bypass was opened at 7:03 P.M. A summary on the series of proposals was given by Town Manager Hobbs. Present to answer questions were EPR Principal Transportation Engineer/Planner Bill Wuensch; Resident Engineer Don Austin; Area Traffic Engineer Gerry Harter, Transportation Planner David Cook, and E.I.T. Siavash Mousavizadeh from VDOT; and Transportation Planning Coordinator Scott Smith from Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council. Sharon W. Turner came forward and spoke against the proposal due to the loss of two parking spaces in front of the Museum. There being no one else present who wished to speak on the matter, the public hearing closed at 7:18 P.M. Council requested EPR make a further review of parking space options in front of the Museum. No action was taken.

Police Chief Kimbrel came forward to introduce new Police Officer Dante Robinson.

Mayor Tuggle introduced new Deputy Town Manager for Public Works Jim Chandler.

Jerry Peaks from Bowman Consulting gave a status report on his firm's Water Quality Study and discussed ways the Town can improve the quality of its drinking water.

A discussion was held on the proposed Amherst Fire Department's 100 Years of Service to Amherst County event that would be held in downtown Amherst on August 19, 2017. Chief Tom Martin from the Amherst Fire Department was present. Sharon W. Turner, 193 N. Main Street, was present in support of the event.

Mr. Higginbotham made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Watts and carried 4-0 that the Town of Amherst support the Amherst Fire Department's 100 Years of Service Celebration event on August 19, 2017 subject to the following understandings:

- The Amherst Fire Department will be the overall event sponsor and responsible for communicating and cooperating with all county property owners, residents, business operators, government agencies and other affected and involved individuals.
- Amherst Fire Department will supply the Town, Sharon and Walter Turner and Tom Hall with an insurance certificate, in a form and with language satisfactory to the Town Attorney, naming the Town and the other parties as additional insureds and holding each additional insured harmless for all items in connection with this event.
- Amherst Fire Department will provide and oversee repair of the Kent Street area with gravel treatment.
- The event will feature a hard closing of S. Main Street from Star Street to Second Street, E. Court Street and Goodwin Street at 1:30 PM and full reopening at 10:00 PM.
- Amherst Fire Department will be responsible for obtaining permission for the route and provide all personnel required to direct traffic in and out of the W. Court Street neighborhood.

- The Town will sponsor the application for the required VDOT permit that would allow the closure of public streets.
- The Town will allow use of its E. Court Street lot as well as the Town Hall property, with the understanding that 4 parking spaces at the Town Hall will be reserved for Town of Amherst Police Department vehicles.
- Amherst Fire Department will fund 12 law enforcement officers that will provide security and oversee traffic control for the event under the direction of the Town of Amherst Chief of Police.
- The Town of Amherst will provide the usual nominal support such as posting informational and applications forms on the Town's web site and otherwise encouraging participation and enjoyment of what the Town Council hopes will become a traditional community event.

Messrs. Watts, Higginbotham, Stinnett, and Mrs. Carton, voted "Aye."

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Watts which was seconded by Mr. Stinnett and carried 4-0 to approve the Resolution to Adopt and Effect the Organizational Plan for the Town of Amherst for the January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018 Council Term having the effect of appointing a variety of positions and covering a series of items required by Town Code and Town Charter. Messrs. Watts, Higginbotham, Stinnett and Mrs. Carton, voted "Aye." A copy of the Resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Carton which was seconded by Mr. Stinnett and carried 4-0 to approve the Code of Ethics as amended. Messrs. Watts, Higginbotham, Stinnett and Mrs. Carton, voted "Aye." A copy of the Code of Ethics is attached and made a part of these minutes.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Watts which was seconded by Mr. Stinnett and carried 4-0 to instruct Town Manager Hobbs to send a proposed Policy on Prayer at Amherst Town Council Meetings to the Virginia Municipal League attorneys for review and comment. Messrs. Watts, Higginbotham, Stinnett and Mrs. Carton, voted "Aye."

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Stinnett which was seconded by Mrs. Carton and carried 4-0 to approve a policy that all vehicles purchased by the Town and marked with the Town of Amherst logo shall be white in color. Messrs. Watts, Higginbotham, Stinnett and Mrs. Carton, voted "Aye." A copy of the policy is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Watts made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Higginbotham and carried 4-0 to approve resolutions honoring former Mayor J. Paul Kilgore, Jr., and former Councilors Kenneth Ray Bumgarner, Michael Rhett Mazingo, Sr., and Rachel Elkins Thompson. Messrs. Watts, Higginbotham, Stinnett and Mrs. Carton, voted "Aye." A copy of these resolutions are attached and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Higginbotham made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Stinnett and carried 3-0-1 to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2016, meeting. Messrs. Higginbotham, Stinnett and Mrs. Carton, voted "Aye." Mr. Watts abstained.

Town Manager reported that the Planning Commission's work on an amended Comprehensive Plan is nearing completion.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Watts which was seconded by Mr. Stinnett and carried 4-0 to appoint Sharon W. Turner, 193 N. Main Street, to fill the seat on the Industrial Development Authority formerly held by Jim Meade, whose term would have expired on June 30, 2018. Messrs. Watts, Higginbotham, Stinnett and Mrs. Carton, voted "Aye."

After a brief discussion, Mrs. Carton made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Higginbotham and carried 4-0 to direct Town Attorney Tom Berry to prepare a deed of easement abandonment that could be executed by Mayor Tuggle before January 31, 2017, on property located in the Town of Amherst as shown on plat of survey entitled "Plat Showing Resurvey for Part of the Property of Ambriar Development Corporation and New Sign Easement & New Electric Easement to Serve Centra Health, Inc. and Vacation of Existing Town of Amherst Utility Easement, Town of Amherst – Amherst County, Virginia," prepared by Piedmont Surveyors. Messrs. Watts, Higginbotham, Stinnett and Mrs. Carton, voted "Aye."

The Town Manager gave an oral report on various projects.

Mr. Kim Payne, former Lynchburg City Manager, came forward to discuss his role as facilitator at the Town Council retreat scheduled for February 4, 2017.

Mayor Tuggle opened the floor to citizen comments.

Cliff Hart congratulated Council members on a clear, concise, and orderly held meeting.

Steven Surbey, a Nelson County resident, came forward to inquire about future expansion of Town and Gown and higher education opportunities in the Town of Amherst.

Mr. Watts made the following motion which was seconded by Mrs. Higginbotham and carried 4-0: I move that the Town Council convene in closed session for:

1. Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the Town Council; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by the Town Council regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel per the exemption at §2.2-3711A.7 of the Code of Virginia.
2. Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body.

Messrs. Watts, Higginbotham, Stinnett and Mrs. Carton, voted "Aye."

Mr. Watts made the following motion which was seconded by Mrs. Carton and carried 4-0: I move that the Town Council certify that to the best of each councilors' knowledge that (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Title 2.2, Chapter 37 and §15.2-2907 of the Code of Virginia and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the session. Messrs. Watts, Higginbotham and Stinnett, and Mrs. Carton voted "Aye" via roll call method.

There being no further business, at 9:40 P.M. the meeting was adjourned until 9:00 A.M. on February 4, 2017 in the Town Hall at 174 S. Main Street.

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D. Dwayne Tuggle  
Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND EFFECT AN ORGANIZATIONAL PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF AMHERST FOR THE JANUARY 1, 2017 – DECEMBER 31, 2018 COUNCIL TERM.**

**WHEREAS**, various provisions of Code of Virginia, the Town Charter and the Town Code as well as tradition indicate that the Town Council of the Town of Amherst, Virginia, should take certain actions following an election,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Amherst, Virginia, that the following organizational plan shall apply for the January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018 Council term:

1. **Election of Vice Mayor:** Pursuant to Article III, Section 3.01(9) of the Town Charter, André Higginbotham shall be elected Vice Mayor.
2. **Continuation of Policies:**
  - 2.1 Pursuant to Article III, Section 3.01(10) of the Town Charter, Section 2-10 of the Town Code which establishes the regular date and place of the **regular monthly Town Council meeting** is hereby affirmed. Regular meetings shall begin at 7:00 PM. Special meetings may be called as per Section 2-11 of the Town Code.
  - 2.2 The **rules of conduct** for the meetings of the Town Council as established in Sections 2-12 through 2-40 of the Town Code are hereby affirmed.
  - 2.3 The **Personnel Policy** adopted on June 14, 2006, effective on July 1, 2006 and last amended on December 13, 2015 is hereby affirmed.
  - 2.4 The **Procurement Policy** adopted on March 10, 2010 is hereby affirmed.
  - 2.5 The **Policy for the Development of Agendas and Presentations** to the Town Council shall be as follows:

Most items considered by the Town Council are routine in nature or are arranged by the Town Manager. Some items are developed and presented by members of the Town Council or any of its various committees, boards and commissions. Materials supporting such issues are to be developed and distributed to the members of the Town Council as soon as practical or, at a minimum, along with the agenda materials.

There are times when residents of the Town of Amherst, Town business operators, or other individuals desire to speak before the Town Council or request the Town Council to take action or otherwise react on a specific issue. The Town Council has found it difficult to appropriately respond in a timely manner if sufficient notice of the request is not given. Therefore, it is the policy of the Town Council of the Town of Amherst to require that a reproducible (8 ½ x 11) written description of any item to be considered be submitted to the Town Manager by 5:00 PM on the first Wednesday of the month for the meeting to be held that month. Individuals are reminded that such information becomes public information, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, upon receipt at the Town Hall.

However, the Town Council feels that Town residents and business operators have the right to address the Town Council on any issue that may involve the Town. Any individual desiring to speak before the Council who has not met the deadline requirement noted above will be allowed a maximum of three minutes to speak before the Town Council. Any individual representing a bona fide group will be allowed a maximum of five minutes to speak before the Town Council. Placement on the agenda will be at the discretion of the Mayor. It is the Town Council's policy that agendas for regular monthly Town Council meetings will include time reserved at both the beginning and end of the meeting for hearing public comments.

The Town Council may waive this policy if it finds that strict adherence to its language is too restrictive.

3. **Town Depository:** Pursuant to Article III, Section 3.01(15) of the Town Charter and Section 2-5 of the Town Code, all banks currently operating a branch inside the corporate limits of the Town of Amherst (Wells Fargo, BB&T, Carter Bank and Trust, Bank of the James and First National Bank) and SunTrust Bank and the Local Government Investment Pool shall be considered approved places of deposit for Town funds. The Mayor, Town Manager and Treasurer are hereby authorized to execute all papers necessary to continue or effect new accounts.
4. **Standing Council Committee Appointments:** The authority of the Town Council to appoint standing committees is established in §2-41 of the Town Code. The purpose of standing committees is (a) to facilitate policy decisions by the Town Council via review, preliminary discussion and investigation of various matters during preparation of their reports to the Town Council and (b) to act in an advisory capacity to the Town Manager and department heads but not to supplant the authority of either the Town Council or management. The following standing committees are hereby established, members appointed, and ongoing duties assigned accordingly:
  - 4.1 **Finance Committee** – Rachel Carton (Chairman) and \_\_\_\_\_
    - Monitor the budget development process.
    - Review accounting procedures, budgets, and bookkeeping activities.
    - Interface with auditors.
  - 4.2 **Public Safety and Community Relations Committee** – André Higginbotham (Chairman) and \_\_\_\_\_
    - Monitor implementation of the Town's public safety programs.
    - Review the Town's beautification efforts and programs.
    - Interface with citizens, business operators, Sweet Briar College and VDOT.
  - 4.3 **Utilities Committee** – Kenneth Watts (Chairman) and Mark Stinnett
    - Monitor the development and construction of capital improvement projects.
    - Review proposed utility system upgrades and extensions.
    - Interface and assist developers in coordinating Town policies with proposed new developments.
5. **Board Appointments:**
  - 6.1 Pursuant to Article II, Section 2 of the July, 2005 **Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council** charter, Dwayne Tuggle and Jack Hobbs are hereby appointed

to that board for the January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018 term.

- 6.2 Pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the November 1999 **Central Virginia Transportation Planning Council** (MPO) bylaws, Dwayne Tuggle and Jack Hobbs are hereby appointed to that board for the January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018 term.
- 6.3 Pursuant to Article V of the April 17, 1972 Town-Sweet Briar sewer usage contract, Dwayne Tuggle and Kenneth Watts are appointed to the **Town/Sweet Briar Sewer Advisory Commission** for the January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018 term.
- 6.4 Pursuant to Section 3.00 of the October 6, 1993 Town of Amherst/Amherst County annexation agreement, André Higginbotham is appointed to the **Joint Committee on Cooperation** for a term to expire on December 31, 2019.
- 6.5 Pursuant to Section 18.1-1403 of the Town Code, \_\_\_\_\_ is appointed as the Town Council’s representative on the **Town of Amherst Planning Commission** for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

It is the intent of the Town Council that the terms for all appointments made by this resolution shall continue beyond the January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018 Town Council term of office until successors are duly appointed.

*This Resolution was adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Amherst on January 11, 2017.*

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*Mayor Dwayne Tuggle*

*Attest:*  
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# **Amherst Town Council**

## **CODE OF ETHICS**

Recognizing that public officials hold office as a public trust, and that their stewardship of such office requires a superior degree of ethical conduct on their part, any person serving on the Amherst Town Council agrees to adhere to the following Code of Ethics:

1. Uphold federal, state, and local laws, and never knowingly be a party to their evasion.
2. Respect and uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Virginia and never act in a way that will restrict individual liberties. Council members should operate from a belief that the Constitution is the road map for every decision that the Council makes.
3. Put loyalty to the Town as a whole above loyalty to individuals or particular groups.
4. Dedicate sincere effort and service to the position of trust for which stewardship has been granted, giving earnest action and best thought to the performance of duties in an ethical manner.
5. Seek to find and use the most equitable, efficient, effective, and economical means for accomplishing Town business.
6. Adopt policies and programs that support the rights and recognize the needs of all citizens regardless of race, sex, age, religion, creed, country of origin or disability.
7. Ensure the integrity of the actions of the Town Council by avoiding discrimination through the dispensing of special favors or unfair privileges to anyone, whether for remuneration or not. A member should never accept for himself or herself or for family members, favors or benefits under circumstances that might be construed by reasonable persons as influencing the performance of governmental duties.
8. Make no private promises of any kind which purport to bind performance of public duty.
9. Engage in no business with the Town government, either directly or indirectly, which is inconsistent with the conscientious performance of government duties, and ensure full compliance with the Conflict of Interest Act (Code of Virginia, Title 2.2, Chapter 31).
10. Never use any information gained confidentially in the performance of governmental duties as a means of making private profit.
11. Adhere to the principle that the public's business should be conducted in the public view by observing and following the letter and spirit of the Freedom of Information Act, using closed meetings only as authorized by the Code of Virginia.
12. Avoid involvement, or the perception thereof, in matters that when completed, come before the Town Council for resolution or approval.
13. Seek to communicate fairly and equally with all other Council members outside of formal meetings; avoid excluding one or more Council members from information shared with others, while consistently maintaining adherence to the requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.
14. Never use a position of public trust to gain access to the public or the media for purposes of criticizing colleagues, staff, or citizens, impugning their integrity, or vilifying their personal beliefs.
15. Ensure, when responding to the media, that a clear distinction is made between personal opinion or belief and a decision made by the Council.
16. Pledge to honor and uphold these principles, ever conscious that public office is a public trust.

It is the Policy of the Town of Amherst that when a new vehicle is purchased if that vehicle is going to be marked with the Town of Amherst markings or logos the color of the purchased vehicle shall be white



**Resolution**  
of the  
**Town Council of the Town of Amherst**

**WHEREAS**, Kenneth Ray Bumgarner is a highly respected citizen and a long-time resident of the Town of Amherst; and

**WHEREAS**, Kenneth Ray Bumgarner was a member of the Town Council of the Town of Amherst from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2016 and during that time he represented the Town Council on the Public Safety Committee, the Finance and IT Committee, the Region 2000 Local Government Council and the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization board; and

**WHEREAS**, Kenneth Ray Bumgarner has rendered loyal and dedicated service to the residents of Amherst and the surrounding area through his career in public service, civic efforts including his various positions of leadership, authority and community involvement at his church, Amherst County Habitat for Humanity and other civic organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Amherst wishes to acknowledge the services that Kenneth Ray Bumgarner has given to his community and also to express its appreciation for all that Kenneth Ray Bumgarner has done, is doing, and will probably do for years to come for the Town of Amherst;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Amherst does, on this date, acknowledge the outstanding service that Kenneth Ray Bumgarner has given to our community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Amherst hereby declares that the Town of Amherst has been greatly improved as a result of Kenneth Ray Bumgarner's tenure on the Town Council of the Town of Amherst; and

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED** the Clerk of the Council of the Town of Amherst is ordered to deliver an original copy of this Resolution to Kenneth Ray Bumgarner as a token of the Council's deep appreciation for his contributions to our community and that this resolution be spread upon the minute books of the Town Council of the Town of Amherst as a tribute to a

*Good Neighbor and a Friend of the Town of Amherst.*

Adopted January 11, 2017.

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Mayor Dwayne Tuggle

Attest:

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Clerk of Council

**Resolution**  
of the  
**Town Council of the Town of Amherst**

**WHEREAS**, J. Paul Kilgore, Jr. is a life-long resident of the Town of Amherst and a highly respected citizen and business operator in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, J. Paul Kilgore, Jr. was the Mayor of the Town of Amherst from January 1, 2013 thru December 31, 2016 and a member of the Town Council of the Town of Amherst from July 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2012, and during that time he represented the Town Council on the Public Safety Committee, the Utilities Committee and Personnel Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, J. Paul Kilgore, Jr. has rendered loyal and dedicated service to the residents of Amherst surrounding area through his career in public service, civic efforts including his various positions of leadership, authority and community involvement at his church, the Board of Zoning Appeals, and various civic organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, J. Paul Kilgore, Jr. is a prominent businessman who has a keen interest in the promotion of the Town and has been directly involved in encouraging many new businesses to locate or expand in the Town of Amherst which has led to better employment, cultural and shopping opportunities for the Town's residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Amherst wishes to acknowledge the services that J. Paul Kilgore, Jr. has given to his community and also to express its appreciation for all that J. Paul Kilgore, Jr. has done, is doing, and will probably do for years to come for the Town of Amherst;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Amherst does, on this date, acknowledge the outstanding service that J. Paul Kilgore, Jr. has given to our community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Amherst hereby declares that the Town of Amherst has been greatly improved as a result of J. Paul Kilgore, Jr.'s tenure on the Town Council of the Town of Amherst and as the Mayor of the Town of Amherst; and

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED** the Clerk of the Council of the Town of Amherst is ordered to deliver an original copy of this Resolution to J. Paul Kilgore, Jr. as a token of the Council's deep appreciation for his contributions to our community and that this resolution be spread upon the minute books of the Town Council of the Town of Amherst as a tribute to a

*Good Neighbor and a Friend of the Town of Amherst.*

Adopted January 11, 2017.

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Mayor Dwayne Tuggle

Attest:

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Clerk of Council

**Resolution**  
of the  
**Town Council of the Town of Amherst**

**WHEREAS**, Michael Rhett Mozingo, Sr. is a highly respected citizen and a long-time resident of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael Rhett Mozingo, Sr. was a member of the Town Council of the Town of Amherst from January 1, 2011 thru December 31, 2016 and during that time he represented the Town Council on the Personnel Committee, the Utilities Committee, the Community Relations Committee, the Public Safety Committee, the Planning Commission, the Town/Sweet Briar Sewer Advisory Commission, the Town/County Joint Committee on Cooperation, the Region 2000 Local Government Council and the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization board; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael Rhett Mozingo, Sr. has rendered loyal and dedicated service to the residents of Amherst surrounding area through his career in public service, civic efforts including his various positions of leadership, authority and community involvement at his church, the Amherst Life Saving Crew and other civic organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Amherst wishes to acknowledge the services that Michael Rhett Mozingo, Sr. has given to his community and also to express its appreciation for all that Michael Rhett Mozingo, Sr. has done, is doing, and will probably do for years to come for the Town of Amherst;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Amherst does, on this date, acknowledge the outstanding service that Michael Rhett Mozingo, Sr. has given to our community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Amherst hereby declares that the Town of Amherst has been greatly improved as a result of Michael Rhett Mozingo, Sr.'s tenure on the Town Council of the Town of Amherst; and

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED** the Clerk of the Council of the Town of Amherst is ordered to deliver an original copy of this Resolution to Michael Rhett Mozingo, Sr. as a token of the Council's deep appreciation for his contributions to our community and that this resolution be spread upon the minute books of the Town Council of the Town of Amherst as a tribute to a

*Good Neighbor and a Friend of the Town of Amherst.*

Adopted January 11, 2017.

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Mayor Dwayne Tuggle

Attest:

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Clerk of Council

**Resolution**  
of the  
**Town Council of the Town of Amherst**

**WHEREAS**, Rachel Elkins Thompson is a highly respected resident, a long-time resident of our community and a prominent business operator; and

**WHEREAS**, Rachel Elkins Thompson was a member of the Town Council of the Town of Amherst from January 1, 2013 thru December 31, 2016 and during that time she represented the Town Council on the Finance Committee, the Personnel Committee, the Planning Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Rachel Elkins Thompson has rendered loyal and dedicated service to the residents of Amherst surrounding area through her civic efforts including her various positions of leadership and authority at the Amherst Life Saving Crew, Sweet Briar College and other community organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Amherst wishes to acknowledge the services that Rachel Elkins Thompson has given to her community and also to express its appreciation for all that Rachel Elkins Thompson has done, is doing, and will probably do for years to come for the Town of Amherst;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Amherst does, on this date, acknowledge the outstanding service that Rachel Elkins Thompson has given to our community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Amherst hereby declares that the Town of Amherst has been greatly improved as a result of Rachel Elkins Thompson's tenure on the Town Council of the Town of Amherst; and

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED** the Clerk of the Council of the Town of Amherst is ordered to deliver an original copy of this Resolution to Rachel Elkins Thompson as a token of the Council's deep appreciation for her contributions to our community and that this resolution be spread upon the minute books of the Town Council of the Town of Amherst as a tribute to a

*Good Neighbor and a Friend of the Town of Amherst.*

Adopted January 11, 2017.

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Mayor Dwayne Tuggle

Attest:

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Clerk of Council