

AMHERST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Monday, January 6, 2025

AGENDA

5:15 PM

1. Call to Order & Determination of Quorum - Town Hall at 174 S. Main Street
2. Election of Chair-----Sara McGuffin
3. Election of Vice-Chair----- Chairman
4. Approval of the minutes from the October 7, 2024, meeting-----Chairman
5. Closed Session- Pursuant to §2.2-3711A.3 and §2.2-3711A.5 of the Code of Virginia, relating to a prospective business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community and the disposition of real estate where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position of the public body.
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

**Town of Amherst
Economic Development Authority**

Chairperson Sharon Turner called a meeting of the Town of Amherst Economic Development Authority, formerly Industrial Development Authority, to order on October 7, 2024, at 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 174 S. Main Street.

It was noted that a quorum was present as follows:

P	Sharon Turner	A	Steven Jefferson
P	C. Manly Rucker	P	Harold Thomas, Jr.
A	Clifford Hart	P	Jaynene Casey
A	Mark Milhous		

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

Mr. Rucker made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2024, meeting.

There being no discussion, the motion carried 4-0 as follows:

Sharon Turner	Aye	Steven Jefferson	Absent
C. Manly Rucker	Aye	Harold Thomas	Aye
Clifford Hart	Absent	Jaynene Casey	Aye
Mark Milhous	Absent		

Mike Hansen was present on behalf of Amherst Mountain Mike Club. Mr. Hansen presented a proposal on behalf of the club for use of additional land within Brockman Industrial Park for beginner, intermediate, and advanced bike trails.

Tim Ware, Amherst Mountain Bike Club, was present and spoke in support of the club's request for use of land within Brockman Industrial Park to construct more bike trails.

After discussion, Town Manager McGuffin reported that should the Authority make a recommendation to allow areas of Brockman Industrial Park to be used as a trail system the Planning Commission would first have to allow a substantial accord for bike trails within the park, after which Town Council would consider entering into a lease agreement with Amherst Mountain Biking Club for access to areas within Brockman Industrial Park for beginner, intermediate and advanced bike trails.

Mr. Rucker made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Thomas to recommend that the Planning Commission approve a substantial accord to allow bike trails in Brockman Industrial Park, and that Town Council enter into a lease agreement with Amherst Mountain Bike Club for access to areas within Brockman Industrial Park for beginner, intermediate, and advanced bike trails.

There being no further discussion, the motion carried 4-0 as follows:

Sharon Turner	Aye	Steven Jefferson	Absent
C. Manly Rucker	Aye	Harold Thomas	Aye
Clifford Hart	Absent	Jaynene Casey	Aye
Mark Milhous	Absent		

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. on motion of Ms. Casey seconded by Mr. Rucker.

The motion carried 4-0 as follows:

Sharon Turner	Aye	Steven Jefferson	Absent
C. Manly Rucker	Aye	Harold Thomas	Aye
Clifford Hart	Absent	Jaynene Casey	Aye
Mark Milhous	Absent		

Sharon W. Turner, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____
Secretary

FOR APPROVAL