

**AMHERST COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018
MINUTES**

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A public meeting for the Amherst County Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, August 14, 2018, in the Public Meeting Room located in the Administration Building at 153 Washington Street, Amherst, VA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Derin Foor, Chairman
Beverly Jones, Vice Chair
Michael Martineau
George Brine
Leslie Gamble
Jim Thompson
Edgar Kinnier, EDA Liaison (non-voting)

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Pugh, Board of Supervisors Liaison (non-voting)

STAFF PRESENT: Dylan Bishop, Assistant Zoning Administrator/Planner
Stacey Stinnett, Administrative Assistant

STAFF ABSENT: Jeremy Bryant, Director of Planning/Zoning

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Citizens Comments
4. Public Hearing – Special Exception
 - A. 2018-297 Edward Dillard, Jr.
5. Old/New Business
6. Approval of Minutes for June 21, 2018 & July 19, 2018
7. Adjournment

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Foor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended by adding Item #5 Old and New Business and Item #6 Approval of Minutes for June 21, 2018.

Planning Commission Action:

Motion: Martineau Motion to approve the amended agenda.

Second: Brine

The motion carried by a 6-0 vote

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were none.

4. PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL EXCEPTION

A. 2018-297 Edward Dillard, Jr.

Request by Edward Dillard, Jr. for a special exception in the A-1 Agricultural Residential District. The purpose of the special exception is to allow the breeding, raising, and training of dogs.

Ms. Bishop presented the Staff report and concluded her comments by stating that Staff recommends the following conditions:

1. Number of dogs: No more than 20 dogs shall be kenneled at the facility at any one time.
2. Noise: No animal shall howl, bark, whine, meow, or make other such noises which are plainly audible on the property of thirty (30) minutes or more in duration.
3. Home Occupation: Applicant shall abide by Section 905.02.3 of the home occupation ordinance, which states, "The home occupation shall not generate excessive traffic not produce obnoxious odors, glare, noise, vibration, electrical disturbance, radio activity or other conditions detrimental to the character of the surrounding area."

The Planning Commission asked a few questions pertaining to the existing entrance, the use of the property and the difference between a state kennel license and a County kennel license. Staff advised that a zoning permit for the kennel license is necessary to get a County business license permit.

Mr. Foor opened the public hearing.

Mr. Mike Bradley, resides at 1026 Sugar Hill Tunnel Rd in Amherst stated that he wasn't speaking in favor nor opposed but he did have a few questions. Mr. Bradley was concerned on the amount of dogs at any one given time, the noise, the appearance of the kennels from the road and if the applicant was in compliance with the state and county code for kennels.

The applicant responded by stating that he kept clean kennels and that the Animal Control Department comes periodically without his knowledge to inspect his kennels for cleanliness, water, food and shelter.

Mr. Thompson asked how many dogs Mr. Dillard currently had on the property. Mr. Dillard responded (22) twenty-two. Mr. Thompson responded that the day that he went out to look at the property that there were at least (35) thirty-five dogs.

Mr. Dillard responded that he temporarily boards dogs for no more than 2-5 days as well.

There being no further speakers Chairman Foor closed the public hearing.

There was no further discussion by the Commissioners regarding this case.

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Jones Motion to approve special exception 2018-297 for Edward Dillard, Jr. with staff recommendations.

Second: Brine

Motion carried by a 5-1 vote. (Thompson)

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Brine stated that today would be his last Planning Commission meeting and he thanked all of the fellow committee members, staff and the citizens for allowing him to serve on the committee.

Ms. Jones gave an update to the Route 29 Business Beautification Corridor Meeting stating that the committee had received bids from different sign companies for the banners, discussed fall planting (when, where and type of trees planted), and litter campaigns.

Mr. Foor reminded the committee to come out and support the Amherst County Fair.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 21, 2018 and JULY 19, 2018

June 21, 2018

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Martineau Motion to approve June 21, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.

Second: Brine

Motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

July 19, 2018

Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Jones Motion to approve July 19, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.

Second: Thompson

Motion carried by a 6-0 vote

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

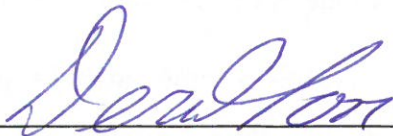
Planning Commission Recommendation:

Motion: Brine Motion to adjourn.

Second: Martineau

Motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

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Chairman