

**AMHERST COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2015
MINUTES**

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A public meeting for the Amherst County Planning Commission was held on Thursday, August 20, 2015, in the Board of Supervisors Room located in the Administration Building at 153 Washington Street, Amherst, VA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beverly Jones, Chairman
George Brine
Michael Martineau
Lillian Floyd
Les Irvin
David Pugh, Board of Supervisors Liaison

MEMBERS ABSENT: Derin Foor

STAFF PRESENT: Jeremy Bryant, Director of Planning/Zoning
Austin Mitchell, Assistant Zoning Administrator/Planner
Stacey Stinnett, Administrative Assistant

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Citizens Comments
4. Public Hearing
 - A. 2015-06 Miller's Auto Body & Paint Shop (Tax Map # 124-6-2)
5. Old/New Business
6. Approval of Minutes for July 16, 2015
7. Adjournment

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Planning Commission Action:

Motion: Irvin Motion to approve the agenda.

Second: Brine

The motion carried by a 5-0 vote

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were none.

4. PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL EXCEPTION

A. 2015-06 Miller's Auto Body & Paint Shop (Tax Map # 124-6-2)

Request by Miller's Auto Body & Paint shop for a special exception request in the B-2 General Commercial District. The purpose of the special exception is to allow an automotive repair garage and paint shop. The parcel is located at 2265 South Amherst Highway and is further identified as tax map number 124-6-2.

Mr. Bryant presented the Staff report and concluded his comments by stating that Staff recommends the following conditions.

1. All outdoor lighting will be glare-shielded and directed to prevent illumination across the property line.
2. No miscellaneous items, such as, but not limited to: tires, automotive parts, tools or similar items related to automotive repair shall be stored outside building.
3. Hours of operation:
 - i. Monday – Saturday 7AM – 7PM
 - ii. Closed on Sunday
4. Prior to the issuance of a zoning permit, the applicant shall contact the Virginia Department of Transportation to determine if the existing entrances are safe and adequate.
5. Prior to the issuance of a zoning permit, the applicant shall contact the Department of Health to determine if the drainfield is adequate.
6. If an exterior trash disposal facility is added, it shall be screened by a solid wooden fence that fully shields the view of the trash disposal facility.
7. All vehicles waiting repair shall be placed in a designated parking area. The maximum time any vehicle can be on the parcel is 120 days.

Ms. Jones opened the public hearing.

No one spoke in favor or opposition to the request; therefore, Ms. Jones closed the public hearing.

The Planning Commission had a brief discussion and asked if the house on the property could still be used as a residence. Mr. Bryant replied that it would be left as a residence.

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Irvin Motion to approve special exception request #2015-06
Miller's Auto Body & Paint Shop with staff conditions.

Second: Martineau

The motion carried by a 5-0 vote

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Staff was directed by the Planning Commission at the Planning Commission meeting on July 16, 2015 to survey other localities and how they determine and permit personal wireless service facilities on school property.

Mr. Mitchell presented a memorandum that stated that the response from Bedford County, Campbell County, Lynchburg City, and Nelson County was that cell towers on school properties would follow the same procedure and regulations for towers on any other property in the same zoning district as the school; therefore there are no special regulations for school properties. The memorandum also stated that there are currently no personal wireless service facilities, specifically cell towers, on school properties in Campbell or Nelson Counties. Bedford County has one cell tower and Lynchburg City has three or four cell towers on school properties.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JULY 16, 2015

The minutes for July 16, 2015 were approved with corrections.

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Brine Motion to approve the minutes for July 16, 2015
with corrections.

Second: Martineau

The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

7 . ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7.16 p.m.

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Brine Motion to adjourn.

Second: Irvin

The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

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Chairman

